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for adults to get out and enjoy themselves while celebrating the best part is no kitchen clean-up," said Emily Stevens, recreation supervisor and Holiday Road Rally coordinator.

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'Christmas miracle'



Logan Elementary student Brianna tells Santa her wish during the holiday party at the Detroit school last Thursday. The party, organized by the non-profit organization Bridgepointe, featured games, crafts, gifts and more, all run by students in Novi.

Students from Novi bring joy, gifts to Detroit students at annual party

By Nathan Mueller

First-grader Timothy LaPalm couldn't wait to get back to his classroom at Logan Elementary to open the gifts Santa had just delivered to him.

Once he got to his desk, he ripped open the bag and pulled out the gifts one by one, tearing the wrapping paper off each and holding them high above his head to show off his prize.

LaPalm, and the rest of the students at the school on Detroit's southwest side, were paid a visit last Thursday by the nonprofit organization Bridgepointe, which hosts a holiday party every year for a school in Detroit. This year they brought two Santas, the Novi Middle School choir and more than 100 oth-er students and parents from the Novi community to throw the giant celebra-

Each student at the school was given a bag of gifts including a blanket, hat, gloves, soap, shampoo, toys and more. Lauren Koenigsberg, LaPalm's teacher at Logan, said her students truly

believed they met Santa.
"This is the most wonderful thing that these people are so giving of them-selves," she said. "For most of our students this is all they will have for Christ



Novi student Maria Hertrich helps Logan Elementary student Timothy LaPalm work his way through a maze in the new color ng book he got at the holiday party at the Detroit school last Thursday.

mas, so this is giving them a day of joy from either school not smiling as they participated in carnival games, played bingo, ate pizza and made new friends. Lucas Gibbs, a fifth-grader at Novi Meadows who attended the holiday party at Neinas Elementary in Detroit last

Please see PARTY, A2

District hires director to hold staff accountable

Data collected expected to improve student growth

The Novi Community Schools district talks students — and now they have a person in place to guide administrators and teachers as they work to achieve those goals. Nick Kalakailo, for

merly an instruction-

al coach in the district, was hired last Thursday to become the district's director of student growth and accountabil ity. Some of the goals he will focus on are ensuring that each student will make no less than one year's growth in one year's time and that they will all achieve at a high level. He also will use the data gather from stu dents to evaluate teachers and administrators

"We created a position that will help us get the data we need so we can

selves on prog-

thews. "Currently we don't have the capacity to get the data we need help us create the plan and gather the data and id us accountable."

Matthews noted that the budget in the office of aca lemics was restructured to accommoda Kalakailo's hiring.

"There is no increase in the budget," he said. Kalakailo has been an nstructional coach for the last 10 years, working with teachers at all levels. The district received 76 applications before

Please see DIRECTOR, A2

Use common sense for safe holiday season

Police offer extra patrols for residents out of town

By Nathan Mueller

The holiday season is supposed to be a time of happiness and celebra-

But if Novi residents don't take the right pre-cautions to protect themselves and their turn into a season of frustration and anger. The Novi police and

fire departments want to help residents avoid that, and are encouraging them -- despite their busy schedules -to take the necessary precautions.

"An extra five minutes of vigitance can ty," said fire protection officer Andy Copeland. The last thing we want

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SAFETY

Continued from page A1 to do is ruin someone's Christmas by having to come into their homes. Copeland said the most common fire starters are holiday lights and decorations. He said people should inspect the holting them up and be sure

electrical outlets. Other issues arise from not watering a real tree properly and leavng things in the oven or on the stove unattended. It's estimated that fire departments respond to an average of 210 struc-

DIRECTOR

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narrowing the field down

and knowledge of the data

already being used in Novi

ers and administrators

Matthews said. "He not

only has the skill set we

understand how data can

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"Nick has a real passion for using data in mean-ingful ways with teach-

to two. Kalakailo stood

out because of passion

leaving the home. It's also

important to not overload

ture fires caused by Christmas trees. Copeland also said it's never a bad time to check smoke detectors. On the police side, theft is a big fear of any resi-

Novi Police Det. Randy Mince said they do see an increase in what he calls "crimes of opportunity." Those crimes tend to be auto thefts with people leaving gifts, GPS devices and purses visible in

"If you are shopping make sure you hide everything in the trunk," Mince said.

Residents also tend to take trips during the holidays and Mince encour ages them to coordinate extra patrol through a

desire to use that data to

help improve the lives of students in this district."

Legislative mandates

coming down from the

state are requiring dis-

tricts to have a way to

evaluate teachers and

administrators, and by 2013-14, 25 percent of

the teacher evaluation is

dependent upon student

achievement data said

Superintendent of Human

Resources Bonnie Lobert.

'ft's really two parts:

helping students achieve

vacation request with the Novi Police Department, while also enlisting the help of neighbor to watch the house, shavel snow

With holiday parties beverages tends to occur. Mince said the message is simple — be safe. "If you know you are

going to be at a party where you are consuming ed driver or make plans for other transportation,

If you have any ques-tions about holiday safety, call the Novi Police Department at (248) 348-

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improve on their craft,"

School board member

Jason Manar said because of the "unfunded man-

position is needed to make

the evaluation piece work.

Kalakailo is expected to

start in his new position

after the first of the year,

and the district also will

be looking to hire a new

"I think teachers have a

real sense that they need

a good data stream." Matthews said. "Is it a posi-tion that everyone would

clamor for that we need? I'd probably suggest they may not, but I believe it's

really important for this

district because of the

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date" from the state, the

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songs throughout the day.

year, said while he underdents at Logan don't have the same opportunities he has in Novi it doesn't mean they are that much different than him. His favorite part of the

the students and getting to make new friends. "I really like helping and bringing smiles to their faces," he said.

Mauro Cruz, principal at Logan Elementary, said he was eager to welcome Bridgepointe to his 86-year-old school that is 87 percent Hispanic becaus he wanted to give them different experiences out-side of their community.

"It's very uplifting for the kids," he said. "The kids love it and enjoy it and they will never forget this experience. Mauro said his hope is that his students will learn how to share and give, and this experience opens

their eyes to "see there is another world out there.' Yusuf Qadeer, a junior at Novi High School, made a lot of new friends on Thursday as he sat with students at their desks and played games with them at the carnival. He said



gloves and more during the holiday party at the Detroit

he noticed how the stuscene brought Santa and dents were so appreciative the room to tears. of what they have, and he

The Novi Middle School choir entertained the Logan Elementary students with holiday

She also heard a boy pull his blue winter ing them open up to him. "This just makes me so thankful for what I have hat out of the bag and and makes me want to ta know my favorite color improve the lives of oth-"It was incredible," she Kelle Vela, an organizer

said. "These kids deserved a day of sheer fun." Koenigsberg called the whole day a "Christmas This is what Christmas is all about," she said.

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on his lap. She said the spectrost through both consists.

up to Santa while sitting

from Bridgepointe, said

there were two things that stood out to her from

the day. One was about a girl who never talked in

class and barely talked to her parents who opened

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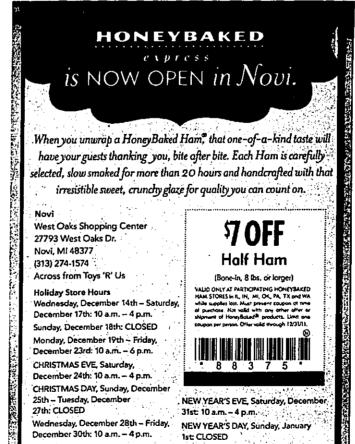
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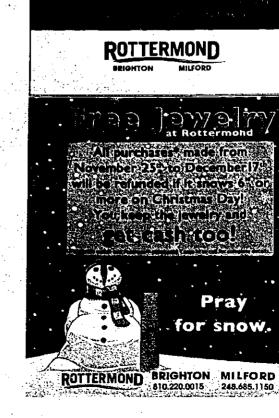
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Cindy Paparella assists Novi Woods student Angela Waytowich in her selections during the school's Nov. 30 Holiday Shop. The shop, sponsored by the school's PTO, lets kids shop for their parents and siblings for Christmas presents — with set budgets.

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Jeffrey Jaghab, D.D.S. Stephanie Jaghab, D.D.S.

who passed along his compositions to Babcock who also knows Owens. This past May, School-craft's jazz program went to Northwestern as part of a Chicago tour. "All of the students really liked him. We're bringing him back in." Southgate resident Selva said of Owens. Sunday, Dec. 18, will

Riccardo Selva has been director of jazz stud-ies at Schoolcraft College since January 2009. He's

looking forward to bring-ing in his former pro-

fessor and mentor, Don Owens of Northwestern

University, to work with

ocal high school and col-

"He is just a wonderful

Selva said of Owens, who

was on his dissertation

Donald Babcock of

versity's also involved in

the upcoming events. Sel-va met Babcock through

and I met with him and

became good friends,'

said the Schoolcraft edu

cator, who had a student

lege students.

ists. "It just kind of breaks off into its own

really try-

Clinics, concert offer 'All That

Jazz' for young musicians

ing to spread the arts to

the younger generation," Selva said.

"There's nothing like

participating in a musi-cal group. We're trying to turn them on to that. That

should be really fun," he

Livonia schools as well, and found interest among

local educators in work-

ing with Owens. He sent out a large number of

with finals and the holi-

"Experiencing some

great music-making is unlike recorded music.

It's an aesthetic experience unlike anything

else." Europeans appreci-

ate jazz more than we do,

"The popular music doesn't really do justice

to musicians. That's been

Selva said. "They don't

There's a lack of sophis-

days," he said.

he's found.

mailings.
"It's kind of a busy time

said of that Sunday.

It's great for students saxophone: "It's interesting, but they don't get exposed to that." Árts are often an after-

thought in the educational system, said Selva, who was valedictorian at his high school "Most of the kids are going to be the top students in the graduating class. We just don't really support that as we should in our culture. And it's just fun. There's nothing like making music with your friends."

Owens has written original work for selected group, named for one of his grandkids, "The Chicken Borman Shuffle." It will be performed Monday, Dec. 19, as a pre-

Selva plays in a jazz ensemble with men in their 70s and 80s. "The music is something very near and dear to them," he said. Many have been involved all their lives. They pass it on to their

children. They love music groups together. It brings us all together, all ages, and it's something that enriches everybody's life."



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Former Detroit Lion tight end Pete Chryplewicz visits Novi Providence Park Hospital on Dec. 6 with a Pillow Pet for patient Leah Spaulding, 3. A group of NFL alumni visited the hospital that day to give out the stuffed animals and a few DVDs to kids to brighten their Christmas season. Spaulding is held by her mom Sarah.



NFL alumni visit Novi's Providence Park Hospital on Dec. 6. to bring a bit of



NFL alum Keith Smith brings in a box of Pillow Pets to Providence Park Hospital in Novi on Dec. 6 to donate to



Former Detroit Lions safety Ron Rice drops off a bumble bee Pillow Pet to Novi Providence Park Hospital patient Ayja Miller, 2, during a visit by NFL alumni on Dec. 6.



Former NFL player Tom Nowatzke hands off a Pillow Pet to Providence Park Hospital patient Laurent Verfaillie, 2, during a Dec. 6 visit to the Novi facility

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For further information, contact Shari Clason at (248) 349-8175 or visit the Cantate web site at www.

Andiamo presents Christmas classic "It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play" is present-

ed at Andiamo Novi through Jan. 15. Inspired by the classic American film, "It's a Wonderful Life" is being performed as a 1040's live radio play in front of a studio audience. Five actors perform the dozens of characters in the play as well as produce all the sound effects from the studio Foley table Produced and directed by Aaron Moore, the produc-tion stars Katie Galazka, Joel Mitchell, Kirsten Knisely (Beehive!), Patrick O'Reilly (Five Course Love) and Kevin Young.

vtimes are 8 p.m. Thursdays; 9 p.m. Fridays; 7 p.m. Saturdays; and 6 p.m. Sundays.
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Holiday happenings at Twelve Oaks

Twelve Oaks Mall invites you to join in the festivities for the holidays in a series of special programs. Visit the Ice Palace and Santa: Shoppers can expe rience an Arctic wonderland and the majesty of win-ter in the enchanted Ice Palace. A joy for all to experience, the free, multi-sensory exhibit features falling snow, interactive elements, breathtaking footage of Arctic animals and landscapes, fun facts and a beauti-

The last stop on the magical adventure is a visit with Santa, who offers a small gift for each child who visits and the option for guests to have a commemorative photo taken to remember their Ice Palace adventure. Those who purchase a photo package when visiting Santa or the Ice Throne will receive a free 20-page

ing banta of the Ice Infrome will receive a free 20-page photo book from Snapfish. Santa will receive guests during all mall hours throughout the holiday season (with special hours on Black Friday and Christmas Eve). Santa's breaks are from:12:30-1 p.m.:and 5:30-6:30 p.m. Monday-Saturda and 1-1:30 p.m. Sunday. For complete hours and phos: to pricing, please visit www.shoptwelveoaks.com/hol

idays.

Don't leave Fido or Fifi out of the fun. The ever-popular Santa Paws photo program will be hosted from 9-10:45 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 11. Space is limited, and reservations are a must. Call (248)348-9438 to reserve a spot for your pet's special moment with Santa. Cats and dogs must be on a leash or in a carrier and up-to-date

Salvation Army seeks bell-ringers

As a chill starts to come over Metro Detroit, many of us will begin to hear those familiar bells ringing every time we walk in and out of our favorite grocery and department stores. The Salvation Army will soon put out its famous red kettles to raise funds to support our unemployed, homeless and hungry neighbors - and it's calling out to the community to volunteer as bell ringers. Sign up at www.ringbell.org.

Bell ringers can make a big difference right in their own community during Red Kettle season. The cold,

wind and snow become small in comparison. Bell ring ers are often stationed outdoors, so dress warm. The weather often reminds supporters that our neighbors may not have a warm place to go home to like they do.

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EDUCATION

District to continue offering breakfast to all students

Pilot program being extended through school year

Breakfast will continue to be served at all nine Novi schools gram at Deerfield, Novi Woods

The Board of Education decided in August it would add the

three schools for a trial period before deciding to extend the program through the rest of the school year or end it.

And while the numbers were not overwhelming, the board saw no reason to stop serving

"There is no reason not to keep it," said JoAnn Clements "By and large it has been well

During the three months (\$5 school days), the district has served 9,860 breakfasts, with nearly 2,000 at the three pilot schools. Deerfield served 425

meals (average of eight daily), Novi Woods 206 (average of four) and Parkview 1,340 (aver-

by the state to provide breakfast if 20 percent or more of a building's enrollment receives doesn't have any schools that meet the criteria, but two are close - Village Oaks at 18.55 percent and Orchard Hills at 18.85 percent.

Those two account for the (1,066 free) at Village Oaks and

1,630 (968 free) at Orchard Hills Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance Steve able program" for the district raising nearly \$9,000.

"I anticipate next year we implement a district-wide pro-gram," he said. "In my opinion, it's good financially and it's good for the kids, so there really isn't a reason not to."

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Superintendent understands responsibility to student achievement

love Big Macs and ocolate shakes. Why? It probably has to do I worked at McDonald's in high school, four nights

a week, closing twice. I remember a lot about have computer cash reg isters back then, instead Every day when you went

taking orders on paper and adding them up. to clock in the manager would post the math mistakes from the previ-

My manager was very focused on customer se vice. I was taking orders once when a customer table was dirty. I handed her a rag to clean it off. It seemed like the logical thing to do, and my man-ager had a fit. He let me know, in very clear and powerful language, that cleaning tables was our

job - not the customers I remember working the fry station one year de the State Fair parade. Peo ple were everywhere and me not to run out of fries at McDonald's, but you cannot rush the french fries. Four hours later, we had made it through the day and I had not run out

Why did I work there? My parents were very clear that if I wanted money to do things l would have to find a job

By Nathan Mueller

It was double the good fortune for the Novi Com-

on Friday at the 20th

Society of Detroit Foun-

ny at the Sheraton Novi

receive a \$6,000 grant

grant from another orga

nization as the Detroit

Ringo Kai Japanese School announced it will

be donating its money to

Superintendent Steve Matthews was both sur-

prised and excited by the

"It will definitely help

because we hire liaisons and translators to work

with Japanese families

the district.

Not only did the district

with the life, but the extras were my

Steve Matthews

three different ones while in high school. Each one was different but they all provided me with an under standing that each job has I wasn't willing or ready to accept what I had to do then I needed to find

another job.
I carry that lesson with the broader world. It is me today as I work as the superintendent in our district. As the superinresponsibilities. Some of my responsibilities are a lot of fun. I get to par ticinate in events like the nior Lunch the Novi Rotary Club sponsors every year at our middle school where I get to watch our middle school

students sing, perform and interact with and for Novi senior citizens. Other things are not as much fun. Talking with parents whose sons or daughters have been rec ommended for expulsion from the district is ınderstand I need to do

Japanese students to benefit from grants

Ringo Kai Japanese School donates its grant to Novi

during registration and parent-teacher confer-

has nearly 300 Japanese

students, also provides

select support materials and manuals for the Jap-

anese students and their

President of Ringo Kai

Yasuhiko Amari said his

ed to Novi from Birming-

would donate its money to the district that welcomed

them with open arms.

dents from kindergarten

to high school and is one

of the largest of its kind

for at least 10 years.

Ringo Kai and the

school district were just

two of the 40 organiza-

tions given grant mon-

State Rep. Hugh Crawford (R, Novi) held a reading contest

given the opportunity to be Junior Representatives for the Day. Twelve students from across his district were selected,

During her day as a representative, Kylie and the others were sworn in as Junior Representatives, and given a certifi-

cate. They were introduced in the Gallery of the House, had lunch as Crawford's guest in the Speaker's Library, and were

involved in a mock committee meeting where real lobbyists

testified before the Junior Representatives (lobbyists testi-fied for and against having soda/snack vending machines in

schools). At the end of the committee hearing, the Junior Representatives voted to allow the vending machines. The day culminated with a guided tour of the Capital.

including Kylie Maxton, a fifth-grader at Novi Meadows

over the summer, and students who were selected were

Junior Rep

in the nation. They will be leasing Novi Meadows

ences." he said.

families.

it because my responsibility is to make sure we have a safe learning envi-ronment for all students.

the board of education to make sure we have a budget that will help us achieve our district goals to provide a school system that supports students learning, and in our

that is difficult. But we understand it is our job. Our district exists to help prepare the stulife beyond high school ery decision we make has to focus on making sure our students will have the skills, abilities and attitude needed to succeed when they leave our district and enter

a responsibility we take seriously in our district As our district continues to move forward, and we need to make, I am ever mindful that what I do will have an impact on the lives of those who attend our schools and who work for our district That is the responsibility I took when I agreed to be

The lessons I learned so many years ago at McDonald's still are with me today - understand ing that each job has cerlesson I cannot forget.

Steve Matthews is the Community Schools District. He can be reached at smatthews@novi.k12.mi.us; (248) 437-1204: www.twitter. www.novisuperintendent

ev by the JBSD Founda-

tion. The nonprofit split \$70,900 among the 40

ing a tradition that dates

back 20 years. Since its

inception, the group has

organizations throughout

"We are proud of our

that promote communi-

as unity between the Jap-anese and American cul-

tures for 20 consecutive

years," said foundation

Kato said they are hap-

"We hope our contribu-

py to be able to grant so

tion will help each of you

reach your goals," he said.

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President EiJi Kato.

ny requests.

donated \$1.5 million to

outheast Michigan.

continued support of

Food drive



tition for all junior World History classes. In addition, the National Honor Society also par ticipated. After contacting the secretary of Faith Community Presbyterian Church, where the Novi Community Food Bank is housed, the students wanted to help. A total of 449 cansitems of food were delivered to the church on Nov. 7. "Our shelves are really down at this time," said Kelly Williams, office administrator. "This food is very much needed." The food bank feeds families from Novi, Wixom and New Hudson, Shown are Student Council officers and National Honor Society members (from left) Delaney Ulle, Wes Guenther, Valerie Fraser, Renee Weil and Cheyenne Abrego.

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Pre-Business Research

Are you thinking of starting your own business and want to research your business idea? Are you a business owner who wants to understand which ness plan and where to find the infornation you need? Presented by The Oakland County Business Center, The Entrepreneur's Source, Oakland Coun ty Market Research division, and a business reference librarian.

Tuesday, Jan. 10, from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Farmington Community Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills This workshop is free but pre-registration is required.

CEED Microloan Orientation

Many small business owners face obstacles when trying to obtain a busi ness loan. The recognition of the serious need for working capital for existing businesses, start-up or expansion, equipment purchases, and job creation s not the priority it once was. If you have a need for alternative financing consider the MicroLoan Program, Dis cover the requirements and process necessary to apply and obtain a micro oan. Program presented by the Center for Empowe ment & Economic Develment (C.E.E.D.)

Wednesday, Jan. 11, from 9-11 a.m. This workshop is free but pre-registration is required

Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan

A workshop for small business owners who are developing a plan to serve as their road map to success. Workshop participants learn what elements are commonly found in effective plans and work on developing each of these for their own business. Assistance in the process as well as information on resources is provided. Thursday, Jan. 19, from 9 a.m.-noon Fee: \$30

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Feb. 16: Team SBA Financing Round-Feb. 22: Fundamentals of Writing a

Business Plan (PM) Feb. 22: WBE Certification Orientation (AM) Feb. 22: Twitter for Business - Intermediate (PM) Feb. 29: Twitter for Business - Advanced

Legal & Financial Basics for Small Business

This workshop covers many of the key legal and financial issues faced by both new and existing small businesses in Michigan. The program initially focuses on the many management and liability concerns faced by entrepreneurs, as well as today's tax consequences. The program also provides solutions and techniques for business concession and individual investmen and retirement planning. Presented by Carter & Affiliates, P.C.
Tuesday, Jan. 31, from 9 a.m.-noon

This workshop is free, but pre-regis-

FastTrac NewVenture

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The class is from Tuesday, Jan. 31 employed at the former through April 3 (10 consecutive sesbar Shots.The owners sions) from 6-9 p.m. The fee is \$140. No refunds. were planning to close

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"The original bar had the décor was outdat-SOCIAL SECURITY Langan."Food was available but limited and no

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very good.' Langan's plan was to increase business by appealing to a younger demographic.An expand ed menu would be more attractive to local business professionals.To eccomplish that, he knew he needed a business partner. Who better than

The bases are load-

ed at The Bottom of the

Fifth by a trio of young

entrepreneurs.Ryan Lan gan and Shane Budlong

started playing basebal

Heat. Together, with cur

rent Novi Heat softball

teammate Chris "Bear

Thweat, these business

opened a new sports bar

(30859 W. Ten Mile, just

east of Orchard Lake

Road in Farmington

Langan had been

partners, all 23, have

at age 11 for the Novi

Budlong worked food service at the Hunt Club Café at Fox Run for the past six years, and he is also a full time student at the University of Michigan School of Business. Budlong acknowledged that running a business

Ribbon cutting

good friend Shane Bud-

and attending school had the potential to be overwhelming. That's when Thweat entered the picture. He cooked alongside Budlony at Fox Run. responsible to create the ly specials.

Teammates join up to

open new Farmington

Hills sports bar

"It challenged our skills as our patrons definitely had high expectations for quality and freshness." said Budlong. "Some of the items created for the Café have been recreated for the new menu at The Bottom of the Fifth." The first order of

business was a makeover for the bar's interior, with Langan, Budmuch of the work themselves. They called on their former and current Novi Heat teammates to repaint. The updat-"But once they saw it all ed look includes decorative tile floors, refinished wood tables, an elevated

seating section for large groups, and a new double island bar. The design of the bar permits customers to sit all the way easily see and talk to oth-"I wanted a friendly engaging environment not chairs in a straight

line," said Langan. "We know the current exterior of our building is unremarkable, but our tomers are awed by the

screen TVs. A pool table,

taurant offering world class Indian and Goan cuisine with a laid back attitude that caters

to one's specific needs. Visit www.indofusionmi.com. Shown are Samuel Mora Perez, Jason

ronha, Janice Noronha, Novi City Council Member Teri Margolis and J. Refugio Mora

footsteps. In baseball we learned to stick it out, to play every inning whethrevamped interior."
The Bottom of the Fifth up or down.We know this won't be easy, but we boasts six new 51-inch are prepared to seize this opportunity and swing for the fences!"

video golf and video pokcoming. Phase II of their remodel of the outside of their building along with the creation of a patio

The Bottom of the Fifth opens every day at 11 for lunch and carryout Food is served until it simple with burgers. grilled chicken, made to order pizzas and wide selections of appetizers to tempt any taste. Most

Langan's experience

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"My parents are entre-

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entrees are \$7. Budlong and Thweat shared that their parents were worried in white the beginning, given the Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m tough Michigan economy Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. This endeavor seemed a Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 risky choice. a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays

Men's Bible Study: 9 come together and tasta.m. first Saturday of every ized what a great experi-FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NOVI-FAMILY said Budlong."I am excit-INTEGRATE. CHURCH ed by the opportunity to Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile immediately apply what I'm learning in business Contact; (248) 349-3647 or

> Family Bible Hour: 9:45 Family Worship: 11 a.m. Bible Study: 6 p.m. Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of

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visit dfcnazarene.org Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments: service, Children's Church Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth

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a.m., 10 a.m.

Sunday School and Nurs

ery Care: 10 a.m. Worship

Time/Date: 10 a.m. second

Location: 309 Decker Road

Location: 15431 Merriman

Contact: 734-427-8743 or

Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

Bible School: Sunday 10

MEADOWBROOK

and Nine Mile roads

Contact: Rev. Arthur P.

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e-mail to office@mbccc.ord

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

Church School: 10-11 a.m.

Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.

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Thursday

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cial organization for singles 40 and up hosted by the

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Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thurs-

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ing out, weekend activities, etc.) cail (248) 349-0911 or

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Thursday or visit www. Sunday Worship: 11:15 Bible study classes: 10

a.m. for all ages Details: Nursery and older children programs available Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

Destiny Worship Center Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six Mile Road, Northville Contact: DestinyW3C@ Gmail.com or visit www DW3C.org.

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Road, Livonia Contact: (248) 442-8822 or **FAITH COMMUNITY** PRESBYTERIAN

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Men's Club: 8 a.m. second Contact: Heather J. Wallas. communications director, (248) 349-1144, Ext. 26, or

ville.org. **GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH** Location: 41415 Nine Mile brook Road, Nov Contact: (248) 349-0565

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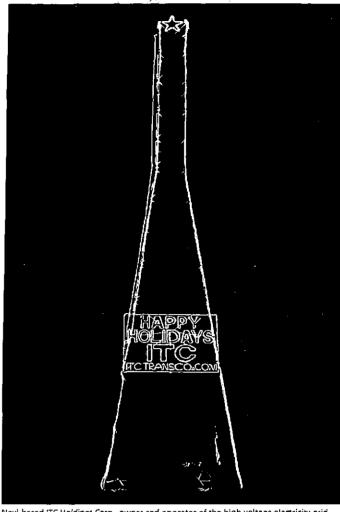
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Perez. (Missing from the photo is Jesus Reyes Mora.)

llowance through Dec. 26. The Novi City Council passed a resolution giving businesses the opportunity to take advantage of "temporary promotional event" signage. For more information or to download the required registration

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"CHARLIE"



FLORENCE ARLENE (CONNARN)

Age 66, passed away December 8, 2011. She was born on April 20, er 18, 2011. Pre deceases farm, in Ionia, giving her a love of cows and livestock. She traveled extensively throughout the country with her farmly and the NSDCA. She was the past president of the local chapter of NSDCA named the "Traveling Squares". She loved doing crafts and quilling. Nancy was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother and will be sorely missed by all who knew her. She is survived by her beloved husband Walter; her loving children: Tina Marie Gale Baitey, Beverly Jean Justin) Marlow, and Walter Edwin Gale; 9 grandchildren and her toster children: Jahmelah and Ammenah. She is also survived by her sister Lucille Baies and her brother James Martin. She was preceded in death by her parents and her siblings; Joane, Gerald and Donald, Vistation was held on Sunday, December 11, from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Funeral services were held on Monday, December 12, at 11:00 a.m. at the Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 22:200 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to the Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church or to the Arbor Hospice Foundation. She will be kild lo rest in Almer Township Cemetery, Online guest-book at www.phillpschureral.com ardent supporter of Our Lady of Victory School and Parish also U



BRIGGS, JACK C.

BRIGGS, JACK C.

Age 85, of South Lyon, wont home to be with his Lord and Savior December 6, 2011. He was born on November 22, 1926 in Detroit. Michigan to Ralph and Margaret (nee Bruinekool) Briggs. Jack was united in marriage to Ruth 6. Lutzenkirchen on November 29, 1944 and they spent 67 loving years together. He proudly served his country with the Army during WWNI in occupied Japan, Jack, a longtime resident of South Lyon, attended Solid Rock Bible Church. He is described by his lamily as a very distinguished man. Following his retirement from Ford Motor Company in 1975, Jack was able to locus on tarming, which he loved, he provided hay for many of the area horse farms. He enjoyed restoring antique tractors and during his life-Age 15, passed away, December 8, 2011. He was born on February 5, 1996 in Royal Oak, son of William Gordy and Michele Gordy, Charlie was good humored, lun young man. He enjoyed working out, hunting, playing guitar hero, world of warcraft and music. He was a history bulf and wanled to enroll into the Air Force when he turned 18. He had many interests in life, but the must important was his friends and family which he loved deeply, He is survived by his mother "Michele" (Mike" Chekat). Gordy: "his of ather, williams (Colleen) Gordy, his sisters Crystal, Kaltyn, and Haley, his step-brother Jonathon and his brother who is to be born later this month. He is also survived by his grandmothers, Anna Gordy and Judith Derick and several aunts, uncles, cousins and loving friends and his two dogs, Luy and Sury. Visitation was held on Monday, December 12 at PHILLIPS FUNEFAL HOME. Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday, A memorial service will be held in Brighton later in the week for his friends and classwates. Donaldions may antique tractors and during his lile-lime lovingly crafted the 3 homes where he and his family lived. He is survived by his beloved wite, Ruth G. Briggs, his children, Janet Christine (Claude) Cobb, David Briggs, Belinda (Steve) Hills, Jackie (Lori) Briggs, Peter (Tracio) Briggs, and Paul (Valerie) Briggs, 14 grandchildren; 23 great grand-children; and his sister, Patricia Roberts. He was preceded in death by his parents. A funeral service was held Thursday, December 8, 2011 at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon, Oeacon Ted Roskeas from Solid Rock Bible Church in South Lyon officiated the service. Mr. Briggs was laid to rest entique tractors and during his lifelater in the week for his friends and classmates. Donations may be made to Michele Gordy for the service. Mr. Briggs was laid to rest at South Lyon Cemetery, when Military Funeral Honors were ren-dered on his behalf. The tamily would appreciate memorial contri-butions to Samarilan's Purse, PO Box 3000, Boone, NC, 28507. KIMBALL, AGNES IRENE AGE 98, of Lowell, Michigan, for-merly of Northville, MI, and Birmingham, AL passed away on December 3, 2011. She was employed by Kroger for many years. She was a tender and loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was preceded in death by her fusband, Emory Kimball. Survivors Include her dauchters. Shirle Master (James)

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83, formerly of South Lyan, died December 4, 2011. Memorial serv-ices were held December 10th in Atlantic Mine, Mich. Condolences may be sent to Helen Matson, PO. Box 13, Atlantic Mine, MI 49905 Call 1-800-579-7355

TO THUE LIVER OF

Age 57, passed away December 1, 2011. A private family service was held. Arrangements entrusted to Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipstuneral.com THOMAS, RUTH H. Age 92, of South Lyon, formerly of Farmington Hills, passed away 12/9/11. Contributions to MI Humane Society or Farmington Presbyterian Preschool. Casterline Funeral Home Inc.

daughters, Shirley Baxter (James) and Janice Sauber: grandchildren,

David Baxter (Bonnie), Kathryn L Sauber, and William Sauber, Jr

(Angie): step-grandchild, Johanna Phillips (Chrissy): and great-grandchild, Evelyn Hastings (Daniel). Visitation will be held on Friday, December 9, 2011 from 10:00AM-11:00AM at Jetlerson Memorial Funeral Home, with the service to follow at 11:00AM. Burial will be in Jetlerson Memorial Cardens East Reversed lost Miller

will officiate the service. Jefferson Memorial Trussville directing.

MATSON,

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ens East, Reverend Joel Mills

MCLAUGHLIN, WILLIAM F

"Sill," age 79, went to his eternal rest on December 11, 2011, Bill

"Sill," age 79, went to his eternal rest on December 11, 2011. Bill was born in and raised in Syracuse, NY on October 10, 1932 to Edward I. and Rosalind (nee Couch) McLaughlin, moving to Detroit in 1951. He was united in marriage to Janet Lemaster on October 29, 1960. Bill studied political sclence at the University of Detroit and worked in the Detroit theatre business in the 1950s. He became involved in Republican politics in 1950 when he voluntered for 180 when he voluntered for 180 when he voluntered for 181 which was vice Chairman and Executive Director of the Michigan Republican State Committee from 1965-1969. He was elected Chairman in 1969 and was the longest serving Chair in the state party's history when he was appointed by Gov. William Milliken as Director of Commerce in 1979. In 1981, Bill was appointed by Gov. William Milliken as Director of Commerce in 1979. In 1981, Bill was appointed by Gov. William Convention and Visitors Bureau (MDCVB). During his tenure, he played instrumental roles in Detroit's hosting of the 1980 Republican National Convention, the bid team and host committee for Super Bowl XVI in 1992 at the Pontiac Silverdome, and the expansion of Cobo Hall. After retiring from the MDCVB in 1995, Bill served as President of the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame from 1997-2001, and as Chair of the Detroit Sports Commission from 2007-2005. A resident of the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame

northville for 48 years, Mr.
McLaughlin was a longtime member of Our Lady of Victory Catholic
Parish. He served as a director and
football coach for the Northville
Colls Junior Football Association,
athletic director and basketball
coach for OLV, and statistican for
the Northville High School varsity
football team form 1979-2001. He
also became active in the Northville
Genealogical Society and served as
its director. Bill McLaughlin is survived by his wife, Janet, of 51
years; Sons, Michael, Patrick
(Anne), Timothy (Michele) and
Sean (Roxanne); grandchildren,
Shannon, Erin, Ryan, Patrick, Mary
Catherine, Kaile, Daniel, Kelly and
Matthew; and his sister Rosalind
(Lloyd) Stansberry. A funeral mass
will be held Friday, December 16.
2011 at 11am at Church of the Holy
Family, 24505 Meadowbrook Rd.
Inorth of Ten Mile Rd.) in Novi. The

Family, 24505 Meadowbrook Rd (north of Ten Mile Rd.) in Novi. The family would appreciate memoria contributions to Northville High School Athletic Department-Football Field Fund. Arrangements

entrusted to Casterline Funera Home, Inc. of Northville.

MEROLA, GERARD "JERRY"

Of Highland Twp., died December 10, 2011. For more information please contact Lynch & Sons Milford at 248-684-6645 or visit:

MORAN, CATHERINE

ated veteran of the Theatre in Company (

a Decorate veteram of the European Theatre in Company G 179th Infantry. He enjoyed watching his tavorite sports teams. Tigers, Lions, and Red Wings. William is survived by his 4 children: Bob (Pam) Pollter, Neil (Mary) Potter, Barb (Ricardo) Gonzales, and Jean (Mark) Dendel, He is also survived by his brother Keith and 5 grandchildren: Susie, Hob, Michele, Kelly, Angela; and 7 great-grandchildren: Mary, Allie, Madeline, Reganne, Austin, Jake, and Lauren. He was preceded in death by 3 of his brothers: Don, Neil and Ted, Visitation was held on December 14, Wednesday, Irom 10:00 a.m. at 11:00 a.m. at 10:00 a.m. at 11:00 a.m. at 10:00 a.m. at

ROOT, CHARLES W.

holiday relief Dec. 20 Smith says it's an opportunity to heal

By Nathan Mueller

The picture is often painted that the holiday season is full of joy and

But that is not the case for everyone, as it also can be an overwhelming time with job losses, financial difficulties. health issues and family

struggles. June Smith, pastor at Novi United Methodist Church, has something for those people who are feeling a bit off during this time of year — Blue

Blue Christmas, or Lona service at the church

designed for everyone non-church members, too - who feel rushed, mourn, are not well or

"By the time the week am personally drained and have lost a great deal of the spirit of joy at Christmas," Smith said. This worship for me is a chance to slow down, to let go of the fatigue and just be present.

"I guess I actually give this time to myself to find healing of my body, soul and spirit. Smith said the celebrato mask people's strug-

gles during this time of

Novi United Methodist Church is located at 41671 W. 10 Mile Road in Novi. For more information, call (248) 349-2652.

Scouting for Food



Over 5,000 food items were collected by more than 100 Novi Cub Scouts during the annual Scouting for Food canned food drive on Nov. 12. The Novi effort is part of the Boy Scouts of America's nationwide Good Turn for America service project to help feed the needy in communities all across the country. Boy Scouts from Novi's Troop 407 counted, sorted and stocked the items on the shelves of the Novi Community Food Bank, housed at Faith Community Presbyterian Church. The Scouts also made fresh homemade doughnuts and served hot chocolate to the participants. Across the tri-county area last year, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts from the Great Lakes Council collected nearly 400,000 pounds of food, which was distributed through Gleaners Food Bank and food banks in communities across the area. Pictured, Mark Pipp and Nik Heitzeg of Novi's Boy Scout Troop 407 sort some of the more than 5,000 items collected in Novi during Saturday's Scouting for Food canned food drive at Faith Community Presbyterian Church.

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BRIEFS

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Worship service offers

for them as it's quiet and

It's an opportunity to heal, she said. The service at NUMC takes place at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 20. Smith said last year it was so powerful that when it ended no one rose from their seats for 20 minutes "That showed me how needed, how necessary

this worship service is for others," she said.

CHURCH

online at hometownlife.com

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service in multi-purpose 1015 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center. children's super church on the second level (208/210) Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study845-1030

a.m.: (cafe) Wednesday Family Night 7 p.m.: Adult elective classes; junior and senior high student ministries; children's programs (M-Paci Girls Club & Royal Rangers Boys Club) Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Horne of Northville Christian

through eighth grade) - contact (248) 348-9031 **NOVI-NORTHVILLE JEWISH LIFE**

School (day care; preschool

Details: A Jewish center with

ties for all ages throughout the year – children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday

Contact: Rabbi Avrohhor & Leah Susskind at (248) 790-6075 or rabbi@novi jewishcenter.com; www novijewishcenter.com **NOVI UNITED** METHODIST

Contact: (248) 349-2652 or Sunday Worship Time: 9:45 a.m. Healing Service and Holy Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. first

Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of every month Location: In front of the Details: Members of the

vents, programs and activi-

munity will stand united in prayer for peace. Advent Service Time/Date: 9:45 a m

Road, Novi Contact: (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org

Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile ReNew Life Group Min-Time/Date; 7:15-9 p.m.

every Monday Details: Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning, change from a Christian perspec Women's Life Groups Peace Vigil

> Time/Date: 7 p.m. even Tuesday 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday Men's Life Groups Ministries

Time/Date: 6 a.m. every

Friday morning at various locations For both Women's and Men's Life Groups Ministries, please contact the church office.

ORCHARD HILLS OAK POINTE CHURCH BAPTIST CHURCH Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Location: 23455 Novi Road Contact: Pastor Jon Hix

(248) 349-5665 Preschool/Kids Choir Time/Date: 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday Details: For ages three to six; ongoing event; no need to pre-register; all are welcome. OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Location: 47550 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Contact: (734) 453-0326, Ext. 221

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Contact: (248) 349-2621 or.

Saturday Worship Time; 5 p.m. **Sunday Worship** Time: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. **OUR SHEPHERD** PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth at (734) 927-0891 CHURCH Wednesday Bible Studys Sunday Bible Study: 9:30

Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service for Kids PENTECOSTALS -

Location: Novi Civic Center, Novi, MI 48375 Contact: 248-697-8158 or

Sunday Worship: 2 p.m. Friday Night Men's Bas-kethall: 6:30-8:30 p.m. at

the Novi Woods Elementa School gymnasium. All Novi residents ages 13 and over are welcome, and admission tion, contact Pastor Dave Gardner at (248) 697-8158 a permission slip if under the age of 18 at www.the-PRAISE BAPTIST

Location: 45000 N. Territo Contact: (734) 748-3898 Holiday Break Day Camp

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m.-noo

Details: If you are looking for a fun event for your kids over holiday break, join Bilin-gual Fun! Kids will have fun learning Spanish through learning Spanish through holiday themed interactive games, crafts, music, snacks and more! New and return ing students welcome; preschool-fifth grade; \$25 per child (10% sibling discount)

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OUR VIEWS



Priceless gift

Generosity of spirit is holiday lesson to learn

Before heading out to the malls and down city main streets to get those last-minute items for Christmas, parents ought to pause a moment to think about a particular gift their children can really use.

's so small, it often gets overlooked. But it's also so big, that it won't fit For your children, however, it's so important that they will keep it for life. The gift is the generosity of spirit, a life skill that needs to be

learned as a child. It is taught through example and example and experience.

of sugar plums these days are often expensive and numerous. But there is another side to giving, one that starts with caring and a clear-sighted understanding that, for some people, it

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to get basic necessities. The impact of the generosity of spirit has more outcomes than the beststocked toy store. With a sensitive nature, our children are gifted as quick learners, hugging tightly that lesson

takes more than sitting on Santa's lap

for a lifetime of use. That truth is borne out by people who live and work in our communities. Their generous spirit can also be seen daily as volunteers ring the bell at Salvation Army red kettles at businesses around the community. It can be seen in the donations made to both the Novi and Northville Goodfellows, who between them are going to be able to help hundreds of needy families have a better Christmas this year. Rotarians, Lions and numerous other church and civic organizations are also doing their

For those gifted with a generous spirit, their gift of volunteering is priceless. They are ready, willing and able to step up and help. And the examp they set is a gift that can last a lifetime when children are involved.

We urge people to take a moment out of their busy schedule to make a donation. But when you do, let your child do it. I's the questions that follow after a little one puts money in the red kettle that opens the door a lifelong lesson in

It isn't shiny and bright, but the generosity of spirit is one gift continually found anew through compassion, but it

Parents don't have to pay for it at the checkout, but our children are sure to treasure it always.

Cal Stone, Community Editor Director of Advertising Executive Editor

COMMUNITY VOICE

OPINION

What is your favorite holiday movie?



I have watched it every

"'Home Alone Lost in New York' because at the end it is more Christmasy and he wants great." Celine Roest his family back. Plus it's



"'Annie' because it's a classic story, has a good lesson and the music is

Neha Baddam



"The first 'Home Alone movie because it is re-

Rachel Daly

Mapped by Republicans

For the first time in decades, the committee established by Michigan law to draw the Oakland County Commission districts has a Democratic majority membership (3-2). That's because one of the memhers. Oakland County Treasurer. Andrew Meisner, a Democrat, was elected in 2008 to a seat that had been held by a Republican for many years.

The committee created a new map that met all of the requirements of the state apportionment laws, and was upheld by the Michigan Court of Appeals when challenged by the Republican Party earlier this year. So what's the problem? Turns out that the new map creates several districts that might be more competitive, meaning either a Democrat or Republican would have a chance at winning a seat, thus giving voters a real choice.

Now the Republicans have de cided that rather than abide by the will of the people, and Michigan law, they want to change the rules retroactively.

The Michigan House just passed H.B. 5187 that, if it becomes law. would nullify the new map and let the current board of commissioners draw their own map. Only Oakland County would be affected by this new law.

This is nothing more than a blatant power grab by Republican Party leaders. I thought elections had consequences.

Gwen Markham

Get Kowall out of office

As a resident of South Lyon and a constituent of state Sen. Mike Kowali. I have a message for my fellow constituents: we need get him out of office. Sen. Kowall's recent decision to stop a vote on the new international bridge is simply reprehensible and could kill the bridge proposal.

That proposed bridge would not only provide a direct jobs boost for Michiganders, but would provide \$2.2 billion in additional federal in-The bridge would provide a much improved corridor for transporting goods to and from our biggest international trading partner, Canada. GM. Ford and Chrysler want the bridge, Oakland County and Wayne County want the bridge. Gov. Snyder wants the bridge, the federal government wants the bridge for improved homeland security and the people of Michigan need the bridge. The only person who really does not want the bridge is Matty Moroun, the owner of the Ambassador Bridge. Mr. Moroun and his minions have lied about the bridge and continue to obstruct the better good. So why did Sen. Kowali prevent a vote on the bridge? This can only be

explained in two ways: Sen. Kowall has his bands in Matty Moroun's pockets, and/or Sen. Kowall has so bought into the Republican tactic of obstructionism that he would choose to harm his constituents rather than do what.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Editor. Please include your name address and phone number for erification. Letters should be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content Submit letters via the following formats. Web: www.hometownlife.com

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not all letters submitted can be published in our print edition. wever, all letters will be pub nometownlife.com.

In either case, we need to ask

ourselves whether we want this kind of governance. We need to stop this destructive behavior and vote Mr. Kowall out of office at the next election.

Steven Hoin South Lyon

Teachers' perspective

We are both retired teachers, each having nearly 40 years of experience teaching at all different levels. We are writing to comment on the article by Tom Watkins in the Dec. 8 edition of the Northville

Speaking from our experiences in the classroom, we believe that many politicians and educational entrepreneurs simply do not understand the challenges that classroom teachers face every day Jamie Vollmer's "The Blueberry Story" illustrates this perfectly.

We, as teachers, must educate every child, regardless of race, creed, color, sexual orientation. ning style, social status, far ily situations, physical condition, relationships with peers, medical needs and the list goes on and on. Not everyone in the business world would understand the detailed process involved in creating a lesson plan, breaking it down for all students to understand, modeling and checking for understanding, which a teacher must do multiple times per class. The same applies to teaching a foreign language; a native speaker of any language would not necessarily know the

best way to teach it. Obtaining a master's degree allows teachers not only to become more proficient in their field, but also to take graduate classes in education that teach them in greater depth how students learn, how the human brain works, how to help students with special needs, how to assess student progress, and how to keep curriculum current. Research is not needed to understand that. These classes are

often at great personal expense to the teacher, and now teachers are required to take graduate classes to keep their certification valid. A raise in pay is justified for teachers who study to be the best in their

At least once a year, districts will provide in-service time for teachers. We can count on one hand the number of in-service opportunities that we attended that were relevant to our situations. Most districts will not pay for attendance at state, regional or national conferences; even if teachers pay their own expenses, the districts will not pay for substitute teachers. This would be a minimal investment for maximum opportunities. Almost all doctors are members of the AMA. Can you'imagine a doctor who did not know the latest developments in the field of medicine? Remember that interns and residents in the medical field are paid for their work and learning experiences; student teacher interns receive no pay and must pay tuition for a semester or, in some cases, a year experience in the classroom, which is required for certification. Doctors can attend seminars at their hospitals and tailor their practice hours to accommodate new learning experiences; teachers cannot do the same.

Teachers despised No Child Left Behind and were disillusioned with Race to the Top. Fewer and fewer young people are considering the profession because of the complete disrespect from the president on down and the constant cry to lower salaries and benefits and to raise class sizes. They know what's going on - they see the writing on the wall - at least for the time being. Fortunately, we see students and new teachers. including our own son, who are not only inspired to teach, but they're smart, articulate, idealistic and recognize the value of good teaching in their own development and growth. Outstanding teachers are usually conceived in the classrooms of other outstanding teachers.

Many times, students maintain contact with teachers that influthat some of our former students are now Facebook friends and keep in touch with us. Teachers are delighted with the success of their current and former students and are proud to have played even a small part in their lives.

So, one more thing — who won the Academy Awards last year? Who won the Stanley Cup? The Super Bowl? The World Series? You may have to think hard to remember, or you could Google the answer. Now, who were the teachers that influenced you the most? We bet you don't have to think for more than five seconds to answer that question.

Peter J. Manschot art teacher, Birmingham Public Schools (retired) **Emily Serafa Manschot** Spanish teacher, Northville High School (retired) Student Teacher supervisor, University of Michigan-Dearborn

NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Corvette stolen from gym of Novi A 50-year-old South field man had his Chevrolet Corvette con the parking lot at Bally between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. According to the police report, the victim parked

the gym, and when he returned after working out it was gone. He still ad the key to the car, and he told police no one else drives it or has keys Police found no signs of

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forced entry or glass on the ground where the car was parked. Footprints were found in the snow near where the car was parked.

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by police, but they were ot able to find it that

Man caught stealing hats

A 32-vear-old man Lwas arrested for retail fraud after he was caught stealing hats from JC Penney on Dec. 10.

According to the police report, the loss prevention agents at the store saw the man take hats off the shelves and put them into his pants before exiting the store.

He was stopped exiting the store and told police he took them because chase gifts for his kids. ed and transported to the Novi Police Department

card number A Novi woman had her 3credit card number

found video surveillanc

of a man making a pur-

chase with a card that

contained her Master-

Police do not have a sus

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pect, but the woman said

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card number

Woman has debit

citation and released

stolen and the card was used to make purchases at Twelve Oaks Mall on

According to the police report, the woman said never lost her card and it was in her possession when she found the fraudulent purchasstore. The total value of es. The suspect made a \$396.54 purchase at Nordthe items taken was \$509. She was stopped after strom and occurred over-She said Nordstrom

Police arrested her and transported her to the Novi Police Department

Woman takes ewelry from Macy's

Novi police arrested a woman for retail fraud on Dec. 10 after she was caught taking several pieces of jewelry from

Macy's.
According to the police report, the loss preven-tion officers at the store saw the woman select sev eral items and place them into a plastic bag before

she left and admitted to citation and released pending issuance of a warrant.

- Compiled by staff writer Nathan Mueller

Response Team (CERT) members. The CERT program is designed

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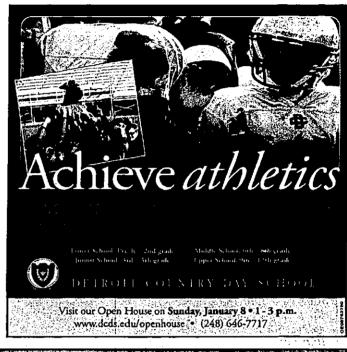
The Community Emer munity Emergency gency Response Team is an invaluable, free program for our commu nity that enhances the response capability with cooperation between training to organize Novi Fire and Police themselves and other Departments and citiolunteers at a disaster site, to provide immediand training," said Nov ate assistance to victims Director of Public Safe and to collect informaty / Chief of Police David tion to support respond-ers' efforts when they Molloy. "Since incep-tion, we have trained and graduated more than 200 arrive. CERT members may search for lost children, staff emergency men and women are a centers, secure emerge valuable addition to our cy operations centers, emergency support capa provide minor first aid.

The City of Novi will

training session on Mon-day, Jan. 9. Novi residents 18 years

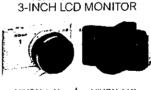
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Hob Nobble Gobble

Novi residents Shelley and Chris Hulgrave and their son, Grant, hung out with the Compuware Elves at the 22nd Annual Hob Nobbi Gobble at Ford Field. The Compuware Elves invited everyone to Celebrate Detroit at iWish4Detroit com which is part of Compuware's first interactive float at the 85th Annual America's Thanksgiving



NEIGHBORS

NEWSMAKERS

Gross to join ITC ITC Holdings Corp. (ITC) announced that Randall (Randy) G. Gross, Jr. will join the company on Dec. 19 as manager of State Governmental Affairs for Michigan. Gross will be the company's primary inter-face with state government officials and will be responsible for corporate advoca-cy and legislative lobbying in Michigan for International Transmission Company d/b/a ITCTransmis-Transmission Company, LLC (METC) (collectively

ITC Michigan). Gross currently serves as the director of the Office of Policy and Leg-Michigan Department of From 2008 to 2011, he was director of Environmental and Regulatory Policy for the Michigan Manufacturers Association with the primary responsibility of

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on energy ronmenal issues before the Michigan Legislature and the Executive branch of

state government. Prior to his service at the Michigan Manufacturers Association, Gross was a regulatory analyst at ITC. He also served as deputy House Republi can Legal Counsel/Policy advisor where he provid ed legal advice to Speakers of the House and the Republican Caucus, He is a member of the State Bar of Michigan and the American Bar Association Gross is a native of Dowagiac, Mich, and holds a pachelor of arts degree in International and Compar ative Politics from Western Michigan University and a juris doctorate from

Dr. Miller earns entrepreneur

Michigan State Universi-

ty - the Detroit College of

Law, specializing in Envi

ronmental and Natural

Jeffrey H. Miller, M.D., Miller Vein (with locations in Novi, Troy and Dearborn), was named one of Corp! Magazine's "Entrepreneurs of Dis tinction" for 2011 this fourth annual ceremony honoring award recip-ients. Each year, Corp! Magazine applauds select Michigan entrepreneurs for their efforts in forwarding the new Michigan economy through leadership, innovation vision and other qualities of success.
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Details: The City of Novi in partnership with the Novi Chamber of Commerce invites you to join Mayor Bob Gatt and City Council members. Cost for be recognized by Corp! Magazine as one of their luncheon is \$30 per person; 'Entrepreneurs of Distincsaid Dr. Miller, who

NETWORKING Renaissance Hotel, 27790 BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 7:30-9 a.m.

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to attend free of charge.

Continental breakfast

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West 10 Mile Road, Nov

Location: Novi Civic Cen-

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seating is limited to the Details: Business networking focused on building relationships. The Sunfirst 230 attendees. Send checks, payable to City of Novi, to: City of Novi, rise Networking Group, attention Robin Working LLC (www.sunriseNFT-WORKINGgroup.com), or 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, SNG for short, is a group of about 250 business leader who help each other to build more business by

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online at hometownlife.com

Local events

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Thurs-

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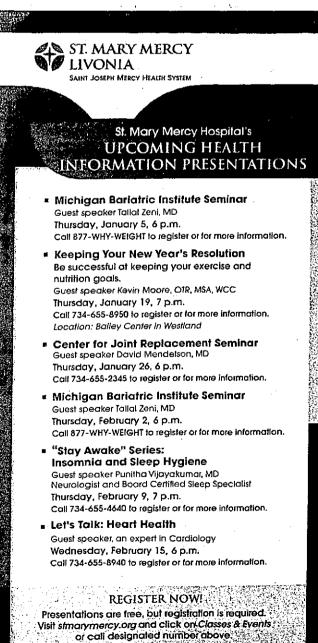
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Tech showcase:



State Representative Hugh Crawford (R-Novi) greets students from Novi's Deerfield Elementary School who participated in the 11th annual AT&T/MACUL Student Technology Showcase held Nov. 2 at the State Capitol Building in Lansing. Students are (from) Jackson Peurach, Katie Song, Noah Bean, Nick Sweeney and Bailey Kwasniewicz. The school was one of nearly 35 elementary, middle and high schools statewide that participated in the event, whose purpose is to show elected members of the Michigan State enhance student achievement. AT&T and the Michigan Association for Computer Users in

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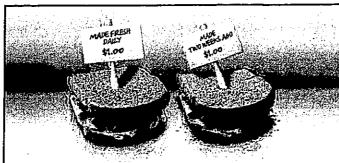
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Time/Date: 10-11:30 a.m. Thursdays, Dec. 15 and Details: If you have a leanng towards knitting or any of the related handcrafts Knit Zgether Knitting Circle just might be your cup of tea. No instructor; no

registration, and of course, attendance is free Entrepreneurship Data Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Thurs-

Details: This is a webinar presented by a live ProQuest trainer - it is interactive with time for Q&A. Participants will be emailed log-on instructions 2 days prior to the webinar. Training session will introduce users to content on this ProQuest databas including annual reports, articles, blogs, business cases, company profiles and market research collections. No previous experience required - but Novi Writers' Group

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Dec. 17 Details: Writers' groups can be a great way to make connections in the writing and publishing world and to get critiqu as a writer. Come to the

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readers (back) Nicholas Sweeney, Jessica Shaw, Benjamin Wang, Ann Stone, and Grace Price; (front) Emilia Breuning, Carol Dai, Nahush Keshav, and Rashil Narang. Deerfield firstand second-graders sang Turkey Tunes led by the music teacher, Ainsley Sonntag. **Details:** On the first and third Mondays of each month, a member of the new attitudes, skills, and knowledge about eating better and moving more - for life. Registration is Novi Historical Commi will hold office hours in the required and we need a minimum number of par-Local History Room to help ticipants is required for the researchers use its many program to proceed Open Office Hours in the Local History Room Lego Club Time/Date: 6-6:45 p.m. Time/Date: noon-2 p.m.

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Students at Deerfield read over 17 million words this summer! Deerfield's Parent Group

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who participated in the summer reading program. Pictured are some of the participating

Kockin' readers

Library for an inspirational

environment where you can create and share ideas.

This group is facilitated by local writer, Kathy Mutch

Details: this second of two

sessions of fun and practi-cal healthy living course equips kids ages 8-12 with

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Empower Me 4 Life

Time/Date: 3-4:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 18

Details: Join us once a month for Lego show-andtell and building activities. We supply the Legos, you supply the imagination. For grades K-4. E-mail Instruction for

Seniors Time/Date: 10:30-11 a.m. and 11-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Details: This session pro-

vides personal instruction... by a Librarian on e-mail basics such as how to create an e-mail account and how to type and send a message. If time allows, creating folders and an address book will be discussed

One block at a time

Ethan Prater, 8, works on assembling a Lego building during the Nov. 28 Lego Club meeting at the Novi Public Library. The library provides thousands of pieces of Legos for kids to enioy during the once-a-month meeting. The club meets on the last Monday of each month at the library at 6 p.m.

Oakland Livingston Hu-man Services Agency Time/Date: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. uesday, Dec. 20 and Dec.

Details: Need help with transportation, food, health, support services, child care education Through Dec. 27, residents can drop in and meet with an OLHSA staff member at the Library.

Clean Out the Cupboards Craft Time/Date: 3-4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20

Details: Help us keep our New Year's resolution to clean out our cupboards by using our left-over craft materials to create a oneof-a-kind artistic master piece! For grades K-3.

day, Dec. 22 Details: Come and get ready for the holiday season with a fun movie. You'll laugh at the antics in "Ice Age: Dawn of the Dino-saurs" and won't even notice how cold it is outside! (Note: this movie is PG.)

Time/Date: 10:15-10:45 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28 Details: Fun for you and your littlest one (Birth to 24 months)! Join us in lapsit rhymes, puppets and music. One infant per

grown-up recommended. Get Your Wiggles Out Time/Date: 11:15 a.m. noon Wednesday, Dec. 28 Details: An active mind needs an active body. Get at the NPL, Geared for





Novi senior Curtis Herzog (left) gets past Plymouth sophomore Kyle Bauer during Novi's 6-2 victory Dec. 7 at

Flurry of goals puts

Novi past Plymouth

Battle of Wildcat icers ends in 6-2 decision

Novi's icers (3-4-1, 2-3-1 KLAA

Kensington) were scheduled to

visit Livonia Franklin (1-3-1, 0-3-

0 Kensington) last night before

heading to the Detroit Skating

p.m. Friday. A win would pit

them against either Clarkston

(3-4-1) or Hartland (2-1-1, 1-1-1

Lakes) noon or 2:30 p.m. Satur-

The game-winning goal came

with 6:47 remaining in the sec-

ond period when a play from

behind the net led to a goal by

Novi junior Luke Bageris, with

sophomore Chris Kennedy and

After a give-and-go with

ior Wes Guenther assisting.

Wildcats drop first three

day. Novi defeated Clarkston

ON TAP

4-3 Nov. 19.

Sister,' portrayed by actress Mary Zentmyer, keeps class in order at 'Sister's Christmas Catechism: The Mystery of the

Blessed with laughter (and nun the wiser)

was the most fun I've vithout getting in trou-

No apologies to Sisters Conrad Emma Marie other "brides of Christ of my Catholic School ducation. They'd be the first to remind us that the classroom wasn't for ing the rules of punctuation and grammar and times tables, hearing tales of Father Damier and the lepers, purgato ry and the pagan babies

And to always say "no" to you're a boy

It might have taken a swat or two -- or more by Sister for a particin those days, or perhaps a hefty dose of humiliation while your 35 fellow students kept their eyes forward, wondering if they would be the next to stand with their faces plastered against the sit in the trash can in the middle of the room.

In spite of, or perhaps ly lost art of "discipline most of us Catholic school kids probably turned out OK. And we can laugh about it now, right?

If you find yourself

chuckling at a memory or ing about, I'd suggest you get acquainted with Mary Zentmyer — or rather. 'Sister" of Sister's Christmas Catechism: The Mys tery of the Magi's Gold Running through Dec. 31 at the Gem Theatre in mas Catechism is the hol iday version of the Late Nite Catechism series.

It's OK to laugh in this classroom, and you will And generally speaking paid. In fact, you might trinket or two.

I won't reveal details but I will offer a few hints and tips. Come prepared - prepared to crack up from start through fin-ish. If it's your "thing" to be singled out and chal-lenged to recall a lesson or two taught by a wim teacher from vestervear being part of the show There are plenty of opportunities to be "called on" by Sister - but if you for her keen eye, nevermiss-a-beat wit and, if you deserve it, sharp tongue. priate dress, tattling or talking out of turn; she pit ies the non-Catholics or those who have admittedly fallen away from the Faith. And encourages everyone else to do so

Rounding out the show. Sister enlists help from the audience to conduct an on-stage investigatio into a missing gift of gold presented by the Magi it the Nativity. If you're lucky enough -- or brave you as a cast member And then make you

dress the part. Though a counle bits of Sister's shtick might border on the sacrilegious show is dang funny. Real ly. Lots of laughs with a nun. What could be better, especially during the Christmas season?

Aileen Wingblad is the Milford Times staff writer.





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By Chris Jackett

Novi's boys bas-ketball team (0-3) It was a long week to was scheduled to kick off Novi's boys bas-ketball season last week, host Lincoln Park (0-0) two nights as the Wildcats dropped ago before visittheir first three contests. ing Westland John Glenn (0-1) 7 p.m. The closest of the three games came Dec. 8 when the Wildcats (0-3) hostfinish out the calendar year.

ON TAP

By Chris Jackett

In a somewhat lackadaisical

performance by both squads, a

close hockey game burst wide open in a four-minute span as Novi defeated Plymouth 6-2.

ington) scored three goals in

ond period Dec. 7 to turn a 2-2

tie into a decisive victory over Plymouth (3-4-0, 2-2-0 Kensing-

"I think we had a slow start.

We weren't working very hard

ing better with the puck," Novi

was kind of an uninspired game

by both teams I thought. There

tunately we got through it and got the win."

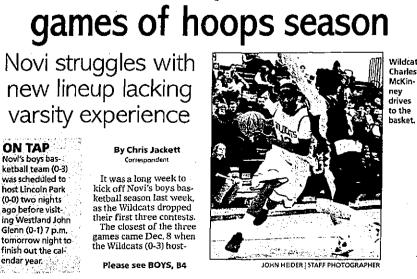
coach Todd Krygier said. "It

and then we started work

a span of 3:46 late in the sec

Novi (3-4-1, 2-3-1 KLAA Kens

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Curtis Herzog curved inward

toward the goal from the right side and notched a goal just 1:36

later. Herzog scored again 2:10 later when he found the puck in

the left circle and buried it in

"They're extremely hard

zog and (senior Travis) Trainor

are probably two of the hardest

working guys on the team. They

forecheck hard, they skate hard

Today (senior Ryan Kobylarek)

played well with them and skat-

d hard, which was no surprise

We got some production out of

the other lines, too. Bageris' line and Colin Pew's (line) got one

The three-goal burst was too

nuch for Plymouth, who was

today too. So I thought today

was an overall team effort

Catholic Central skaters notch two more wins

Squad defeats Wyandotte, Grosse Pointe North

By Sam Eggleston

Put two more wins in the op-ranked Detroit Catholic Central's record--some thing that is becoming a bit of a habit for the Sham rocks these days.

The squad, coached by Todd Johnson, notched victories over Wyandotte, 4-1 and Grosse Pointe North, 6-1, last week. The team is a 7-0 record and is ranked first in the state.

Against Wyandotte, the Shamrocks collected the first goal of the game off a Pete Halash shot with just 4:37 off the clock to take a 1-0 lead. Tyler VanNorman was given the assist on the

ay. Wvandotte didn't stay down long, however, and proved to be resourceful capitalizing on a power play just two minutes later to knot the game up off a shot by Kyle King that was assisted by Joshua Hinder liter and John Calhoun.

That would prove to be the last time the Wyandotte offense would find the beginning of Catholic Central's onslaught. In the second period, the Sharnrocks put on a scoring clinic as

ON TAP

team will be back on the ice when they skate at home at 7 p.m. against University of Detroit Jesu High School Saturday before visiting Brother Rice Dec. 21 at 6:30 p.m. The team will then be on niatus for the holidays until Jan. 4 when they visit University of Detroit.

they notched the eventua game-winning goal off the stick of Lucas Linville at 8:46 with Max Wanko getting the assist. Less than 30 cker nut in a goal of his own, giving the Shamrocks a 3-1 lead, with assistance from Matt Sorisho and

Ryan Wandzel. The final goal of the game came with 11:05 off the clock in the second stanza as VanNorman took assistance from Halash and Steven Jarzynski to

fire the puck home. Catholic Central had six penalties on the day while Wvandotte was hit for just three. All of the penalties were two-minute minors. Earning the win between

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McMahan powers Novi past Saline, WLC

Turnovers, fouls plague Wildcats despite pair of victories

Undefeated three games into the season Novi's girls basketball squad has found scoring contribubut the heart of the offense

The Wildcats (3-0) picked up wins last week over Walled Lake Central (1-McMahan racking up 43 of course of the two games. "Her shot has really

scoring from others, too," Novi coach Bill Kelp said. McMahan opened the week Dec. 6 with a game-high 17 points on 6-for-11 shooting as Novi quadru-pled-up Central 48-12 on the road. Along with six assists, four rebounds and two steals. McMahan led the charge as 10 of 11 Wild-

improved but we will need

cats scored. Novi allowed four or fewer points each quarter while simultaneously scor-26-5 first half and 22-7 secplayers to get some play-

ing time. Senior Ally D'Annibale had six points and five rebounds, while senior Abby Robinson added five points and three rebounds Also chipping in with

Novi's girls basketball halinad (3-0) was schedulad to visit Wayne Memorial (1-2) Tuesday hosting Westland John Glenn (1-0) 7 p.m. tomorrov

ON TAP

four points apiece were junior Jade Antolec (sev en rebounds), senior Anna Lausch (four rebounds) Schubring (five rebounds), while seniors Abby Chandler (two steals), Katie Kasey Lowney had two

Three nights later on Friday, things were much closer early on before the Wildcats pulled out a 45-30 victory. Visiting Saline, Novi took a 9-5 lead in the first quarter before falling behind 21-19 at the half. fouls and turnovers in both victories, amassin 34 turnovers and 35 fouls combined over the two steals and forcing 39 fouls "Way too many turnovers, big area of conhave to do a better job of

keeping people in front of us. (The) girls have to learn to adjust to the way Please see GIRLS, 84

THAT KEEPS ON GIVING. AND GIVING. AND GIVING. AND GIVING AND GIVING AND GIVING. AND GIVING. AND GIVING. AND GIVING. AND GIVING. AND GIVING. AND GIVING AND GIVING AND GIVING. AND GIVING. (THEN YOU RETIRE)

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NOVI SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Chris Jackett

Wildcat wrestlers led by seniors

The senior leadership of Novi's wrestling team showed through at the Salem "10" Invitational Dec finished in the top three Alejandro "Zip" Albuerne

led the core of seniors, pin ning three of four oppo nents to finish first in the 130-pound weight class. Seniors Gidianni "Zap"

pounds), Jake Dobras (4-1 at 189), Justin Michael (3-1 at 215) and Jimi Keller (3-1 at heavyweight) each showed strong potential for the season by finishing second in their weight classes.

Wrapping up the podium placers was senior Mike Gurney, who took third at 152 pounds with a 2-2 day before winning a crossover

match by pinfall.
Juniors Dan Denova (2-3 at 103) and Ben Landry (2-2 at 160) both lost close matches in the medal round. barely missing out on a trip to the podium while several other Wildcats made their varsity debuts among the 10

other weight classes The Wildcats were scheduled to host their first dual meet of the season last night Farmington and North farmington coming to town before the team heads to the Oakland County Champion-ships 4 p.m. Friday at South-field. The second day of the tournament is Saturday at

Bowlers split

Novi's bowling program split their first two match es before competing at the Early Bird Tournament last

The boys dropped a 21-



Novi senior Alejandro Albuerne (top) holds an opponent down Dec. 10 at the Salem "10" Invitational en route to winning the 130-pound weight class. Six Wildcats finished in the top three

beating Hartland 21-9 the

within their weight class.

Chad Smith lead the way with games of 200 and 192 against Northern, while Mat Kotowicz had a 198 and 189. Andrew Thorwall had a high game at 214.

The guys took all the baker points against Hartland 225-211 before winning the first game and four single nts to take an 18-1 lead. Kotowicz (194, 237) led the way, while Thorwall again had a high game with 223.

The girls team had an boys, beating Northern 22-8 and then losing 17-13 to Hartland. Sara Schulz had a high game of 246 against North-

ern while Shelby Limpert (121, 145), Abby O'Leary (140, 122) and Callie Wright (180, 165) each pulled in key points for the victory. The 'Cats couldn't recover from a 13-6 deficit against Hartland, Novi won the sec-

ond game and three singles points, but lost the

Schulz scored two points with games of 256 and 191. With both teams' dual meet records at 1-1, Novi

Dec. 10 to face off among 19 Novi's boys team finished 13th, led by a Kotowicz high landed in 16th individually of 95 bowlers with a three game series score of 607.

Kotowicz was 24th The Novi girls placed higher at eighth, led by Wright's 11th place individual series of 539 among 95 bowlers. Schulz was 24th with 510.

Soccer girls continue success

The success Novi residents have had on the soccer field in high school has crossed over well to the collegiate level as Novi 2008 graduate Jenna Carosio and Northville 2010 graduate their college teams into

ing senior at the University of Illinois, was named Big Ten Defender of the Year while helping the No. 18 Illini win the Big Ten Tournament title with a 2-1 deciwhile playing every secout the season. Her season ended with a 1-0 loss to No 4 Oklahoma State Nov. 18

in the second round of the

NCAA Division I tourna-

Grand Valley State Univer sity, returned from an long term injury to come off the bench and help the No. 1 Lakers advance to a third straight NCAA Division II national championship game following two-straight playoffs. Her season end ed with a 2-1 loss to No. 10 Saint Rose College Dec. 3 snapping a 42-game GVSU

writer and former staff writer

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unable to counter. The black and silver Wildcats had brief momentum just before the burst when senior Zach Gambrell stole the puck from two Novi defenders behind the goal and came around the right side and to the top of the crease for at the 9:21 mark.

"Early in the game we were working hard," Plymouth coach Gerry Vento said "We were creating our opportunities and things were going well. Then for whatever reason, I don't know if we got too complacent after we scored two goals. Westopped moving our feet and good things

The game had started off as a close contest. Despite being outshot 10-4, Novi took a lead on a wristshot by senior Ryan Kobylarek 7:05 into the game before Plymouth senior Jeremy Cigile tied it up during a scramble in front of the net with 3:04 remaining in the first period.

Both netminders, Novi senior Spen cer Peterson and Plymouth senior Richard Guglielmi, came up with a few pointblank saves. Each team had 23 shots on the night, with Peterson making 21 saves

and Guglielmi making 17 saves.
"He kept us in there," Vento said of Guglielmi. "He's been a warrior for us all year and goaltending wasn't the reason we lost this game. We weren't nearly as physical and against a team like Novi you just can't do that. You've got to take away their time and space and we didn't do that. We either were taking penalties or we're giving up goals. They've got a great power play, they're skilled and well coached and they capitalized." Junior Mark Baker gave Novi a 2-

ond period before the Wildcats' string of Kobylarek put the icing on the cake with 7:15 left in the game, netting his second of the night with a power play tap

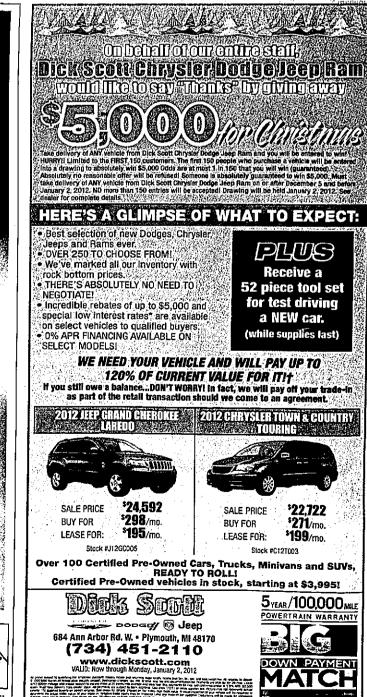
1 lead off a rehound 2:14 into the sec-

in from the right post after Gugli attempted to make a save on the far side. "I thought both teams were just not playing as hard as I would've expected.' nights, but if that happens against a Canton or a Brighton, we're in trouble." Novi followed the victory with a 2-0 loss Friday at Canton (5-1-0, 4-0-0 Kens

ington) and 5-3 loss Saturday at Brighton (6-1-0, 4-1-0 Kensington). All three teams Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former

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Shamrocks wrestling stays busy with victories Squad's top wrestlers currently undefeated as a team

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

It's hard to talk about the top-ranked Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks wrestling team without words like "greatness." ons" popping up through-out the conversation.

There's a reason for that-the Shamrocks, you see, train champions each and every year. In fact, the season goal each and every season is a simple championship. In addition to that, the squad always hopes to have a number of state champion individu-

This year, the Shamrocks are off to a good start. The Blue Team. Shamrocks' top performers, is currently 6-0 on the year. They are coached ov Mitch Hancock in his fifth season at the helm of the program. Helping him bally and by example, are senior captains Alex Moo-radian, Kevin Beazley and TJ Fagan-all of whom are outstanding wrystlers who have been impact members of the program for several seasons.

The Shamrocks started their season off with a huge opening day as the Blue squad opened up with a 54-9 victory over second-ranked Davison in front of their entire stu-

afternoon wrestling assembly.

The Shamrocks wrestling team will be back in action

at 8 a.m. Saturday in Oxford. The team will then com-

pete at 5 p.m. Dec. 21 against Rockford, Grand Haven

and Hesperia at Rockford High School.

when they compete in the Oakland County Tournament

Central, 78-3; and West-

land John Glenn, 59-6.

Against Roosevelt, one standout pin game from

sophomore Evan Toth,

who defeated returning state tournament qualifi

er Cade Barwig in the 119-

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Seaholm, 61-6.

. Earning pins in both con-

tests were Parker O'Brien,

Andrew Thompson, Joey

Vollmer, Jimmy Russell

The Shamrocks then

blue tearn earn wins over

Wyandotte Roosevelt, 80-

went on to have their

Several grapplers show cased their ability and drive this year, earning pins in the match. Takin wins by fall were Mali Amine, Logan Marcicki,

If that weren't enough. Team traveled to Avon dale to wrestle both War ren Woods Tower and Bi mingham Seaholm. They earned victories against Both, defeating Warren

Catholic Central Shamrock Alex Mooradian sizes up his opponent on Dec. 7 during an The biggest individual

> freshman Trevor Zdebski. who picked up a 4-0 victory over returning third place state finisher and Gilles of John Glenn. 0; Livonia Franklin, 59-12; Romeo, 72-3; Walled Lake The White team also had some success wrestling in the Dorothy Mc Classic. Five Shamrocks placed in

> > Colone and Thompson fin

ished in fifth and O'Brien

and David Lilley taking

the tournament with Min-

Shamrock Riley Hanson has his Davison opponent in a

CC's Nick Mason picks up and slams his Davison opponen

The team's third-string squad also competed the Port Huron North ern Husky Duals to finish with a 2-3 record. The squad defeated Rov-Bay, 56-21. They took losses to Cross-Lex, Port Huron Northern and St.

Greg Johnson defeated a returning state qualifier from Cross-Lex in the Even with a 6-0 record

for the Blue Team, the season is just truly begin ning for the Shamrocks. The squad will be looking to compete against Mich from outside of Michigan as well. On the schedule this season are nationally ranked Toledo St. John's Cincinnati Moeller and St. Edward's of Ohio.

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ed Saline (1-0). After a very slow start by both squads where Saline took 3:03 to score, Novi took 6:19 to score and the first-quarter score was 6-2 Hornets, things picked up. Despite some solid defense by Novi senior Michael Jocz (eight rebounds, two steals), Saline le 18-8 at halftime and took a 28-13 lead in the third quarter before a Novi timeout with 3:16 left in the

quarter turned things around. 'Mike's had a great week, as far as practice-wise goes," Novi coach Brian Tass said. "He's one of our fighters and he did a great job on a guy that's going to play some college basketball, so I'm pretty

proud of his performance today. Junior Jionni Ivy (three points) hit a free throw, which junior Tre Cadwell (10 points, four steals) followed with steal and lavup before sophomore Nelson Cagle (five points) nailed a three-point shot before the end of the quarter to pull Novi within nine at 28-19.

I think we made a couple shots and our guys got some energy out of it and they also made a cou ple stops defensively," Tass said. "When you get a rally and get some energy, guys start believing

in themselves a little bit." Cagle started the fourth quarter with a deep two-pointer from nearly the same spot as his pri-or three, drawing a Saline timeout with the score at 28-21 just 13 secands into the fourth quarter.

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the posts was goalie Ryan Mulka,

who stopped 13 of Wyandotte's 14 shots on goal. Dylan Bulchak took

rocks offense before being relieved

by Justin Green, who played 23 min

utes and stopped 12 out of 13 shots

on goal.

Against Grosse Pointe North, the

Shamrocks once again was the first

team to strike, going up 1-0 in the

first period off a shot from Halash.

who added a second goal for a 2-0

advantage in the opening minutes of

the loss, playing 28 minutes and

The Hornets' Michael Hendrickson (nine points) hit a layup after the timeout, but Cagle and senior Scott Kempa (13 points) hit a pair of très to cut the deficit to 30-27 and force another Saline timeout

with 5:48 remaining.
"Those kids can shoot it. I know that. Our job is to figure out how to get them better shots right 'Tass said of Kempa and

The 'Cats made it 30-29 when a Cadwell steal set up a jumper by junior Charles McKinney (four points). Another layup by Hen-drickson drew a Novi timeout that the Wildcats' came out of with a Cadwell three-pointer to tie it at 32 with 2:25 to go.

for us energy-wise and he's a pretty tough kid, and got us some loose balls and stuff like that," Tass said. "He struggled offen-sively early tonight, but stuck

However, Saline would hit five of seven free throws to take a 37-32 lead with 14 seconds left. A Kempa three-pointer off an inbound play made it 37-35 with two seconds as the final buzzer

'It was a lot better tonight, but still really a long way to go as far as where we need to be, but we're making some progress, which is what I'd like to see out of these guys right now," Tass said. "I'd just like to see on either side of the ball a little bit more competi tiveness, some more aggressive

the second period. Earning assists were VanNorman, Carson Gatt and

Grosse Pointe cut the lead in half

at the 11:46 mark of the second peri-

posts and into the back of the net to

The Shamrocks hardly noticed,

three in the third period to domi-

Brady Jones on a power play to make it a 3-1 game in the second

before Michael Babcock, Green

of the net in the final stanza for the

scoring one more in the second and

nate the game. Steven Haydon took

assistance from Charlie Green and

od, scoring on a shot by Anthony Saleh that made its way past the

make it a 2-1 contest.

two from Nolan Gluchowski.

play well. When we don't get that way, we don't play well. We just need to fight more.'

Novi senior Alex King add-Smutny led Saline with 11 points. The loss to Saline was an improvement on Novi's 50-29 season-opening loss Dec. 6 at Walled Lake Central (1-0).

Cadwell had 13 points and Kem pa had 11 points to lead the Wildcats, but Jocz was the only other Novi player to score with five points and a team-high five rebounds. King had four

"We just didn't have the fight and didn't really play hard that game and got physically pushed around," Tass said of the Central The 'Cats put up a solid showing in a 53-47 loss Friday at Walled

Lake Northern (2-0) with point

contributions from seven differ-Cadwell again led the way with 16 points, as King dropped in nine and Kempa had seven. Other scoring came from Jocz (six points, 17 ounds), McKinney (five points, four rebounds, two steals) and two ints apiece from Ivy (two steals)

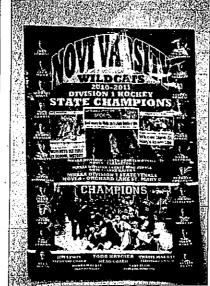
and senior Ignance Bernotas 'I think one of our goals is dai y improvement," Tass said. "If we can focus on that and the little things we'll get better and, come February, we'll be a pretty darn

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and

6-1 final. Earnings assists on the

two-minute penalties.

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nine rebounds to go with three points while Lausch

had six points and two rebounds. Also adding

to the comeback, which

quarter finish, were

Seelenbinder (three points, two rebounds, four steals), Schubring (two

Robinson (four points),

points), D'Annibale (one

point, three rebounds).

writer and former staff writer for the Novi News.

The Division I state championship banner signifying Novi's accomplishment last season was unveiled during the first intermission of the Wildcats' Nov. 30 game against Livonia Churchill at Novi Ice Arena. The banner features individual photos of each player and headlines from local newspapers such as the Novi News (center headline)

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final three goals were Haydon (2), Babcock, Green and Wanko. The game was a bit more intense than many of Catholic Central's contests with the Shamrocks getting hit with six penalties and Grosse Pointe North earning sev en trips to the penalty box. All were

Earning the victory was Derek Moore, who stopped 18 shots on the night while Kyle Cosens took the loss as he was peppered with 35 shots on goal and stopped 29.

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the game is being called." The Hornets restricted most of the Wildcats offensively, but couldn't contain McMahan, who had a game-high 26 points on 8-for-15 shoot ing. Along with her five ounds and five steals the young point guard helped Novi regain the

"Ally is playing through an injury and Jade is coming off an injury so hope-fully they continue to get better," Kelp said. lead with a 12-1 thirdquarter run.
"(We) switched from Chris Jackett is a freelance the foul trouble," Kelp

Antolec pulled down

Kurcz, Dooley, Talbott, Tokarz and Hicks were all members of the seventh-place state finals team last year a team, no one aims higher than the squads over at Detroit Catholic Central

Quite typically, each team indicates they want to do well in the league they play in and then make a run at the state finals. The ski team, coached by Tom Gable in his 20th season as a head

CC ski team hopes to

Shamrocks return plenty of

talent for 2011-12 campaign

Last year, the Shamrocks finished seventh in the state, took second in their regional, won the Catholic High School League and finished second in the Mount Brighton League.
This year, they are looking to once again do their best at each of those lev-

coach, is no different.

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

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els, all while find ways to improve. "Our goals are to race as a team, using

every opportunity to learn what it takes to win at each level," said Gable. Gable noted that the team goals are the easiest to accomplish-not that they are any year. The Mt. Brighton League is once again full of talent with Catholic Central, Okemos and Birmingham as olic League, Brother Rice will be look-

ing to challenge for the title. Gable is happy with the fact that his team came into the season already showing improvement in their slalom events, though he admits that they are looking to improve even more for the giant slalom. Having a vast amount of experience isn't going to hurt, however Catholic Central returns Damon Rottermond, Ian Pierce, Erik Kurcz, John Dooley, Joe Talbott, Alex Tokarz and

ile Pierce was second-team All-State Slalom last season, finishing 12th in the state final, seventh at the regional and fifth at the CHSL championship.

Rottermond is the skier all eyes will be on from the very start this year, and one that the Shamrocks will be expecting to lead by example. He is the returning giant slalom state champion and fourth-place slalom finisher. He was first-team All-State in both events and the regional champion in the sla-lom and the CHSL title winner in the

"The team was young last season, skiing only one senior," Gable noted, "Last year, learning to handle the pressure for a run at the states was difficult. Each racer now understands the value of learning how to cope with that pressure to succeed."
Seniors on this year's team include

Rottermond, Pierce, Kurcz and Dooley while juniors are Hicks, Tokarz, Talbott,

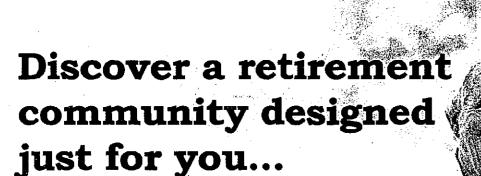
Derek Schira and Sean Kageff. Rottermond, Piece and Kurcz are this year's team cantains.

The Shamrocks will be able to get in some practice time now that some of the local slopes opened up thanks to the cooler weather. Their first event will be Jan. 10 at the Mount Brighton Tournament, which will feature 10 teams in

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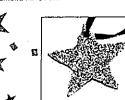
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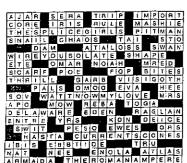
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