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The public is invited to attend a free January 21 presentation of the book "Have We Possibly Met Before? And Other Short Stories" by German author Susana Piontek at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21 at Fox Run (41000 13 Mile Road, Novi); RSVP to Mel. Tansill@Erickson. com.

She will be joined in this book review/ commentary by her well-known husband, Dr. Guy Stern, a retired Wayne State University professor and current director of the International Institute of the Righteous at the Holocaust Museum. Stern translated the book from German to English.

Piontek is a seasoned author who has published numerous stories in a wide range of books and magazines in Europe. This is her first book for an English-speaking audience. The book offers seventeen short stories that surprise, shock, question conventions, and always end surprisingly.

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Police looking to community for help

New program allows residents to view incidents in their area

By Nathan Mueller Staff Writer

Novi Director of Public Safety/ Chief of Police David Molloy is of the belief that "an informed community is a prepared community."

So in an effort to better inform residents of crimes occurring in the city, the Novi Police Department is partnering with The Omega Group and Oakland County's Courts Law Enforcement Management Information System (CLEMIS) to provide current information on where crimes are occurring.

By using www.crimemapping. com, residents can see reported criminal activity in an area, determine the type of crime and

"If we can get information out so people can see where incidents are taking place, they can be of assistance to us and they can help us solve some of these crimes."

DAVID MOLLOY Novi director of public safety/chief of police

see when crimes have been taking place.

Molloy said the department has been working on this program for a little while and is glad to see it come to fruition.

"If we can get information out so people can see where incidents are taking place, they can be of assistance to us and they can help us solve some of these

crimes," he said.

The Novi Police Department has lost roughly 11 percent of its uniform officers over the last few years due to cuts, and thus there are fewer eyes and ears in Novi neighborhoods.

And while Molloy would like to have those bodies back, he understands the times and has his department poised to have

ONLINE

To view Novi's crime map, visit www.cityofnovi.org and go to the Novi Police Department page. Residents with an iPhone may also download an application to view the information.

continued success.

"We need to do things differently and come up with alternative solutions to prevent crimes," he said. "But when crimes take place, you have to have the information and wherewithal to engage the community and say help us the best you can."

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JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Novi High freshman Katera Price delivers her speech on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., to a panel of judges on Jan. 5. Price and two other students gave speeches that day that they hoped would be presented at Novi's annual "Unity in the Community" event on



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Novi High School student Narsh Raghunathan delivers his speech on the importance of following Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s non-violent ways on Jan. 5.

Woman follows dream of being an actress

'Plant Diaries' gives intimate look into lives of auto workers

By Nathan Mueller Staff Writer

Novi resident Ilene Abramson is proof that it's never too late to chase a childhood dream.

Abramson, who has her Ph.D. in higher education and taught for many years before being laid off in 2008, always enjoyed being on stage, and last spring started acting on a paid

She has had a few minor roles and served as an extra since getting back into acting. Her most recent role is in the upcoming production of Plant Diaries, playing Jan. 13-15 at the Ford Community and

Performing Arts Center. Abramson said she enjoys acting because she likes using her skills to "express a good story to other people."

"If Mother Nature gave me the gift of expressing those stories, it would be a crime if I didn't use it," she said. "All the roles I have had have been so moving.' Plant Diaries, writ**DETAILS** The Ford Commu-

nity and Performing Arts Center is located at 15801 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn, Tickets can be purchased at the door, by calling (313) 943-2345 or online at www.tentwenty-two.com. The show starts at 8 p.m. all three days, Jan. 13-15.

ten and directed by Des Lamont, tells the story of what it is like to work in the Detroit auto industry, complete with the ups and downs. Abramson is playing a factory worker with a lot of issues, a role she feels comfortable handling thanks to her background.

She said teaching English to international adults gave her a taste of the obstacles they have to overcome, seeing as many of them worked in factories and on the line.

The play, she believes, will give people a "new understanding of what

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Day becomes a day of service **UNITY IN THE**

COMMUNITY.

What: Community event honoring the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. When: 7 p.m. Monday, Jan.

Where: Novi High School Other: Everyone in the community is invited and asked to bring canned. goods for a local food bank By Nathan Mueller Staff Writer

Honoring the dream

Teacher hopes Martin Luther King

There is nothing Korey Nuckolls would love more than seeing the Novi Community School District change how it treats Martin Luther King Day.

Instead of giving students the day off, as it currently does, the high school teacher dreams of a day of service where the students use the day to remember King and give back.

"Talk is cheap," he said. "We must stop talking and start doing."

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what he stood for and how

MLK DAY

And for the sixth straight year, Nuckolls and the Students Promoting Unity and Diversity club at the school are trying to "walk the walk" by hosting a Unity in the Community Program at 7 p.m. Monday at

Novi High School. The theme for the event, which features dancing. spoken word, singing and dramatic performances. a speech from Supt. Steve Matthews and more, is Stop Talking, Start Doing The entire community is invited to the event and asked to bring canned goods that will be donated

o local food banks. Narsh Raghunathan, a senior who competed in an oratorical contest last week about what King's dream means to him, said he hopes he can imitate King in his life. "It's a day you represent

some of his legacy and

you can promote his principles in your life." he said. Katera Price, a freshman at the school, is excited about Monday's program because it's "a good way to bring together in one place.' "Equality and peace are important to me, and it's

important to have diversity in the community." she said. "At the end of the day, everyone is the same." Nuckolls said "the best is yet to come" in the school district from King's message, and he said it will continue to have an impact as long as the message is consistent

and everyone buys in. "Victory has not been won," he said. "We cannot be complacent. It cannot be just one or two people - everyone needs to join in. It needs to be a district-wide mission."

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A panel of judges listens to students' MLK speeches on Jan. 5. From right are Dr. Steve Matthews, Bob Steeh, David Ascher, Nicole Carter and Nicole Cotton.

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Novi students benefit from bell ringing

Woman comes back to donate \$100

By Nathan Mueller

The bells have been put away for the season, but the experience Novi High School senior Ben Rathi got from being a bell ringer for the Salvation Army is something that will last forever.

This was his third straight year being a bell ringer through the high school's Interact Club, and he said the day of service is always enjoyable. "I learned to be thankful for what I have, and

feels gratifying and fulfilling," he said. Rathi was joined at Twelve Oaks Mall in mid-December by club members Mrudhulaa Shyam, Matthew George, Namathra Atluri, Patrick Renner, Will Li, Nathan Louie, Anhitha Thipparthi, Valerie Fraser and Alyssa Yarrish, all who signed up on a first-come first-serve basis. There

were so many volunteers

volunteering for those

less privileged always

The highlight for Rathi came after he held the door for a woman entering Lord and Taylor who said she didn't have any money on her at the time but would be back to donate. Some people say that and never return. but the woman didn't disappoint, coming back to Rathi's door and putting \$100 in his box.

that some even had to be

"That's the most I have ever seen, and I have to say, it was extremely generous of her to do so," he

He said he encourages more students to volunteer because it make them feel good to know that the money raised is going to help others through tough times.

"It's especially rewarding when you see someone donate a large sum of money and say 'thank you' to the bell ringers,"

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Winter provides recreational opportunities

By Philip Allmer

online at hometownlife.com

Grant Kirchner learned how to fish with his grandton Metropark's ice fishing for beginners program. The Commerce teen has been hooked ever

"It's a fun thing to do instead of sitting around watching television in the winter," said Kirchner, a Lakeland High School

The metropark will hold four ice fishing classes this winter for kids and adults interested in learning more about the sport

They take you out there, and they have all the stuff for you to use,' Kirchner said. "We did catch fish."

The program starts with some classroom learning about the equipment and techniques needed to fish through a hole in the ice. And if weather permits. participants will head out on Wildwing Lake to drop a line in the water and test their newfound skills.

Mike Broughton, an interpreter at Kensington's Nature Center, said winter is the only time

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Brian Daniels spends an afternoon last winter ice fishing. Kensington Metropark will hold several introductory ice fishing classes in January and February.

that Wildwing Lake can be pre-drill holes through the ice before the program, fished — only the western end is open to fishing saving those learning to and more wintertime fishfish from a little extra ermen set up on adjacent work. But if the weather Kent Lake so there's less doesn't cooperate, no one pressure on Wildwing. will venture out on the ice 'Hardly anyone fishes it

gill out of that lake."

Safety first

"We offer it four times that often in the winter," Sometimes the ice isn't Broughton said, "There's ready yet." Broughton decent size perch and blue explained, "We're hedge ing our bets. We need a certain thickness of ice to take people out. We'd love Metropark staff will

DETAILS

will hold four ice fishing for beginners classes: Jan. 21 and 28 and Feb. 4 and 11. The three-hour programs run 1-4 p.m. and include classroom and outdoor time at the nature center. They are open to kids ages 6 and older, as well as adults. A fishing license is required for those 17 years of age and older, \$5 per person fishing, and registration is required by calling (248) 685-1561.

"Right now it's looking scary for the ice. It's been

> The Kirchner family lives on Lake Sherwood Grant Kirchner said he checks the ice's thickness by drilling holes through the ice at the end of his dock. The neighborhood association notes problem spots throughout the lake in its newsletter, and often he'll wait until he sees others on the ice with their snowmobiles or fourwheelers before heading

out himself Six inches of ice typical-

That's the same thickness Kensington staff wants for its winter pro-

grams. But there are oth er considerations, as well, according to Broughton. New ice is preferred because it's stronger than old ice. When drilling through the ice, the angle can determine its age by its color and amount of air pockets. New ice is clearer and has fewer air pockets, which forms after snow falls, then freezes or ice. Old ice is whiter and not translucent. The old-

needs to be, said Brough-There are no specifics regulations at Kensington on when the ice is usable Common sense, he added,

er the ice, the thicker it

plays a major role. "It's strictly up to the person on when it's safe to go out there," said

Different sport Those accustomed to sitting in a fishing boat or casting from shore during the warm summer months need to adjust to ice fishing. Different poles, hooks and bait are needed when

out on the ice. Short poles

are needed, and anglers jig, instead of casting and reeling. Jigging involves lightly bouncing the line at a certain depth. Smaller

hooks and bait are needed. "It's a completely different type of thing," said Broughton. "It's harder to get the fish in the winter time. The fish have slowed way down, because they're coldblooded."

Kirchner said he's been asking for ice fishing gear as presents ever since he learned of the sport. This Christmas, he received an

"The lake isn't frozen (yet)," he said Friday. "It's bumming me out." Kensington has some

ice fishing gear to loan for its beginners programs. Broughton said basic rigs can be purchased at retail-

ers for as little as \$10. The metropark allows anglers to keep fishing shanties on Kent Lake throughout winter if registered with the park office. Otherwise, those fishing are not allowed to leave anything on the ice overnight.

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lannah, one of the sows at Kensington Metropark's Farm Center, gave birth to a litter of 10 piglets on Dec. 21. This piglet, photographed at a day old, and its siblings will be sold

Piglets join Kensington farm center stable

By Philip Allmen

tions at the Kensington Metropark Farm Center arrived just in time for Christmas.

Hannah, one of the metropark's sows, gave birth to a litter of 10 piglets Dec. 21. It was the Yorkshire pig's fifth litter. She's given birth to 53

"It was a perfect birth," said Chris Williams, one of the interpreters at the center. "It was nice: over and done with before

raised for the next month weaned off their mother. Then, Kensington sells the piglets to area farms. Williams said Kensington is one of the last farms in

farm animals like pigs, which typically are sold within a 3-mile radius. Piglets are usually sold to families who raise and process them, as well as for 4-H projects.

"I usually see a few at the fairs - Fowlerville and Oakland County, said Williams. At birth, the piglets

weigh 1-3 pounds, but by four months can be 125 pounds and 400 pounds by the time they are a year old. On average, piglets gain a pound of weight per day. That rate slows down after a year.

The pigs at Kensington - there are five sows at the farm right now give birth year-round. Typically the pigs produce two litters per year, said Williams. He expects the next litter in spring. Pigs have a gestation period of three months three weeks and three

days, according to Wil-

Kensington's pigs are among the most popular barnyard animals at the families stop in regularly to check the status of them, particularly with the expectant mothers. A goat is due in February, the next major birth

expected at the farm. The park maintains a fairly steady stable of animals, including six horses, three cows, six goats, 16 sheep six pigs, three rabbits, a donkey and about 30 ducks and

Kensington Metropark's Farm Center is free and open to the public, although a motor vehicle entry pass is required The center is open daily 9

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State's university boards to be reduced?

A proposal to re-evaling boards is being viewed as a threat to autonomy by university officials, and a step toward improving students' access to higher education by some law-

makers. House Bill 5000 would create a 13-member Unithat would issue annu al reports about the efficiency of the governance of Michigan's 13 taxpay-

er-funded universities. State Rep. Bill Rogers (R-Genoa Township), a cosponsor of the bill. said the proposed commission doesn't have a specified direction but that its initial focus may be to determine whether multiple university boards are necessary.

He said the prospect of reducing the number of university boards wouldn't reduce autonomy the boards currently enjoy, nor infringe on competition among universities to draw students. "I don't know that

there's any hard-core direction. It's more the conversation," Rogers said of the proposal. kind of making things

nore efficient," he added. The University of Michigan, Michigan State University and Wayne State University have their boards elected in statewide elections as required

The other state universities, including Oakland University and Eastern Michigan University. have boards appointed by the governor. Reducing the number of university boards would be arguably the

opposite of a new law that allowed number of K-12 charter schools in Michigan by 2015. more centralized. In pushing for that mea-

sure, lawmakers said having unlimited charter schools would increase competition among pubdents more options. Rogers said another

House bill would expand competition among universities by allowing community colleges to offer bachelor's degrees specifically in the fields of cement technology, maritime technology, energy production technology and culinary arts. Under that bill, com-

munity colleges could grant bachelor's degrees in nursing, but only if approved by the Michigan Board of Nursing. That proposal, House Bill 4496, was passed in the House and has sat in com mittee since late June.

Rogers said most Michigan voters have never met let alone read about candidates for the U-M, MSU or Wayne State boards. He said most voters have no connection to the people representing their taxpay er-supported universities.

"We need to get it to where people will maybe take the time and know," he said. Michigan has a unique

governance system for public higher education

The legislation, against the backdrop of tenof the state's 13 taxpayer-funded universities and whether it should be

At their best, university system boards allow states to think in a coorhow to produce an educated work force. At their worst, such systems and boards become expensive bureaucracies producing red tape for campuses. experts said.

Individual Michigan universities quickly opposed the commission

politics," said Martin Taylor, a Democratic member of the University of Michigan's Board of Regents.

The commission proposal, introduced in September, also would charge the commission with analyzing universisight and reviewing higher education governance in other states

The bill calls for 11 of 13 commissioners to have voting rights. Of those 11 members, four would be state residents not officially associated with a state university, appointed by the governor.

The two nonvoting members of the commission would be the state superintendent of schools and director of the Department of Technology, Management and Budget.

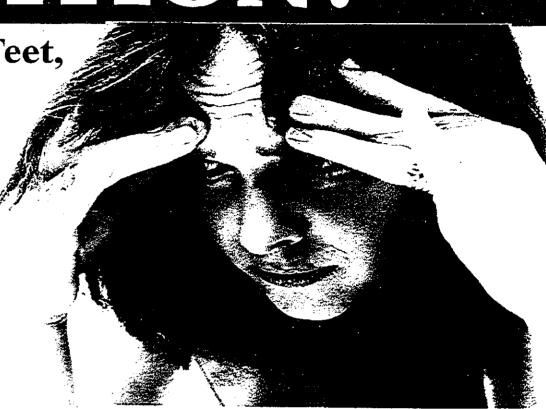
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Northville musician travels, but finds local audiences great, too

Donna Lee Holman's 1998 Jeep Wrangler, which she still owns and drives, inspired a song she wrote, "This Old

Jeep." Holman, 36, of Northville, has been a musician some 20 years. She recalled her graduation from Livonia Franklin High, and her wish for a Jeep. Her late grandmother got her a Hot Wheels toy instead.

Later, Holman could afford the real thing, and went to trade in the Jeep but didn't like the trade-in price. At the dealership she recalled her grandmother's liking ladybugs. "My whole Jeep was filled with ladybugs," said Holman, who's a vocalist, plays guitar and is learning piano. "I took

that as a sign. Chrysler Corp. has expressed interest in "This Old Jeep" for a commercial, good news for Holman.

She performs noon to 2 p.m. each Wednesday at The Next Chapter Book store & Bistro in downtown Northville, with husband Ron Harkrader, who plays upright bass and guitar. "I play some light percussion, too," Holman

She's opened for Rascal Flatts, Kid Rock and others. Holman was on a Fox 2 morning broadcast Dec. playing "Cool Water." the title song off her CD. "Everybody was com-

plimenting me," she said of the recent TV appearance. "It went really

"Cool Water" originated

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Donna Lee Holman sings at Northville's Next Chapter bookstore on Dec. 7. Her session that day was filmed by the Jeep Corp. as Holman sang a song about her own Jeep Wrangler - and the adventures they've had together.

with her Facebook posts, daydreaming of a party for friends on Maui.

"Later on that day it ust clicked," she said. She lists as musical influences Jack Johnson and "I also like Diana Krall," along with James

Taylor. She performs, often with others, at summer festivals and concerts in this area. Colder weather takes her to such places as Florida and Tennessee to perform, and Holman, who grew up in Livonia,

lived for five years in Nashville. She's working now with an entertainment attorney and promotional people to place her songs in

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now," she said. "I love writing music.'

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She'd like an independent deal. Holman, who earned an associate's degree in graphic design from Schoolcraft College. is putting a band together and hopes to tour.

She and her husband have a dog who's "spoiled to death." They lived in Northville 2008-10, then Plymouth, and are back in the city of Northville "It's really neat," she

said of their hometown. "I love it. It's just really, really great. I just love the people here. It's probably one of my favorite places in Michigan to

Her husband's also an

forms with him and with

In addition to Wednesdays, the couple also performs occasionally Friday nights at The Next Chapter, and they like the "They seem to like it

because it's unique," she said of customers. "It's really kind of neat that I'm able to do that. The people are very receptive. At the bookstore, they do a range from Patsy Cline to Norah Jones,

'unique classics that people like to listen to.' Holman and others are also raffling off a guitar, with proceeds to Last Chance Dog and Cat Rescue. Additional information on the raffle is available on Holman's website, www. donnasongwriter.com.

METROPARK CALENDAR

General: 2011 annual parking and boat launch permits are available at the park office. Vehicle entry permits are \$25; senior citizen \$15. Boat launching permits are \$30; senior citizen \$15. The HCMA and Oakland County Parks permits, valid within both park systems, are \$48. Daily entry fee is \$5.

Note: For more information for registration, call the Kensington Park office at (248) 685-1561 or (800) 477-3178. The Nature Center office phone number is (248) 685-0603. Pre-registration required for programs and a \$2 fee per person unless stated otherwise. Park hours are 6 a.m.-10 p.m. daily.

Nature Center

Bears: Sharing Your World with Wildlife: Saturday, Jan. 14, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Nature Center. All requirements for this badge will be met during this indoor/outdoor program. Fee: \$5 per Scout. Preregistration required. Winter Wildlife Walk: Sunday, Jan. 15, 2 p.m. Many kinds of wildlife stay active during the winter months. Join an interpreter and search for winter birds and mammais. Fee: \$3 per person. Bring binoculars and wear boots. For ages 6 years and older. Preregistration

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Horse-Drawn Hayrides or Sleigh rides: weekends, noon-4 p.m. Take a relaxing horse-drawn hayride or sleigh ride (snow conditions permitting) past the fields and through the woods. Hayrides are \$3 per child, \$5 per

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ployed, unemployed or worried that the very next day you may be laid off. It will give people a front row seat that looks

into an automotive plant, and by watching you will experience love, passion patience, gratitude and the family atmosphere in the Detroit automotive industry," she said.

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Artist at work Vic Leo works in glass, steel in 'more of a structural form'

Northville glass artist Vic Leo holds up his creation 'Strata' at his home on Dec. 1. Strata

took Best of Show at a University of Michigan show that ended Oct. 27. To create the

glass vase's colorful design, Leo needs to keep the piece at more than 2,000 degrees

a few years ago at the

Habitat Galleries in Roy-

He added, "Glass and

lights work beautifully

Glass artist Vic Leo puts a creation of his into the red hot

Vic Leo's artwork, as well as that of artists he's learned from and respects, is prominent in the Northville Township home he shares with wife Kathleen Ripley Leo.

Vic Leo, 68, started as a glassblower in the mid-1980s at the then-Center for Creative Studies in Detroit. He now works in glass and steel and recently received Best of Show honors for a piece, 'Strata," at a University of Michigan-Dearborn

"Kathleen and I started collecting glass at the very beginning of the glass movement in this country," said Leo, a Ford Motor Co. retiree from the Executive Development Center with a master's degree in labor and industrial relations. That glass movement, much based nearby in Toledo, Ohio, will mark its 50th anniversary next year.

Fahrenheit for 20 days.

flames on a furnace.

do paperweights, I will

not do Christmas orna-

At the recent U-M-

Dearborn show, Leo

received a \$500 Best

of Show prize. That all-

media show was juried by

B.B. Winslow, director of

the Alden B. Dow Muse-

um of Science and Art at

the Midland Center for

"I was really blown

away," he said of the hon-

or. "It was really great."

Leo also competed in

ids Art Prize event that

ran through Oct. 9. The

Fifth Third Bank.

he'd won that.

\$250,000, sponsored by

"You've got to produce pretty big stuff"

drew many artists, and

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Leo is concentrating

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piece, featuring a globe

magnets and solar cells

The companion piece,

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His "Opera Singer"

and he plans to do a com-

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"I always was interested in the fundamentals of that art form," he said. Meeting artists and learning about their work prompted him to begin CCS studies.

'We were collecting these people and we wanted to know how tough it was on them." Kathleen said of the art "I found that I was

developing strongly and I was moving in that direction," her husband said. In 2002, he began to call himself an artist. In 2005, he began with steel, welding and machining work at Schoolcraft College. Leo continues to work at Schoolcraft for that part of his work, renting at Baron Glassworks in Ypsilanti for the glasswork. His work is at Starring the Gallery in downtown Northville and the Lansing Art Gallery in that city, where it's sold.

"The objective was to put the glass in more of a structural form," he said "Who knows what's next? I just work where I want to work."

Discipline needed Leo explained a new art form takes dedication, experience and work to start. "If you're going to be serious about it, you have to get into the discipline. I think stone is

The couple has two grown sons, Mark and Joe, who grew up in Northville, attending Winchester Elementary, Meads Mill Middle School and Northville High. Mark's now in Arizona and Joe in Maine, and the Leos have two grandchildren ages 2 ½ and two

"We encouraged them 'Go out, the world's your oyster," he said. The senior Leos have been married 41 years, in Northville since 1978, and she's a writer, poet and novelist who teaches at Schoolcraft. "She works in the ver-

bal and I work in the visu al," he said. Their sons grew up around his artwork and admired it and nothing was ever bro-

"This is a perfect place to raise a family," she said. They enjoy the Northville Commons subdivision where they live. and appreciate the great school district. "We got the old image

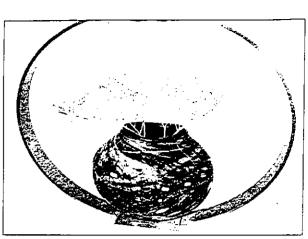
of sending our kids off the proximity of their Leo likes his freedom to explore free of commercial pressures, which he

Leo works with an assissays parallels the glass movement. "Now I'm "That kind of weight going to see how far I can and heat just really taxgo in the art world. I can es you," he said. He's also take my time and work out the vision. I will not had work in a juried show

He owns a piece called "Gripped" by Harvey Littleton, the father of contemporary glass, as well as pieces by other artists, including some from other countries 'Within 50 years, it became phenomenal all

across the world," he said of the glass movement. which emerged from factories with artists doing their own thing in glass. The form is working to take its place alongside painting and other more established forms.

"I'm drawn to what these artists were doing," he said. He doesn't copy the big teachers in the movement, but their work influences his.



Leo has begun to sculpt the frames for his glass vases, like this stainless steel enclosure that he created at a studio at



Vic Leo utilizes Schoolcraft College's metal fabricating studio to do his welding.

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Teaching is all about touching heads and hearts

rs. Hixenbaugh. my fourth grade eacher, was eccentric. She was six feet tall, drove a Stude baker, wore a wig and promised a Hershey candy bar and a dollar bill to any student who had perfect attendance.

On my last day of fourth grade, two exciting things happened to me. First, Mrs. Hixenbaugh gave me a dollar bill and a Hershev candy bar. Perfect attendance has its rewards.

And second, Mrs. Hixenbaugh took off her wig. It was a wildly exciting day for a fourth grade student, and my fourth grade class was alive that

Mrs. Hixenbaugh was one of my favorite teach-

Some might argue that Mrs. Hixenbaugh had it all wrong. Some might argue that these somewhat zany antics were not really what fourth grade students needed School is about learn-

ing. School is about learning to think, write, com-School is no place for fun. stand that is about student

learning.

If we can

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have failed.

onstrate to our students, our parents and our community that students learn in our schools then we will

And Mrs. Hixenbaugh knew that. She let me know that I could do better on our state assessment. She encouraged me to write. She focused us as a class on reading. All these years later I can still remember specific assignments and activities we did in her class. Mrs. Hixenbaugh challenged me to be a better

But schools also need to be a place where a student feels connected. Teachers who touch a stu dent's heart as well as the student's head end up helping that student be more successful academ-

And Mrs. Hixenbaugh knew that. She communicated to me that I mat

important. She made me feel like she was happy to have me in her class-

dous challenges today. The expectations for school have increased dramatically since I was voung. Mrs. Hixenbaugh taught me many years ago a lesson that I will never forget - every student matters. That lesson is as important today as it was when I

Mrs. Hixenbaugh communicated every day that we were important to her and that what we were doing in class was impor tant. She knew that fourth grade students needed to be motivated and encour-

My hope, and our goal, is that every student in our district will know that they matter. If we can help our students under stand that important truth then I have no doubt

superintendent of the Nov Community Schools District He can be reached at smatthews@novi.k12.mi.us: (248) 437-1204: www.twitter. com/docsmatthews: or www.novisuperintendent. blogspot.com

NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS

St. Catherine website

St. Catherine of Siena Academy has launched its new Drupal-based website at http://www.saintcatherineacademy. org. The spectacularly redesigned site, created by the design team at Advance ment Design Associates, represents St. Catherine's commitment to communication in light of the growing needs of

its parents, students, friends, and benefactors. The site's home page welcomes visitors with new colors and a photo gallery that reflects St. Catherine's mission and philosophy of education. From there, users can choose from a variety of tabs offering additional information on academics, student life, athletics, campus ministry, and development.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Many people are wrongly rejected when they apply for Social Security Disability benefits. Money was aken out of their ecurity taxes to ensur they could no longer work full-time. Sadly, th

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Christmas party



St. Catherine of Siena Academy hosted its first annual Christmas party on Dec. 15. The event was open to SCA families as well as to those who are considering St. Catherine's as an option for their daughter's high school. The event was a great success thanks to the help and organization of several SCA moms and staff members. The guests were warmly welcomed by Kathy Tarnacki, St. Catherine's principal. Allie Barsh, a sophomore and member of the first graduating class of SCA, spoke to the attendees, sharing her story of how she came to St. Catherine's and what the school has meant to her. She was followed by her mom, Michelle Barsh, who compared her daughter's choice in high school to finding the piece of the puzzle that had been missing in her family's life. Pictured (from left) are Jenna Rogers, Erin Gries and Angela Mascari, all members of the class of 2015.

Dinner is served

Teen boys help keep spaghetti dinners going at Milford Senior Center

By Aileen Wingblad

A group of teenage boys are carrying on the tradition started last year by their fellow students at Catholic Central High School in Novi - helping to keep the spaghetti din ners at the Milford Senior Center going each month.

The popular meals of pasta, garlic bread and salads were suspended for months in 2010 because the seniors who put on the fundraising event — some who are 80-plus years old --were finding it physically exhausting to continue. ĆC students were among the community members who stepped forward to assist, and one year later

they are still at it. "I just like doing it. I like being around everybody and just helping out the community," said CC sophomore Bryan Abell Abell, a Milford resident, was on the spaghet ti dinner crew last year vice this year as head of the seven-member student volunteer team. He said they work about five hours for each din-

ner, setting up tables and

ware, serving beverages clearing tables and washing dishes

Austin Smith are two other student volunteers. They agree it's a nice way to spend an evening once a month - in service to "It's kind of rewarding, giving you a sense

Brothers Cullen and

of doing something for someone — and a lot of seniors come up and-say how much they apprecismall dinner to us, but to some of them, it's a really big deal." Austin recalled how he and another CC volun-

teer, Carter Cerretani. spotted an older man "sit ting all by himself" at a previous spaghetti dinner and decided he needed a friendly welcome. "Me and Carter went over there, sat down and talked to him for awhile, Austin said.

Max Kirschke, vice president of the Milford Senior Center. Inc. Board of Directors, is full of praise for the CC volunteers. "What they've ghetti dinners possible And it's important to say

how good they are dong they are really great kids," he said. Along with Abell, the Smith brothers and Cerretani, the other CC students who help out are Brent Jones, Jim my Russell and Adam

Gawronski.

The dinners are prepared by volunteer chef Tim Brandt, Milford Township's building official, and are usually held on the first Friday of the month at the Milford Senior Center, from 5-7 p.m. For \$7, enjoy all-you can-eat spaghetti, salad and garlic bread. There are also drinks and desserts. Proceeds go to support special programs at

"It's working out very, very well," said Nancy Hinzmann, Milford Senior Center director

Among those at the January dinner was Sandi Timoschuk, who said she and her husband, Walt, try to attend every month "We love it — we love the sauce. We come as much as we can," she said.

The next Milford Senio Center spaghetti dinner scheduled for Feb. 3.

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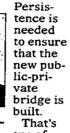
Gianna Galli, right, and Elisabeth Moore, left, were part of a group of Northville High School varsity dance company members who put on a holiday dance party on Dec. 22 in Novi. The party, that ran through the afternoon, was attended by 57 youngsters and was a fundraiser for the dance company for its expenses through the year

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Bridge building material: vision. leadership and persistence

By Tom Watkins

vision, leadership and persistence will ultimately build the New International Trade Crossing between Detroit and Windsor, Ontario.



the lessons to be learned from how a previous ture came together to build a bridge — and our state - over a half cen-

tury ago. Fifty-four years ago, Michigan's governor, awmakers, businesses, abor and citizens across tiful peninsulas, the Mackinac Bridge.

Like today, the quest to build the Mackinac Bridge produced navsayers who questioned its need and feasibility and claimed the financ ing "scheme" to pay for the construction of the bridge was unworkable

Yet our political leaders then, chief among them Gov. G. Mennen "Soapy" Williams, were able to overcome the obstacles and build the bridge. Today, we have a beautiful span that stands as a reminder of our capability to overcome insurmountable

Why were our elected leaders then able to build a bridge many thought impossible? Because of vision, lead ership and persistence

The Mackinac Bridge opened to traffic on Nov. 1. 1957. In the souvenir book celebrating the grand opening. a section titled "the legislative story" reads: "it is a symbol of progress in Michigan, progress made possible by co-operation, by the unity of purpose and by the devotion to the idea on the part of leaders in the Legislature, state administration and interested citizens." It concludes with this sentence: "Application of the same spirit to other fields will bring a great deal

of prosperity in Michigan and make our state a better place in which to work and live.'

We can only wish this sentiment would have spilled over to today. Gov. Williams wrote

in his welcome letter in the same souvenir book "In a larger sense, this bridge is more than just the world's greatest bridge of steel and concrete. It's also a symbol of the Michigan spirit — the spirit of a people for whom no obstacle is too wide, no job too big, no undertaking too dif-The New Internation-

al Trade Crossing, of course, is being held hostage by the owner of the existing Ambassador Bridge, Matty Moroun, and his money and legislative influence. Michigan should be

building a second bridge and putting people to work, not playing political games. Building the new bridge benefits our economic future and makes all the sense in the world.

Canada is our largest

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take the advice of our

30th president, Calvin

Coolidge, when he said

"Nothing in the world

persistence. Talent will

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Matty Moroun's money

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vision and leadership to

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Time will tell if he has

the persistence to per-

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Location: Comfort Suites in Wixom (northwest corner of Wixom Road and Grand River Avenue)

Details: Sam Singh, candidate for State House of Representatives for the Lansing / East Lansing area, will speak. Singh is a former mayor of East Lan sing and a senior consultant with New Economy Initiative for Southeast Michigan. Meet snacks at 6 p.m.; meeting at 7 Free and open to the public Contact: http://www.my

CONVERSATIONS IN HEALTH

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Location: Providence Park Hospital (southwest corner of Beck Road and Grand River Avenue, Novi) in conference rooms A. B and C (Enter the campus off of Beck Road and continue straight to the building's Heart Institute en trance. The conference rooms are located immediately to

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays Tuesday, Jan. 17: "Making Healthy Resolutions and Keep ing Them"

Thursday, Feb. 23: Controlling Hypertension Tuesday, March 27: Colorectal Cancer

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NOVI COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Fish on:

Kevin Lee helps his daughter Addison, 3, land a rainbow trout as the two fished at a previous Ultimate Fishing Show in Novi. This year's show will take place at the Suburban Collection Showplace today through Sunday. For more information, call 800-328-6550 or e-mail at events@ ShowSpan.com.

is free and includes only your name and the contact information that you would like to

THE CITY ADDRESS Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 19

Location: Baronette Renaissance Hotel, 27790 Novi Road Details: The City of Novi in Chamber of Commerce invited you to join Mayor Bob Gatt and City Council members. Cost for luncheon is \$30 pe person; seating is limited to the first 230 attendees. Send checks, payable to City of Novi, to: City of Novi, attention Robin Working, 45175 W.

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Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19 Location: Better Health Novi, 42875 Grand River, east of Novi Road.

Details: Julia Harvey, a diet "survivor" who battled morbid obesity and weighed in at more than 300 pounds, i the best selling author of "The Vice Busting Diet".

Contact: To reserve a spot, please call 248-735-8100 or log onto the betterhealthstore com or visit Better Health Market Facebook page.

NOVI CO-OP PRESCHOOL OPENHOUSE Time/Date: 10 a.m.-noon,

"Investment Fraud - Buye Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26

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Novi roads)

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Lunch & Learn Event 'Alaska – Last Frontier Time/Date: noon Thursday,

Details: Expand your world! Join and learn something new as you munch on lunch This interpretative program personal experiences traveling through the picturesque state of Alaska. Presenter will be Laurel Zoet.

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Time/Date: 7:30-9 a.m. first and third Tuesdays (except Nov. and Dec., which are just the first Tuesdays) Location: Kerby's Coney island, 21200 Haggerty Road

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Piotrowicz, who is a reg-

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Ritter & Marsoupian

Sarah Marguerite Ritter and Andrew Jason Marsoupian, both of New Baltimore, are engaged to be married in summer

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Michele Ritter and Bill Ritter, of

Macomb. She is a graduate of Eisenhower High School and is a pharmacy technician

The groom-elect is the son of David and Dawn Marsoupian, of Novi. He is a graduate of Nov High School and is a teacher at Oakland Community Technical Center.

ations engineer (PTOE), has been employed by the Road Commission for nearly 15 years, Most recently, he served as the director of the RCOC Traffic-Safety Department, which oversees the agency's traffic engineering, traffic signals, signs, guardrail and other safety-related issues. Prior to that position.

Piotrowicz served as the traffic-signal engineer

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Piotrowicz

fic Signal divi sion of the Traffic-Safety Department) and was

the project manager for RCOC's Faster And Safer Travel Through Routing & Advanced Controls (FAST-TRAC) high-tech "adaptive" traffic signal system. Prior to joining RCOC, he spent three vears with the Federal Highway Administration and also worked for a civil engineering firm.

Piotrowicz holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Michigan State University and a master's degree in transportation, also from MSU.

NOVI NEWS BRIEFS

The City of Novi Senior Center is planning a series of Saturday events that will have attendees moving,

grooving, celebrating, and competing. "This is the sixth year we have offered the Super Saturday Series, and each year everyone has a fantastic time," said Rachel Zagaroli, Senior Services manager. I am excited for 2012 themes, I know everyone will enjoy themselves and the events will bring back

Each Super Saturday event includes a meal and live entertainment. All events are from 4-6 p.m. at the Novi

swinging time!" Feb. 25 - Nifty Fifties - "Let's rock around the clock!" March 24 - South of the Border - "It's fiesta time!"

Tickets for each event are \$7 for Novi residents and \$8.50 for non-residents. Tickets must be purchased in advanced and are available at the Novi Senior Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road or the Novi Civic Center,

To learn about upcoming events, fitness classes, edu-

Designer appearing at Art Van

Interior designer Jeff Lewis will make a guest appearance at Art Van Furniture in Novi from 7-9 p.m. Jan. 12. Known for his real estate investments, interior design expertise, and personality, Lewis will offer tips and answer questions that will help Art Van Furniture guests create the homes of their dreams.

Lose weight, gain your health

InnerLink Chiropractic of Novi is part of The Maxple. On Jan. 28, Inner Link Chiropractic will be focused on weight loss. Maximized Living will help you discover how to lose more weight in less time through advanced essentials to optimal health at the 3-hour workshop.

"We are excited to offer the Maximized Living Makeover to our community," said Dr. Chris Niedzinski. "We are dedicated to teaching people how to live in true health and fulfill their goals and potential. We know this program has the power to transform lives and we are looking forward to being a part of it."

349-0300. Guests are welcomed and encouraged.

• North Oakland Health Center, 1200 N. Telegraph

Road, Southfield

Hours are noon-8 p.m. on Monday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday.

Registration is preferred. To register for a flu shot, go to www.oakgov.com/health. Clients may select the location, date and time of appointment. Online registration also provides a consent form that must be taken to the clinic where the client is pre-enrolled. Online payment options include Visa, Mastercard, Medicare and/or Medicaid. If you are unable to register online, please call (248) 858-7350 or (248) 424-7120.

Christmas classic

ed at Andiamo Novi through Jan. 15. Inspired by the classic American film, "It's a Wonderful Life" is being performed as a 1940s live radio ed by Aaron Moore, the production stars Katie Galazka, Joel Mitchell, Kirsten Knisely (Beehive!), Patrick

Showtimes are 8 p.m. Thursdays; 9 p.m. Fridays; 7 p.m. Saturdays; and 6 p.m. Sundays For reservations, call (248) 348-4448 or www.ticket-

Novi News online

Have you checked out our website? It's chock full of local news from the Novi community and is updated often. There are several cool features at www.hometownlife.com that allow you browse through the latest news and features from your neighboring communities, too, chime in with your opinion on our stories, editorials and letters to the editor, check out our amazing photo galleries and videos that are captured daily by our reporters and photographers. Readers can also find garage sale listings - with a map! - each week from Wednesday-Sunday. So, bookmark www.hometownlife.com to be sure you're always in-the-know in your hometown. You can

Wanted: vacation photos!

Take a copy of your Novi News along on your vacation and we'll publish a photo of you and your travel companions in the paper with the headline: Wish You Were Here. Just be sure to include the newspaper in your photo. Send your photo in a .jpg format to cstone@gannett.com. Identify everyone in the photo (first and last names) and tell us where they live. Tell us when the photo was taken and where. Tell us what was special about your trip, if you wish. Include a daytime phone number so we can contact you if necessary. Then look for your photo in the newspaper and on our Face-book site under WISH YOU WERE HERE!

also find us on Facebook by searching "Hometownlife."

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cational programs, or support services, call the Novi Senior Center at (248) 347-0414 or visit cityofnovi.org.

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in the Los Angeles area. Lewis has earned the title of America's most well-known house flipper from his

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For questions or to register for this event, please contact Niedzinski at InnerLink Chiropractic, (248)

Committed to a healthy new year?

Did you overindulge this holiday season? You're not alone and the City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services department offers a variety of classes to help you commit to a healthy new year. Perennial favorites such as Zumba, Zumba Gold, Basic Yoga, Power Vinyasa Yoga, Stretch and Strength, and Balance Training have sessions beginning in January. New classes including Fitness Kickboxing and Target Toning have been added this year to create a comprehensive fitness program. Classes are offered both day and evening and many take place in newly renovated fitness rooms at the Novi Civic Center. For detailed class information and to register, visit cityofnovi.org and click on the Engage! link or contact the City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services department at (248) 347-0400.

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van. Club 56. Bible Study, Quilting,

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Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m.

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Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresnyille.org 11 a.m. Sunday Worship Time: 9:30, 11 a.m. Single Place

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BEAN, JENNIFER NICOLE

Age 30, died on January 7, 2012. She is survived by her daughters

Audree and Ivory and their father

Jacqueline Bean; grandmother, June Bean; step-brothers, Mark

Kibler II. Ryan and Johnathan

and many aunts, uncles, cousins,

nieces, nephews and dear triends.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Karen Bean, and a sister,

Jessica. Jennifer has worked as a special needs bus driver with the

livingston Educational Service

Cemetery. Friends may visit Thursday 2-9PM. For further

nformation please phone 248-684-6645 or visit

www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

an. 1, 2012, Age 85. Beloved husband of Gloria & the late Lorrain Hallabrin, Funeral was Jan. 4 at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home.

> HOERIG, MARILYN L. (nee: Meo) 73, of South Lyon (for-merly of Elyria) Dec. 29, 2011. Arrangements by The Laubenthal-Mercado Funeral Home, Ohio.

Will Vargo: her father, Martin Bean, and her step-mother, Deborah; her brother, Adam Bean; her sister, JOHNSON, MARY ELEANOR Age 69 of Milford, MI, passed away January 2, 2012. For inforwww.LvnchFuneralDirectors.com

Agency for the last twelve years. A Funeral Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford, on Friday, January 13, at 10:30AM with Deacon Mike Somervell officiating. Burial will follow at Highland

KANE, GEORGE

Age 85, of South Lyon, Passed on into God's hands January 7, 2012.

He was preceded in death by his wite Vivian, parents Peter and Saima Sikanen, brother Warren

Kane and sister Marceille Lehto. He is survived by his children Ruth

Armstrong, Paul (Maureen) Kane.

Nina Greene, Mark (Harumi) Kane and Beth (Zia) Mir; 15 grandkids; 3

great-grand kids. George lived a full life and touched many people. He taught at Redford High School

for 34 years as an industrial arts

teacher. He also taught at Lawrence Tech for over 36 years.

He enjoyed teaching Sunday School at Elim Baptist. He was an

Chrysler, GM, and AMC during the

summers. A multi-talented man

who tried to get the best out of everyone. He held city wide draft-

ing contests for Detroit Schools. President of Southfield Woods

Dad's Club baseball leagues. A WWII Veteran MP with the 9th Armored Division in Germany.

Active at Highland Park Baptist Church, TOPS, the Finnish Center, and South Lyon Senior Center. He

lived in Detroit and South Lyon, A

world traveler who enjoyed meet

ing people and chatting, he was

always wanting to see a different part of the world. Funeral Thursday 11 a.m., January 12th

(in state 10 a.m.) at Highland Park Baptist Church, 28600 Lasher Rd., Southfield, MI (S. of 12 Mile Rd.).

Memorial contributions may be made to Mark Kane, ISMNZ of North America, 21000 N. 75th

Arrangements entrusted to Thayer Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

www.thayer-rock.com

Glendale, AZ 85308.

BENTHAM, GEORGE Age 67, January 1, 2012. Dear dad of Scott (Angie), grandpa of Mikey and Robbie, former spouse and friend of Marlene, Brother of Betty McCarver and the late Mary Monaghan, Memorial contribu tions to Angela Hospice would be greatly appreciated. Generations Funeral & Cremation Services.

CREECH, RAYMOND

away, Jan. 5, 2012. A funeral service was held on Sunday, Jan. 8th at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. South Lyon, Online Guesthook www.phillipstuneral.com



Age 75 of Northville. Beloved wife of John "Jack" of 52 years. Dear mother of John, Cheryl (Jeff) Michaud, Marcia Foley, Lovin grandmother of Jack and Natalie Colleen's greatest joy was being with her family and friends. Services were held Monday. Please share your memories at

GIEBEL, JEAN MCCOMBIE Age 91, passed away January 2012. She was born on March 1920, to the late John & Catherine (McPherson) Blackwood in Glasgow, Scotland, Jean is survived by her 7 children: Rosalind Tyler, Marylin Shuster, Douglas Giebel, Catherine Giebel, Rhoda Glebel, Larry Glebel, and Janet Hoover; siblings: Catherine Bossory, Georgina Mortrude; 14 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. She was preceded n death by her husband Richard Giebel. Visitation was held Jan. 6, Friday, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. A funeral service was held on Jan 7. Saturday, at 4:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home. South Lyon. Reverend Dave Brown of the Fellowship Evangelical

resbyterian Church officiated.

Online guestbook:

www.phillipstuneral.com

Age 94, of Northville, passed away Jan. 6, 2012. A Mass was held Jan. 11 at Our Lady of Victory

LAABS, NANCY of Novi, died Dec. 24, 2011. Funeral was Dec. 29 at Our Lady of Victory.

Age 65, of South Lyon, passed

daughter of the late Henry and Mary McPherson. She was preceded in death by her brother Patrick. Joan is survived by her son, Mark Ring; her siblings: John McPherson, Mary Hunter. Chuck McPherson and Michael McPherson. She is also survived by two grandchildren. She will be

and/or St. Jude Children's Hospital. Online Guestbook

www.phillipsfuneral.com

MAHON, RITA ANN Age 67, of Highland Michigan passed away January 7, 2012 with her loving family present at the University of Michigan hospital in

Ann Arbor, The daughter of the late Bernard and Marie Walsh; Rita was born on June 14th in Bad Axe, Michigan. She graduated from Eliton-Bineon-Raymort. High Elkton-Pigeon-Bayport High School in 1962 and became a registered nurse in 1965 after com-pleting schooling from Mercy Central School of Nursing in Grand Rapids. Her nursing profession took her from Bay City and to Detroit (Mount Carmel Hospital), on to the Director of Nursing at Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital in Pontiac Hospital. She finished her career with Hospice of Michigan, where she served as hospice home nurse and later the Director of Employee Relations. She never nursing and loved the opportunity to help family and friends as their remendous singing voice, which she shared on many occasions. Rita was a great storyteller and enjoyed surrounding herself with



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of her family, Rita especially loved spending time at her cottage in Caseville, Michigan, near her family farm. She touched many lives and was loved by all who knew her. Survived by her sons, Sean (Renee) Mahon of Royal Oak, Timothy (Lynn) Mahon of Macomb and their daunhter, Bridget (Ted.) and their daughter, Bridget (Ted) Seitz of East Lansing: grandchil-dren, Donovan, Lorelei. Ava and Emerson Mahon and Mitchell. Natalie and Cameron Seitz; sister, Mary (Robert) Rich; brother, Richard (Shirley) Walsh: sisters in-law, Marie (wife of the late Allen) Walsh, Beverly (wife of the late Joseph) Walsh, Rosalie (wife of the late George) Walsh; many nieces, nephews and dear friends whom she dearly loved. In addition to her husband. Rita was preceded

in death by her brothers Allen, Joseph, George and Donald Walsh. Friends may visit at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, Tuesday 6-9PM and Wednesday 2-9PM. Vigil Service Wednesday 7PM. Service Wednesday 7PM.
Visitation will resume on
Thursday, January 12th from
Church of the Holy Spirit, 3700 N.
Harvey Lake Rd., Highland, MI one
hour prior to the Liturgy at 10AM.
Fr. Don Worthy officiating.
Committal Services will take place
at St. Felix Cernetery, Pinnebog, MI
on Friday 3 PM. In lieu of flowers,
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more information please phone Lynch & Sons Funeral Home at 248-684-6645 or visit

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KELNER, LILLIAN M.

KINSMAN, HELEN Age 86, Dec. 30, 2011. Online obriensullivantunerathome.com

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LAKOWICZ, JOSEPH A.

Age 84, of South Lyon, passed Jan. 4, 2012. Beloved husband,

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Jan. 4, 2012. Beloved husba father, brother, & grandfather.

MCPHERSON, JOAN E.

away January 7, 2012, surrounded by family and friends. She was born on June 22, 1946, in Detroit, greatly missed by her best friend and sister in Christ, Rose Kronsperger. Private family services have been held. In lieu of flowers, family and friends are asked to make donations to The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

MUNIR, STEVEN GREGORY December 22, 2011. Age 2, son of



QUALMAN, AMY JUNE Age 97, passed away Decembe 25, 2011. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 62 years, Jack Walter, sisters Grace (Frank) McIndoe, Birdie (Eugene) Pigg and brother Bill (Deany) Clausen. Amy is survived by her loving children, Jay (Brook) Qualman and Al (Connie) Qualman; grandchildren, Jay II Erik, Matt, Holly, Heather, great grandchildren, Jack, Katherine, Will, Charlie, Scarlett, Sofia; brother, Alfred (Jean) Qualman, A Memorial Service was held on Monday, January 9th, 2012 at Milford Presbyterian Church. Memorial contributions are encouraged to Milford Historica Society or Michigan Humane Society. For further information



JAMES N. "JIM Age 76 of New Hudson, former of Maybee, MI, passed away of January 7, 2012. Preceded death by his beloved wife. Pauling Thomson of Livonia, Ml. Robi (Dan) Caterina of Milford, MI, Chris (Leigh) Thomson of Charleston SC; grandchildran, Evan, Justin, Abby, Seth and Jacob; brother, David (Jean) Thomson, Also survived by his forextended family members and dea

friends, including his friends at Abbey Park. A Funeral Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, on Thursday, January 12 at 11AM with Fr. Ron Anderson officiating. Memorials made to the America Legion - Post 216 are appreciate For further information please call 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

TOWNSEND, MARY MAXIÑE Funeral was Jan. 9 at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home i. Condolences:

ULKER, KEITH Dec. 23, 2011, age 40. Memorial was Dec. 29 at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home. Donations: St. Jude Children's Research Hospita

OUR VIEWS

MLK Day Honor the man with a day of service

In a commentary published last January on the 25th observance of Martin Luther King Day, Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Leonard Pitts Jr. observed that it is one holiday that has left us with the question of how we should observe the day.

According to Pitts, unlike Christmas where we open presents or the Fourth of July where we have a barbecue and watch the fireworks - MLK Day "lacks a defining tradition." That's not to say people haven't found ways to celebrate it. Most of our communities will have an observance, interfaith breakfast, a walk or a ceremony that honors Dr. King.

But 25 years after Congress declared the third Monday in January as Martin Luther King Day and 18 years after it designated it as a day of service, there is no "one or two things we do that emblematize this day." Pitts cited Lerone Bennett Jr.,

the venerable historian, author of Before the Mayflower: A History of Black America, who says King "lives on the top tier of American heroes with Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln. But the King holiday gets bogged down' in soundbites of I Have A Dream, and gives no sense of the great- ness or majesty of the man and the

fundamental changes he demanded. Pitts wrote: "For Bennett, King's last crusade, which he died trying to fulfill, is symbolic of his broader vision: The Poor People's Campaign was designed to move the struggle for equality beyond race to the common ground of class."

Pitts and Bennett are right in that most of us think of Dr. King in terms of I Have A Dream. For many of us, he is the face and the voice of the civil rights movement. We forget that his fight went beyond racial equality to include labor rights, economic exploitation, fair housing and better schools.

According to the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, "In many ways the true power of his legacy remains untapped. Children across the country celebrate his life with a day off from school each year, but too many don't understand the reasons why.

"Americans respect his achievements in ending segregation, but for many his teachings end at I Have A Dream. And across the globe, men and women of all ages know his name as a past benefactor of mankind, but not necessarily as a source of relevance to their current lives."

We would like to think we are better off than we were in the 1960s, that racial equality exists in this country. But while we have made progress, it has not been enough. Segregation still exists. It may not be in the form that Dr. King spoke against, but it is still here. We see diversity in our schools and our neighborhoods, but we need only look to Detroit to a segregation of opportunity. Those who can have left the city, leaving those who can't

According to Pitts, the "common denominator" in all that Dr. King fought for was "simply a demand that America do better by its most vulnerable: the poor, the racial minorities, the unhoused, the uneducated, the left out, left behind and forgotten, the ones the Bible calls 'the least of these.'

Dr. King said: "Every man must decide whether he will walk in the light of creative altruism or the darkness of destructive selfishness. This is the judgment. Life's most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?"

We as Americans need to do more Monday than remember and honor the man, we need to observe it as a national day of service, "a day on, not a day off." It needs to be more than a day off from school and a good day to take in the auto show.

Dr. King didn't take a day off in his campaign for racial and social justice. If we want to honor him, we need to get involved and help provide solutions to our most pressing national problems. By working together, we can make a difference and we need to make difference.

We owe it to ourselves and to each other lest we become that person Dr. King spoke of, when he said: "When an individual is no longer a true participant, when he no longer feels a sense of responsibility to his society, the content of democracy is emptied."

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OPINION

What comes to mind when you think of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day?



Equality and peace is important to me and it's important to have diversity in the community. It's a good way to bring a diverse community together in one place.'

Katera Price



"It's more than just a day, it's a way of life. It's school. It's a great opmore about walking the walk, not just talking the

Korey Nuckolls



"I would rather be in portunity for learning, and I think of it as a day on and not a day off."

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Nicole Cotton Novi social worker

LETTERS

Kudos for Novi dinner event

On Friday, Jan 6, I was invited to an Evening of Appreciation at Novi Sheraton. This year the program was totally different than the past

Minimum lectures, no photographs session of the the boards/ commissions, no sitting dinner. But there was strolling, succulent dinner, music, dance, door prizes, and games (the guests were so happy and engrossed in the games as if they were in some casino). The atmosphere was wonderful and people were meeting each other and moving around in the hall. I must give accolades to the city's organizers for thinking such a beautiful event, thanks to mayor and the city's council members.

Ramesh Verma Trustee Novi City Library

Don't blame Obama for gas prices

The recent news that the largest U.S. export, measured in dollars, is fuel (i.e. gasoline, diesel and jet fuel) belies the misconception and accusation that high gasoline prices are the result of President Obama's obstruction of oil drilling exploration.

It's obvious that the oil companies prefer higher profits by selling U.S. oil products abroad rather than driving down U.S. gasoline price by increasing the domestic supply. Oil depletion allowances should be incentive to produce oil for U.S. consumption, not to

Foisting the onus of high gas prices on Obama is but one more salvo of barbs by Republicans and their major contributor, the oil industry, meant to disparage and politically cripple the president. Expanding our exports, of

course, is economically beneficial, but to portray any negative consequence as an Obama flaw is standard Republican mud-slinging propaganda learned so well in the Nixon era and finely tuned in the ensuing years.

Patrick Downey

Successful teacher depends on students

As a retired high school teacher, I would like to point out that you cannot compare the "business" of educating a child to corporate America. The difference is that the schools have no control over their raw materials. The schools must educate every student entering the school.

For example, in the manufacturing industry, you can order in a high quality of steel and therefore produce a high-quality product. You have control over this. The most skilled tradesman cannot produce a high-quality product if he is not given high-quality steel. Not all students entering the school have had the same background. Some children have never even had anyone read them a story, while others have had loving parents to motivate them to learn

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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and supply them with a stimulating learning environment during those formative years.

If you give the most skilled teacher a class of 32 students that are unmotivated to learn or to even bring their own supplies to

you are setting that teacher up for failure. Should the teacher's salary be based on the performance of students that are not interested in learning and have never been taught the value of education? If you give that same skilled teacher a class of 32 highlymotivated students, you will see a totally different outcome

So, if performance is the bottom line, are we talking the performance of the teacher or the performance of the students?

The teacher's teaching ability and the student's outcome can often be mutually exclusive. The teacher's performance, in most cases, will be determined by the type of students in the classroom. would like to challenge anyone to substitute teach for a month and then express their opinion. Carol Maynard

Paying it forward

Thank you to two great young gals. On Tuesday, Jan. 3, my daughter was in a car accident on 8 Mile Road. Thank you for caring enough to stop and stay with my daughter until the police got to the scene of the accident. On behalf of my family, many thanks for being so kind and thoughtful. Your act of kindness will always be remembered and will be paid forward in the future. Thank you

Mary and John Felix

Different definitions

It has been pointed out to us by a recent letter writer that the Merriam-Webster's dictionary defines patriot as "one who loves his country or her country and sup-

ports its authority and interests." Indeed, that is what it says.

If by "its authority" it is referring to "elected officials," I cannot completely agree. If it is referring to the U.S. Constitution, I can. Otherwise, all of our Founding Fathers and those who fought for America's freedom from England, were not patriots. And of course, we know that they are considered to be the epitome of "patriots."

I favor the Oxford Dictionary's definition (a more scholarly source). It defines a patriot as "a person who vigorously supports their country and is prepared to defend it against its enemies and detractors."

I believe that the Tea Party of 1773 and of today, fit that defini-

Frank Cronenwett

A proud patriot

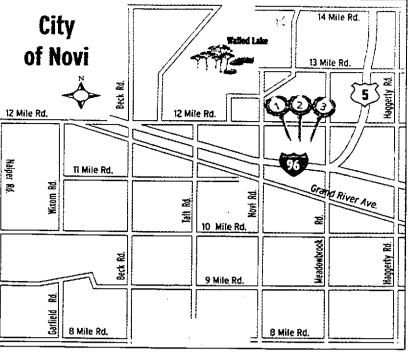
Collins English dictionary defines a patriot as one who supports his country and its way of life. Thomas Payne wrote "It is the duty of every patriot to protect his country from its government" because he well understood there is a difference between country and government. The people of italy, Germany, post-World War Il Eastern Europe and Russia all loved their countries. However, the governments of those countries brought suffering beyond comprehension and death to hundreds of millions because there were not enough patriots that stood against its arrogant, unresponsive and totalitarian governments. Fascism, communism, socialism and progressivism are all examples of big government separated only by the amount of property rights and free market economy they tolerate.

Collins English dictionary also defines an anarchist as one who advocates abolition of government and a social system based on cooperation. Webster defines anarchy as a state of lawlessness and absence of government. Tea Party Patriots believe in constitutionally limited government, not abolition of government. A big difference that recent letter writer Pat Curran does not comprehend, just like the dangerous notion that does not distinguish country from government. Curran also does not comprehend the other two core principles of tea party groups: fiscal responsibility and free markets.

I am a proud Tea Party member and I support my country with my heart and soul. I support the constitution of the United States and I will battle our government and politicians at the polls to ensure the survival of our country as "we the people." I support our military and gratefully thank them for all they have done for me and my family to keep us safe to enjoy our freedoms. Also, last but not least, I pray to God each day to give me the strength to keep in perspective that we are all his children, even the ones confused and not on the right side

> Joanne Di Ponio Milford

NOVI POLICE BRIEFS



Man caught using stolen credit card

Novi police arrested a man for credit card fraud and retail fraud on Dec. 20 after he was caught attempting to use fraudulent credit cards and for stealing a part of True Religion jeans from Nor-

According to the police report, the man was able to purchase an Apple iPad with one of the fraudulent cards, but was caught by a loss prevention officer in Nordstrom after stealing a pair of jeans. The suspect had nine different credit cards on him and three identifica tion cards, two from Michigan and one from Pennsylvania.

The man told police he purchased the cards off the internet for \$200. He asked to speak to an attorney before answering more questions from police, and while he told police his name, they were still waiting to confirm his identity. He was arraigned on the two charges and awaiting his appearance in court.

Woman wards off purse snatcher

A 62-year-old woman fought off a purse snatcher while she was outside her car in the parking lot at Twelve Oaks Mall on Dec. 21. According to the report, the woman was loading packages into her car when another woman came up to her and tapped her on the shoulder to tell her she may have damaged her car. When the victim went to observe the alleged damage, a man in his 20s grabbed her

purse and tried to take it. She was able to fight off the suspect and get into her car and drive away. She then called police, who were unable to locate the suspect as he fled the scene. There was no damage to her car and police have no suspects at this time.

Two women arrested for stealing

Two women were arrested for retail 5 fraud after stealing several items

from Macys on Dec. 19. According to the police report, the women were caught taking three sweaters, three coats and two pairs of moccasins valued at over \$500. The women tried concealing the items by putting the coats on under the coats they were wearing and trying to conceal the rest of the items in a bag.

They both admitted to stealing and they were issued citations and released after posting bond.

- Compiled by staff writer Nathan Mueller

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The buzz is back at the North American International Auto Show.

And when the doors open to the public on Saturday, patrons will be overwhelmed by sleek new cars, interactive displays and auto companies poised to meet the needs of their consumers.

Bill Perkins, Bloomfield Township resident and chair of the 2012 NAIAS, said there is so much to see and do that even people who are not car enthusiasts will want to head to the Cobo Cen-

"People will truly enjoy it because there are a lot of new things going on,' he said. "It's a must attend show."

The show opens Saturday, Jan. 14, and runs until Sunday, Jan. 22. Show hours are 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day except Jan. 22 when it closes at 7 p.m

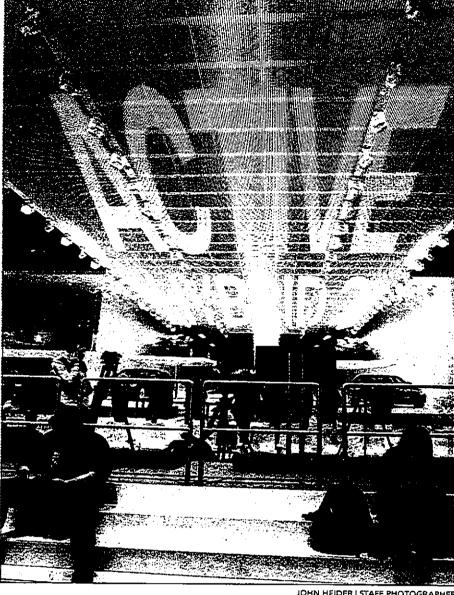
Lauren Halpin, a Plymouth resident who was working as a model for Lincoln on Tuesday, said she liked the intimate access of press week, but plans to come back during the public show with

her brother. "My dream car has to be the Audi A8," she said.

While the cars are the obvious draw, there are plenty of other activities to engage the public. Many automakers have simulators people can use, fun giveaways and even a test track featuring electric-drive and hybrid vehicles in the Michigan Hall that people can drive (get there early or expect to wait). Tickets for the show are \$12 for

adults, and \$6 for seniors and children 7-12. Children under 6 are free. Tickets can be ordered at the show or online at

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Automakers preening at auto show as industry rebounds

The mood and atmosphere at the North American International Auto Show is noticeably different this year, as automakers feel as if the weight of the recession that nearly crippled them

Now with the Big Three domestic and international car companies are pounding their chests as they release new cars and appear ready to compete once again.

"There is optimism," said Cyril Benitoh, a Bloomfield Hills resident and program manager for the new Dodge Dart. "Not only are we producing great cars, but they are being validated in the



Reporter Nathan Mueller joins the media scrum interviewing Hyundai designer S.H. Park after the Elantra won 2012 Car of the Year at the North American International Auto Show.

marketplace. "Optimism is absolutely here. It took a couple

years to grow, but every one has some momen-General Motors, Ford

and Chrysler are all yielding profit for the ketplace for the first time since 1988 and experts predict auto companies

first time since 2004 and

"Everything is positive now," he said. "You see a lot of positive momentum and there are a lot of new products coming out and people are excited to see

It's not all about the Big Three either, as a pair of foreign automakers took home the North

jobs by 2015.

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of marketing and commu-

ville-based SF Group,

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much money they are

spending on them.



Harman audio component employees Jeff Puggi (left) and Phil Eyler check out an interactive display at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit on Monday. Harman has a research center off Cabot Drive in Novi.

nies are coming back is to of the Year awards. The Hyundai Elantra was Land Rover Range Rover Evoque was the top

truck. Nearly every company had something to debut this year, and it wasn't just a smoke and mirrors act. Hampden Tener, a Bloomfield Hills resident and U.S. product director for Cadillac. said day to day the confidence is a reality.

"We are back to doing our best, both for Cadillac and General Motors.' Phil Eyler, who lives in

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said. "You can just see it."

Snyder talks about state, auto industry comeback



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHE Sovernor Rick Snyder and Ford Executive Chairman Bill Ford Jr. walk the floor of the Auto Show.

By Nathan Mueller

Sometimes the simplest change can make all the difference. And for Gov. Rick Snyder, moving his press conference on Tuesday to

North American International Auto Show instead of being in the basement at the Cobo Center (where it was last year) gave him the perfect met-

"In many respects people thought (the state of Michigan) was in the basement in the past," he said. "But we are no longer there, we are making a strong comeback in the state and it's about reinventing Michigan."

tour of the exhibits when he arrived at Cobo before meeting with more than 200 engineering students from various universities in the state for a talent

discussion. 'You can be the catalyst, you can be on the ground floor of the comeback of Michigan," he said to the students.

Snyder, along with Dr. Won Suk Cho, presi dent of Hyundai America Technical Center. also used the press conference to announce a deal to expand Hyundai's Superior Township tech-

nical center. The company will be investing \$15 million to construct the facility and add 50 full-time jobs over the next five years. The state will fund construction of a new power substation that will improve the power output to the Snyder said he wants

to continue partnerships like this, and focus on the people who make the automotive industry go. "In many respects the people that engineered, designed or even man-

ufactured the products were Michiganders," he said. "And that is something all of us should take great pride in because that is something we can show the rest of the world. When people look at the best products in the world, where they are designed, where they are

engineered, where they



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are built, it's right here in Michigan and we are going to continue that leg-

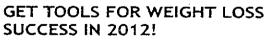






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Skating away



Jake Blaine, 17, helps Kimber Johnston, also 17, around the rink at the Novi Ice Arena on Dec. 28. The arena had a particularly full noon skate that day — with everyone out of school or off work looking for something to do.



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Novi claws past South Lyon East

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The young Cougars program from South Lyon East is all grown up and ready to give the KLAA a

The Cougars (5-2, 0-1 Central) jumped out to an early lead Jan. 6 against Novi before the Wildcats (5-1, 1-0 Central) clawed back into it with a barrage of baskets late in the first quarter to surmount a 11-

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squad (5-1, 1-0 KLAA Central) was scheduled to visit South Lyon (4-3, 1-0 Central) last night before heading to Northville (4-3, 0-1 Central) tomorrow and hosting Plymouth Salem (1-5, 1-0 Central) Tuesday. All games tip off at 7 p.m. leading up to a 6 p.m. home contest Jan. 19 against Hamtramck.

Novi's girls basketball

"Much improved. It was just a matter of time before they started to catch up with everyone," Novi coach Bill Kelp said. With solid perfor-

mances by sophomore Kerri McMahan (19 points, three rebounds, three steals), senior Ally D'Annibale (14 points, four rebounds) and junior Jade Antolec (10 points, eight rebounds) Novi was able to scratch their way to a 47-38 vic-

"It's nice to have the experience they do, we just need to get others to contribute more," Kelp said. "Not just scoring, there are many ways to contribute."

The teams were neck and neck through the second and third quarters. East used a 13-12 advantage to cut Novi's halftime lead to 23-21, but the 'Cats' had a 15-13 advantage to head into the final quarter "Our plan was to try and score inside," Kelp said.

"Unfortunately, our starting center was in foul trouble the whole night. With senior Anna Lausch finishing with five fouls,

the rest of the team took a lot more inside looks. The 'Cats were 2-for-7 - 2-for-4 from McMahan -

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A Novi Wildcat leans into a Brighton Bulldog during the team's Jan. 3 scrimmage at Novi.

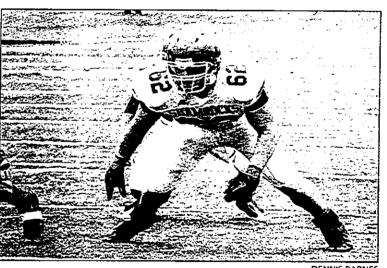
Area packed full of gridiron talent

Detroit Catholic Central's Godin wins top honors

The 2011 high school football season in our coverage area was packed full of outstanding teams, including two that suffered just a single loss during the regular season and one that finished second in the statejust short of the Division I title. From the dazzling offensive players who seemed capable of putting points on the board no matter who their opponent was to the defensive players that were tasked with stopping the best offenses in the state, the 2011 Hometown All-Area Foot-

ball Team is chock full of outstanding talent. On one hand. it was an easy team to select. because every team in the conference had standout players. On the other, it was difficult deciding who earned First-Team honors and who would named to the Second-Team a good problem for area sports writers to have. A lot of these names will also seem very familiar to the avid readerbecause many were 2010 All-Area selections as well. But one player stood out above all other when it came to

Please see FOOTBALL, B3



Catholic Central's Matt Godin is the All-Area Football Player of the Year. He will be taking his talents to the University of Michigan

Shamrocks collect huge victories

Grapplers earn wins over Oxford, capture CC Invite title

By Sam Eggleston

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks wrestling team is showing no signs of slowing down in their march for another team state title. Their most recent victims of the regular season? Oxford, Lutheran North and Divine Child, not to mention the Shamrocks' foes in the CC Invitational

The Shamrocks took down Oxford in a rematch of last year's state finals match, 49-13, as the team recorded six pins in the contest. Earning falls for the Catholic Central were Trevor Zdebski, Ken Bade, Logan Marcicki, Nick Mason, Kevin Beazley and Bob Coe.

The Shamrocks also sent their white squad to start the Catholic High School League schedule and were not disappointed as they earned wins over Lutheran North, 76-3, with seven pins and Divine Child, 62-9, with eight pins.

In the CC Invitational, the Shamrocks won the team title with 234 points while Davison finished second with 195.5 and Hudson was third with 167. Earning individual titles were Bade, Marcicki, Alec Mooradi-

an, Drew Garcia and Beazley. The invitational was a wrestling fans dream-three of the finals matches consisted of six wrestlers who were state champs in 2011.

"Anytime you can win a tour-

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The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks wrestling team is scheduled to compete again at 10 a.m. Saturday in the CC Super Duals before hosting Cincinnati Moeller, Richmond and Lowell at 10 a.m. Jan. 21.

nament with the company we had today, you have to be a bit pleased," said Catholic Central coach Mitch Hancock. "To have three matches in the finals consist of both wrestlers being defending state champs says something about the strength of this tournament. With that being said, we still have a lot of work to do. We had a few guys who received a wake up calls this afternoon and that's a good thing. We have to understand that this is all a stepping stone to the state finals in late February and March, and with the way we

train, we'll be ready.'

Bade, Marcicki and Mooradian all defeated defending state champs in the finals. Mooradian defeated Hudson's Joel Varney, who was the 2011 Division IV title winner, while Bade topped Davison's Justin Oliver who was the Division I state title winner at 112 pounds last year. Marcicki pinned returning Division II state champion Taylor Simaz of Allegan.

Zdebski and Coe were both second place finishers in the invitational while Myles Amine and Nick Mason was third. Nick Geise, Riley Hanson and Jav Peterson were fourthplace finishers while Evan Toth, Mike Babicz and Zack Colone were fifth and Andrew Thompson and Casey Hagan

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Novi cagers start vear with

By Chris Jackett

After struggling through the first month of the season. Novi's boys basketball is off to a new start with the New

After matching last season's loss total at 0-S in December, the Wild cats (1-5, 1-0 KLAA Central) had everything clicking last Friday as they dismantled South Lyon East (1-4, 0-1 Central) on the Cougars' home court.

"We played better overall as a team than before the break." Novi coach Brian Tass said. "I think our guys are starting to realize how hard we need to play and getting more excited to push the ball up the floor. The win gave our guys some con-

Nearly doubling their opponents' point total, Novi cruised to a 65-33 victory behind 14 points from sophomore guard Nelson Cagle.

The 'Cats shot 20-for-46 from the field (43.5 percent) and 23-for-32 from the line (71.9 percent) while collecting nearly as many rebounds or offense (23) as they had on defense (25).

"We are going to hang our hat in this program on defense and rebound ing," Tass said. "The rebounding mentality is something we drill into these guys and will be looking for in future players.

"Our goal for free throws is over 70 percent (on free throws). I'm happy we're putting them in because those will win us games this season.

Several players had a big hand in the victory, but big Michael Jocz's 10 rebound (five offensive), four steals and five points were a senior force the Cougars couldn't get past for baskets. Novi had 12 steals and six assists while committing just eight turnovers on the night

"Mike Jocz really has a gift of finding offensive rebounds," Tass said. He's getting better at finishing around the basket. I thought he did a heck of a job in the back of our press to get those steals.

Major contributors to the Wildcats' offensive onslaught were senior guard Scott Kempa (10 points, three rebounds, two steals) and junior guards Charles McKin ney (nine points, three rebounds) and Tre

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ON TAP

Novi's boys basketball squad (1-5, 1-0 KLAA Central) was scheduled to host South Lyon (3-2 1-0 Central) last night and Northville (2-4, 0-1 Central) tomorrow before visiting Plymouth Salem (7-0; 1-0 Central) Tuesday. All games tip off at 7 p.m.

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Detroit Catholic Central proves fallible

Hockey team takes loss to Trenton

By Sam Eggleston

There's an old saving that many high school coaches live by--it's better to take a loss in the regular season than to take one in the playoffs

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks took a surprisingly one-sided loss last week, falling to their old rival Trenton, 5 1, after earning a 5-1 victory over Catholic High School League foe University of Detroit Jesuit High School.

The game against Trenton was in the Trojans' favor from the start as they skated out to a 5-0 lead before the Shamrocks were able to score a tally in the last minutes of the contest to avoid the

Trenton put their first points on the board on an unassisted goal by Cory Seychel with 15:55 off the clock in the first period. They made it 2-0 before the end of the stanza, scoring on a power play as Joey Russon took assistance from Sevchel and Derek Berger to fire home the goal.

In the second period. the Trojans added a tally off the stick of Andrev Sawver, who was assisted by Brenden Toroiski. Trenton notched two more goals, one at 6:19 and one at 12:02, in the third period as Zac Cunningham and Justin

Dunn found the back of the net. Michael Lesko, Cory Dunn and Andrew Lindsay assisted on the

Catholic Central refused to be complete ly shutout, however, and Nick Michels, with an assist from Steven Jarzynski, put his team on the board with 14:54 off the clock in the third.

The game was rather civil despite the heated rivalry as Catholic Central was whistled four times on two-minute minors and Trenton was called five times for various minor infractions.

Taking the loss in goal was Catholic Central's Derek Moore, who stopped eight shots on goal through the 51 minutes of play. Blake Woitala earned the win, stopping 41 shots.

The loss didn't change Detroit Catholic Central's standing in the eyes of the pundits, who ranked the 10-1 Shamrocks first in the state again this week. Trenton, 9-2, is currently ranked second overall and first in Divi-

The Shamrocks did have a victory last week, topping the U of D Jesuit

The game started off on the right foot as the Shamrocks tallied a score just 8:30 into the game as Tyler VanAcker took assistance from Dan-

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The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks hockey team will be back on the ice at 7:15 p.m tomorrow when they visit Cranbrook before hosting Cranbrook the very next night at 7 p.m. at Compuware Arena.

ny Middleton and Brady Jones to put his squad up, 1-0. The lead, however, lasted just a minute before Joe Brisson scored on a shorthand ed play to tie it up. 1-1, with an assist from Tom-

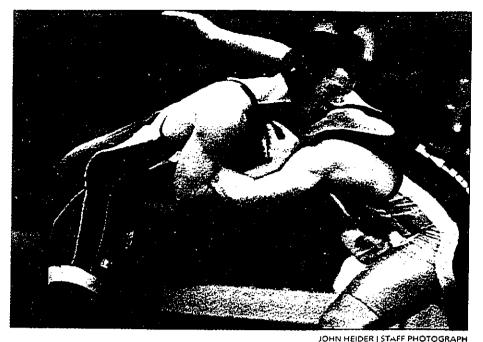
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That was the last time the Shamrocks would allow U-of-D to score and went on to score four more goals of their own. Tyler VanNorman and Nolan Gluchowski each scored n the second period while Joe Steele notched a third period goal. Max Wanko added the cherry with an empty-net score to end the contest.

Assisting on the goals were Carson Gatt (2). Pete Halash, Matt Sorisho and VanNorman. There were just six penalties throughout the con-

test with three being called against each squad Earning the victory in net was Moore, who stopped 10 shots before being relieved by Ryan Mulka, who stopped nine Alex VonMach took the loss, stopping 22-of-26 shots on goal.

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Mike Gurney wrestles for Novi on Dec. 13.

Keller barrels into New Year with seven straight victories

However, the Rockets

won three straight for a

20-15 lead before senior

and Gidianni Albuerne

(130), along with senior

brothers Alejandro (135)

Kaveh Sohizad (140), won

Glenn finished strong

with four big victories to

The 'Cats bounced back

tally up 24 unanswered

points for a 44-26 win.

in their second contest

va and junior Andrew

sophomore Ben Wright

more points, but 39 more

for Wayne put the match

urday in Brighton after

mixed results during the

week and saw the incon-

sistencies continue. The

tournament's round rob-

in format led to a disap-

pointing 1-4 showing and

ninth place finish among

Saturday and our 1-4

"We wrestled well on

10 squads.

The team showed up Sat-

out of reach 45-21 after

winning the final four

matches by pin fall.

(145) combined for six

Park (112) before the

of the night, taking a 15-6

lead over Wayne after vic-

tories from Keller, DeNo-

Zebras galloped away with

it. Alejandro Albuerne and

three straight to reclaim

the lead at 26-20.

DeNova and Albuernes lending consistency to Novi wrestling's tough week

By Chris Jackett

Novi's grapplers faced off with some of their tougher competition of the season so far last week and were unable to rise to the After dropping both

matches at a tri-meet and finishing ninth of 10 teams at Brighton's Manning Vieau Invitational, the Wildcats find themselves at 7-7 as they head into KLAA Central Division In a Jan. 4 Kensing ton Conference battle at Wayne Memorial against Westland John Glenn (2-0) and Wavne (6-0), the South

respective 44-26 and 45-21 victories. "We wrestled the tough est competition in terms of consecutive duals we will see this year and we are improving with each match," Novi coach Brad

Division opponents both

got the best of Novi with

In the first battle of the night, Novi won three of the first four matches with ories from seniors Jake Dobras (189 pounds), Jimi Keller (Heavyweight) and junior Dan DeNova

ON TAP

Novi's grapplers (7-7) were scheduled to hos Plymouth Salem (0-2) and South Lyon East (0-2) last night for Senior Night before heading to South Lyon twice. The first trip is 9 a.m. Saturday for a 10-team tournament and then again Tuesday for a tri-meet with the Lions (1-2) and Northville (1-1).

how well we wrestled." Huss said. "We lost very close matches against Dewitt, (Macomb) Dakota and Lapeer West, but lost all of them by a single match."

Despite the team's strug gles, Keller was a domnant 5-0 in the heavyweight division and was among the nominees for Manning Vieau MVP. Heavy-hitting senior Justin Michael (215) was also strong at 4-1.

DeNova, Alejandro Albuerne (130), Gidianni Albuerne (135) and junior Ben Landry (160) each went 3-2 on the day. while junior Kelsev Larkin (112), junior Tony Levy (119), Jalen Mathis (140), senior Jake Dobras (171) and Zach Roush (189) each earned one victory at the

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NOVI SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Chris Jackett

Hockey teams

competes in U.P. During the hockey eam's annual trip to the Upper Peninsula, the No.

21 Wildcats (7-6-1, 3-3-1 KLAA Kensington) went 1-2-0 Jan. 6-8. Novi lost a 5-4 decision to No. 8 Calumet (7-3-1) Jan. 6 before defeating No. 40 Hancock (3-6-1) 3-1 the next night. The squad finished the trip Sunday with a 5-1 loss to No. 16

Marquette (6-3-0). The 'Cats return to action 6 p.m. Wednesday when they visit No. 10 Livonia Stevenson (8-3-0. 4-2-0 Kensington) at Eddie Edgar Ice Arena in Livo-

Wildcat bowlers face Plymouth

dropped all 10 points to

AAU girls hoop tryouts Jan. 26

to take place Jan. 26 at Orchard Hills Elementa ry, 41900 Quince Street in Novi. Fifth and sixth 6:30-8 p.m., while seventh and eighth graders will hit the court from 8-9:30 p.m.

Cost to try out is \$20 shoes and a shirt when it and guardian will need to For more informa-

tion, contact Bill Kelp at bkelp@novi.k12.mi.us.

ALL AREA FOOTBALL

FOOTBALL

his impact on the game, earning himself Player of the Year honors along the way. Standing at 6-feet-5inches and weighing in at 270 pounds. Detroit Catholic Central senior Matt Godin is an imposing figure on the football field, both as an offensive and as a defensive lineman. His presence on the gridiron meant teams were forced to pay special attention to him, or suffer the consequences. "(Matt) has been abso-

lutely great this season on both sides of the ball," said Catholic Cenand is playing with reckless abandon. He is our best lineman. Despite being the tar-

Godin picked up 55 tack les and had a staggering nine sacks this season Godin will continue his football career at the Uni versity of Michigan as a defensive lineman for the

get for double teams and

First-Team Offense **Jeff Gertley**

If there were any other player that had truly been in the running for Player of the Year honors, it was Gertley. This senior quarterback was the kind of player that did it all-and won games while doing it.

"Jeff is a tremendous athlete that ran our offense exceptionally well for the past two years." said Northville coach Matt Ladach, "Jeff runs the ball well, and he throws it well, too. Maybe more importantly. Jeff protects the football. Gertley had just two

interceptions this year (and just two last year) while compiling 2,694 vards of total offenseincluding 1,861 through the air on 123 comple tions. He totaled 18 passing touchdowns, while picking up 15 more touchdowns with his feet as he ran the ball for over 900 vards this season.

Anthony Darkangelo A two-year starter for the Shamrocks (and a two-year member of this All-Area team), Darkangelo has made quite the impression on his teammates and coach Tom Mach-but, more impor-

tantly, he's made quite the

impression on opponents, "He is an excellent downhill running back that can break a big run as well as get the tough yardage," said Mach. "He s (also) an excellent linebacker with a nose for the

This season, Darkangelo, who always shares the backfield with other talented Shamrocks runners. had five touchdowns and over 100 attempts that netted him more than 500 yards. Defensively, he also picked up 56 tackles, had a quarterback sack and recovered a fumble.

Alex Larson What's impressive about Larson, beyond the fact that he's one of the best athletes in the area, hands down, is that his position on the Milford roster is listed as quarterback. Sure, he does plenty of throwing, completing over half his passes for 14 touchdowns and 1,260 passing yards, but ne landed himself on the All-Area team as a running back because of his ability to tear apart oppo-nents with his field awareness, speed and agility.

"(He's a) dual threat." said Milford coach Pat Larson picked up just under 1,000 yards this season as a runner as he put "Simply put, Jeff together 979 yards with his feet-not too shabby

ball, hev? **Matt Lindman** It's always important to have one of those run-

for a guy who is supposed

to be throwing the foot-

Line, South Lyon Senior

Novi Senior

ford Senior

tral Senior

South Lyon Senior

Brandon Love Defensive

Back, Northville Senior

Zach Kaske, Defensive

Back, South Lyon East

DEFENSE

Northville Senior

er, Novi Senior

Northville Senior

Lakeland Senior

Central Senior

Aaron Hess, Linebacker,

Detroit Catholic Central

Josh Orlando, Linebacker,

Matt Kuszynski, Lineback

er, South Lyon East Senior

sive Back, Detroit Catholic

Gerald Perreault, Defen-

Ryan Nelson, Defensive

Back, South Lyon Senior

Back, Lakeland Junior

FIRST-TEAM

Alex Kozlowski, Kicker

Detroit Catholic Central

South Lyon: Derek Talaga

Wright, Brandon Patrone

Detroit Catholic Central:

South Lyon East: Steven

DeWitt and Cameron

Northville: Andrew

and Jon Wines

Kyle Cooper

SPECIAL

TEAMS

Lakeland:

Thomas

Charles Sanders, Defensive

SECOND-TEAM

Ben Smith, Defensive Line,

Andrew Plave, Defensive

Dan Mixer, Defensive Line,

Detroit Catholic Central

Line. South Lyon East

Brett MacDonald, Line-

backer, Northville Senior

PLAYER OF THE YEAR Matt Godin, Lineman,

Back, Milford Junior

Back, South Lyon East

Jeff Hewlett, Running

Back, Northville Senior

Matt Doneth, Tight End,

Detroit Catholic Central

Derek Cingel, Wide

Receiver, Novi Senior

Brandon Wallace, Wide

Receiver, Milford Senior

Mark Becker, Offensive

tral Senior

Line, Detroit Catholic Cen

Matt Trumbore, Offensive

Doyle Williams, Offensive

Line, Northville Senior

Ryan Talaga, Offensive

Line, South Lyon Senior

Line, Milford Senior

Matt Lindman, Running

Detroit Catholic Central **FIRST-TEAM** OFFENSE leff Gertley, Quarterback Northville Senior Anthony Darkangelo, Run. ning Back, Detroit Catholic Central Junior Alex Larson, Running

tral coach Tom Mach. "He has played unselfishly and worked hard to be productive. He is big, fast, strong

offenses doing everything they could to avoid him.

SECOND-TEAM OFFENSE

Derek Ince, Quarterback, Novi Senior Anthony Waite, Running Back, Lakeland Junior Wyatt Shallman, Running Back, Detroit Catholic Cer tral Junior Joel Shekell, Wide Receive

er, South Lyon Senior Logan Regnier, Wide Receiver, Novi Senior Andrew Poterala, Wide Receiver, Northville Senior Michael Jocz, Wide Receiv er, Novi Senior Robert Ault, Offensive

Line, Detroit Catholic Cen-Brian Birckelbaw, Punter, tral Senior South Lyon Senior Evan Schriner, Offensive Jon Newman, Specialist, Line, Northville Junior South Lyon Senior Jay Fischer, Offensive Line, Milford Senior HONORABLE Alex Magee, Offensive **MENTION** Line, South Lyon Senior Seth Malarik, Offensive Milford: Jacob Morton

FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE

Line, South Lyon East

Garrett Wiska, Defensive Line, Detroit Catholic Central Senior Jake Bates, Defensive Line, Northville Senior Mike Evans, Defensive

ning backs on your team School in front of his own that can do just about anysuccess. I'd take 11 Jeff thing, no matter what the situation calls for. Lind-And with that many man is that player At 5-feet-7-inches, you

don't expect him to play like he's the biggest guy on the field, but he sure does. He rushed for 662 yards this season on 153 attempts, finding the end zone three times. In addition, he snagged 52 catches for 396 yards and added three more scores through those means.

"Matt is a third-year varsity starter," noted South Lyon East coach Mike Lindman. "He is the all-time leading rus er at South Lyon East. and also has the most pass receptions all-time at South Lyon East. Matt has been a big part of our offense and will be hard to replace."

Éspecially when you look at the overall breakdown-on average, Lindman picked up 205 yards per game through various means as he rolled 5.16 yards per touch of the Jeff Hewlett

It's hard to point out the tangible evidence of why Hewlett is a first-team selection, but if you ever had the chance to see him play you would understand why he belongs with

Hewlett is a football player," said Ladach. "His numbers won't shock you, but his ability the play the game does. Jeff is a team player that puts the success of Northville High

of them, it's quite likely Ladach and the Mustangs would add a state championship to the trophy case.

It's funny when you

Alex King, Linebacker, think about a Detroit Catholic Central tight end being named to the All-Chris Orr, Linebacker, Mil-Area team--well, funny Mike Schultz, Linebacker, when you remember that the Shamrocks used to **Detroit Catholic Central** never throw the football This year, they decided to Justin Tolinski, Linebacker, toss the ol' pigskin around a time or two, and Doneth Dave Racey, Defensive did his fair share of catch-Back, Detroit Catholic Cen-

Matt Doneth

four touchdowns. What makes Doneth an invaluable member of this year's All-Area team, however, is his ability to not only be the big target for the quarterback, but to lay a vicious block for the

ing it as he snagged over

200 yards in receiving for

"He's an excellent blocker," said Mach. "He runs great routes and catches the ball, too. He excels as a leader and is a great example of hard work and

Derek Cingel What quarterback Zach Masserant, Linebackwouldn't want to throw to Cingel? Standing at 6-feet-Trevor Maresh, Linebacker, 3-inches, he's typically a towering target against most high school defen-

sive backs, and he's not afraid to go after the ball. "(He's) a game changer." said Novi coach Todd Pennycuff. "(He) forced double coverage (and has) unbelievable athletic abili-

ty and catching ability. Cingel, who was also a defensive starter, snagged 586 yards and eight touchdowns for the Wildcats this season. Brandon Wallace

Wallace is another of those athletes who just ends up doing everything whenever he's asked. and without complaint This season, not only did he pick up an impressive 1,273 vards rushing

but was a complete double threat as he snagged a whopping 37 receptions "(He's an) explosive threat," said Fox. And he's a threat on

defense, too, picking up 85 tackles this year for the Mavericks. Quite frankly, there are very few spots on the All-Area team that Wallace didn't qualify for. Mark Becker

It's hard to imaging 245pounds of offensive lineman moving as fast as Becker is able to move -just ask the defenders who ended up being the target of his blocks during traps and pulls.

"(He's an) excellent blocker," said Mach. "Mark is very consistent each game and continued to improve each week. He has great movement and

Matt Trumbor Northville's offense

"Matt was our only

offensive line, and he

played like a returning

was very consistent at

right tackle, and he was

er for an inexperienced

A repeat offender on

the All-Area First-Team

offense. Williams is the

epitome of everything a

coach wants in an offen-

sive lineman-he's big

(over 250 pounds), he's

speeding bullet, but def-

initely a locomotive) and

he's not afraid to put him

defense's best plavers to

self in the way of the

make room for his run-

"(We had) two 1,000-

backfield," Fox noted.

all season have spoke

Ryan Talaga

yard rushers in the same

That's all he had to say,

because Williams' actions

much louder than words

line we've assembled this

season-and Talaga is the

verbial cake. This crush-

start of the season right

up to the end, and he nev-

er took a play off-most-

"(Ryan won the) What-

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offensive plays."

Thomas. "(At) 6-feet-2.

(he) has disrupted many

rupted a few defensive.

lays as well, powering

forward like a machine to

and make the playoffs this

make the holes necessary

for his team to succeed

First-Team Defense

Typically, you don't

see defensive linemen

with stats that rank anv-

where near impressive-

but that's because they're

doing the job of taking all

the blocks and letting the

Garrett Wiska

Not to mention, he's dis-

fast (not quite like a

offensive line

Doyle Williams

returning starter on the

play. But Wiska is a bit difwasn't accused of being As a starting defensive anything other than phe tackle for the Shamrocks nomenal this year, collect Wiska was a big part of ing 400 points this season the reason the defense while picking up a total of was as dominant as it was 4,157 yards of productionall season. He picked up Trumbore had a lot to do 46 tackles and had 1.5 with that kind of success. sacks this season.

and gives 100 percent on every down," said Mach And that's exactly the starter." said Ladach. "He type of player that getsand deserves-post-season awards. consistently good. In addi-Jake Bates tion, he was a great lead-

Northville's defensive line was one of the best the school has produced in some time, and the standout player on that line was none other than Bates.

"He is very tenacious

linebackers clean up the

"Jake was the most pro ductive player on our defensive line, which was arguably the strength of our defense," said Ladach 'I didn't see a lineman this season that could slow down Jake's pass rush without holding him, and they didn't even do that really well."

Bates had just 15 solo tackles this year, but assisted on an addition al 31 more. The most impressive stat on his sheet, however, was his seven sacks.

Mike Evans When it came to play ers that found themselves You'll have to excuse us having an impact on the while we sit back and day game, Evans ranks right dream about the offensive up there with the best of them. No, he wasn't picking up 15 tackles a game icing that goes on that pro sacks-but he was disrupt ing lineman was a force to ing the offensive flow of be reckoned with from the the game for his opponents on each and every down. Evans was double teamed most of his ly because he started both senior season, making for a tough way to get stats. but a great way to get recognition. He helped his award," noted coach Mark squad to the playoffs this season and, in turn, was voted in as not only an All-KLAA player by the coaches, but as an All-Area Defensive First-Team selection by the area sportswriters.

Brett MacDonald It's always nice to see a three-year starter tru ly come into his own. and this year it was Mac Donald's turn to do just that. After having been a big part of Northville's defense since his sophomore season, MacDon ald stepped into the role of leading the Northville

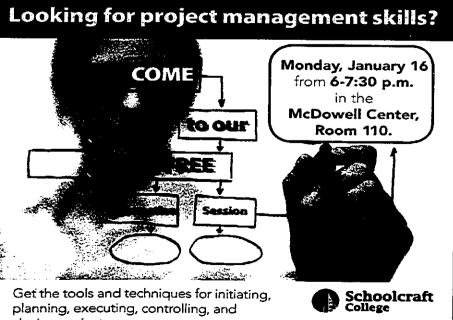
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defense this year.









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The baker games were the decisive factor in Novi's bowling matches Monday. The boys

Plymouth Salem and the girls won all 10 points, and each ended up on similar sides of wide decisions. After dropping behind

on the baker points, the boys (2-5, 1-3 KLAA Central) tied the first game at 921 to earn four points, but lost the second game 970-920 in what ended as a 24-6 defeat to Salem (4-2, 3-1 Central). Chad Smith (211), Char-

lie Woods (193), Cory Brown (167) and Andrew Thorwall (191) each scored single points for Novi in the loss. Although the girls (4-3, 2-2 Central) won their two baker matches over Salem (2-4, 2-2 Central)

by a combined six pins, they were able to wrap up the victory with a 727-678 first game and finish on a high note with a 695-688 second game. Sara Schulz won two points with games of 190 and 168, while Callie Wright secured both baker games wins following 10th-frame

strikes and scored one

point shooting games of 169 and 181. Both teams are back in action Tuesday as they square off with rival Northville 3:30 p.m. at Novi Bowl.

Tryouts for AAU girls basketball are scheduled graders will try out from

and players should be ready to play with shorts, is time to begin. Parents

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Novi swimmers set personal bests at Laker Invitational

200 medley relay team, individuals qualify for state meet early

Several young Wildcats stepped up to the plate Jan. 7 at West Bloomfield's Laker Invitational to help Novi finish just 24 points out of first place.

Among six squads, the Wildcats earned 236 points, two dozen behind the invite champs from North Farmington, but 77 ahead of the host Lakers. Despite falling short, Novi swimmers in three events qualified for the state meet and eight events saw swimmers set personal bests.

The 200-yard medley relay

Onimura, Jongmin Kim, Tanner Vincent and Eugene Song were in both of those categories. Their time of 1:43.22 won the top heat at the invite. It was a personal best for the quarter and made the cut for the Divi sion I state meet.

The team of Gordy Williams Jr., Austin Reed, Dennis Kim and Derek Kim won the B-heat

North Farmington got the best of the Wildcats in the top two heats for both of the other relays. Song, Williams, Onimu ra and Andrew Ao teamed to finish third in the top 200

the Raiders won in 1:32.23. In the B-heat, Toraki Mahetta. Sreeram Paidmarry, William Li and Alex Davis finished second in 1:41.12 behind the Raiders' 1:39.68

The 400 free relay story was a similar one as Ao, Vincent, Derek Kim and Jongmin Kim fell shy of North Farmington's 3:23.57 by finishing second in 3:24.22 in the top heat. Reed, Li, Will Sohn and John Heslop were second in the B-heat in 3:49.53, behind the Raiders' 3:44.10.

Novi seven of the nine individual events, led by Ao and

North Farmington won the B-Novi's swimmers (1-1) visit rival Northville 6 p.m. tonight

Vincent, who each set personal bests by winning two events. Ao won the 200 free in 1:49.79 and the 100 free in 49.73 seconds, while Vincent took home the 100 fly (statequalifying 55.39 seconds; and 500 free (5:04.69) champion-

before heading to Plymouth

Salem 6 p.m. Jan. 19.

Also winning their events with personal bests were Onimura in the 100 back (1:00.13), Jongmin Kim in the 100 breast (state-qualifying 1:00.78) and Derek Kim in the 1-meter dive (420.1 points over 11 dives). In five of those seven events

that Novi won the A-flight,

flight. The 'Cats won two titles in the 200 free, as Reed won the B-flight in 1:58.38.

The 'Cats were runners-up in two other events. Jongmin Kim and Dennis Kim each fell short of their flight titles in the 200 individual medley as Jongmin was 1.36 seconds back in a state-qualifying 2:01.46 and Dennis was 8.3 seconds back in 2:15.88. Both finished second to North Farmington. Song was Novi's top per-

former in the 50 free, landing fourth in 23.76 seconds as the Raiders won in 23.32 seconds. In the top 1-meter dive flight, Rohith Koluri's 75.20 points over six dives for Novi was third of three divers in the top

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outside the paint (28.6 percent) and 17-for-27 inside the paint (63 percent) to shoot an overall 50 percent last Friday East shot 35.5 percent for the night on 31 attempts.

Both teams clamped down on defense in the fourth quarter, as Novi only allowed four points while ringing up nine of their own for the 47-38 final score.

Novi seniors Abby Robinson and Anna Lausch each had four rebounds. while Lausch and senior Katie Seelenbinder added two points apiece. Senior

Abby Chandler made the most of her time on defense while adding two rebounds, two assists and three steals.

Senior guard Taylor Jones led East with nine

Despite also earning an 11-5 steal advantage and 8-1 assist advantage, Kelp was unhappy with some decisions that led to only a 14-15 turnover advan-

'Too many turnovers.' Kelp said. "Every game in our division is going to be tough. (We) have to be ready to play each night.'

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> Rob Hayes, Director Department of Public Services

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NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ADVERTISEMENT - REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Proposals for PROFESSIONAL AUDIT SERVICES will be received by the Novi Community School District, located at 25345 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan, 48374, by mail or hand delivered by 2:00 p.m. local time on Wednesday, February 1, 2012, when the proposals will be opened and dated. See Request for Proposal documents for details. Proposals received after the specified date and time will not be considered or accepted. Faxed or e-mailed responses will not be accepted. All submissions should include <u>One (1) original and four (4) printed copies</u> and shall be delivered in a sealed package, addressed as follows:

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FOOTBALL

"Brett has been one of our best defenders in each of the past three seasons." said Ladach. "He leads by example, and he's always around the football. We are really going to miss

him next year.' MacDonald had 35 solo tackles and 52 assists his year, while picking up one sack and an interception. In addition to his defensive play, he had four touchdowns as a member of the offense this year.

Alex King As predicted when he made the First-Team Defense list on last year's All-Area team, King proved to be a destructive force on the Wildcats' defense this year-and after starting three years at linebacker for Novi, it's really no surprise.

"(He's the) leader of the defense," said Pennycuff. "(Alex) made all of our adjustments and led the team in tackles. Played with a lot of passion and

very, very physical." King picked up a whom ping 88 tackles from his linebacker position-three less than last year, but considering offenses did everything they could to avoid him, we're willing to forgive him.

Chris Orr There's likely no doubt that Milford's coaching staff all asked Santa for the same thing this year--another linebacker with

The Mavericks depended heavily on Orr's abilities, and not just on defense-although it's definitely hard to miss the glaring 102 tackles he picked up this season. Orr is a two-way threat, having snagged 31 catches as a tight end this year in addition to his duties of laying out some of the biggest hits in the KLAA this

Mike Schultz It's really hard to get attention as a stand-out linebacker at Detroit Catholic Central. The reason is due to the fact that

BOYS

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Cadwell (eight points).

to really pound the ball

in the post, but we ran

guards did the majori-

can help you see better.

the floor so well, our

"Our game plan was

the linebacker corps for the Shamrocks is almost always-year in and year

But that didn't deter Schultz, who proved to be one of the best to play the position this year as he picked up 72 tackles and collected a sack during his

"He is an excellent hitter and covers the entire field, sideline to sideline." said Mach.

When a linebacker stands out in the KLAA, it tion to that rule.

The senior linebacker led his squad in tackles, earning himself several team awards as well as an ALL-KLAA not and honorable mention on both the Detroit Free Press and Detroit News all-area squads.

One has to wonder how Tolinski is going to fit it all on his athletic resume, but knowing the type of player he is we're confident he'll find a way to make it work.

Dave Racey With very few excep tions, most teams find that they cannot run the football against Detroit Catholic Central. The most talented of those teams will still try, of course, but most of them revert to trying to beat the Shamrocks with their passing games—and that's where

"Dave is a very good great on both sides of defensively. He also returns punts with the

Brandon Love Last year, Love made an appearance on this team as an All-Area running back. This year, he decided to make a name

ty of the scoring," Tass

try has improved some.

I like some things that

are starting to happen

more often, but not see-

taking ownership yet."

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Also chipping in were

ing enough of the players

said. "I think the chemis-

senior campaign.

athlete who is capable of making the great plays," said Mach. "He has been the ball, offensively and

kicking game," Racey picked up three interceptions this year. made 30 tackles and also had 17 catches for 280 vards and three touch downs as a wide receiver.

out-one of the best in the

Justin Tolinski

typically means he's one heck of an impact player--and Tolinski is no excep-

team missing the playoffs

Racey truly shined this

for himself on the defensive side of the ball as well. After having been one of Northville's top defensive backs over the

out barely having the ball

even come at him.

Zach Kaske

Are defensive backs

supposed to have 77 tack-

past three seasons, opponents learned to just not throw in his direction. That, of course, didn't a ball hawk, snagging two interceptions and pulling down 14 solo tackles with

"Brandon has consistently been our best cornerback," said Ladach In addition, Love picked up 631 yards on offense and ventured into the end zone 14 times

> les on the season? If thev are as aggressive as Kaske-who was basically a linebacker who could eep up with any receiver and liked to get interceptions-then, yes, they are. Kaske had himself a standout year despite his

> > as he picked up 77 tackles. one sack and three interceptions and tossed in a fumble recovery for good "He reads his keys and supports on the run faster than any safety I've ever coached," said Lindman.

Kaske retires from the Cougars as the team's alltime interception leader with seven and is second on the all-time list for

First-Team Special Teams

Alex Kozlowski Let's just be clear about one thing-Kozlowski is far more than a kickerhe's pretty much a threeway player, having picked up a ton of time his senior year as a defensive back, a running back and, of course, the best kicker in the area.

Kozlowski had lots of practice, too, kicking off 48 times for an average of 54 yards per kick. He nailed 37 extra points this year, too. And while he wasn't selected as the punter for this year's All-

notas (six points, five

rebounds), junior for-

ward Jionni Ivy (four

points, four rebounds),

junior guard Brandon

Macklin (three points,

forward Alex King

three rebounds) and two

(three rebounds), junior

points apiece from senior

Area team, he definite ly qualified, averaging 43 yards per punt this season.

When you ask Birckel baw to step up and help his team in any way that he can, he truly respondsand that's the type of character the All-Area team is built on each and every season. Birckelbaw was not only a defensive back and a wide receiver for the Lions during his senior season, but he was one heck of a punter, too. earning himself numerous post-season honors along the way. His average was a whopping 36.4 yards per key in the field-position strategies of South Lyon

this year. Jon Newman How is it that one of South Lyon's best players landed himself on the All-Area First-Team as a special teams player? cause he's not afraid to give his all, no matter if he's on offense, defense or during the kicking and punting game.

Newman is the type of player that can do it all--he's a huge target as a tight end and a scary presence at outside linebacker. But what makes Newman stand out so much is the fact that even on special teams he never let his motor quit running and continued to give his best

effort no matter what. And when his team needed him on special teams? There he was rushing down the field on the kick off; then he was making blocks on kick and punt returns; and then he was long snapping when the Lions punted and snapped the ball for extra points and field goals.

"He never came off the field," said Thomas. And it's going to be awhile before he does come off an athletic field--Newman will be a collegiate athlete when he goes to the next level to play baseball following his 2012 graduation.

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

Brown (eight rebounds). Senior forward Gannon Mathis also pulled in six Chris Jackett is a freelance

writer and former staff

writer for the Novi News.

and junior center Blake

guard Brad Kozinski

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Tax changes for small businesses to note in 2012

s we move into an election year, there are a few changes in the tax law (both at the state and federal levels) that vou may be interested in tracking. For the most part, our state legislators have done their jobs and given us some stability; unfortunately, our federal legislators businesses in Michigan, this may be a pretty good year with some of the tax

changes. So, the good news for 2012. Governor Snyder and the Michigan legislature finally repealed the Michigan Business Tax ("MBT"). The MBT was a short-lived tax that replaced the Single Business Tax ("SBT"). The MBT and SBT were controversial taxes because they were (a) difficult to comply with, (b) taxed the income of small businesses and business owners twice, and (c) were just bad tax policy. Essentially, the MBT and SBT went outside the state tax policy axiom, which is to tailor legislation to the

federal laws." In Michigan, we have an estate tax and individual income tax that are called "pick-up" taxes, which means that if something is taxed at the federal lev el. Michigan will "pickup" a little off the top. This works well in the individual and estate tax planning world because you are, essentially, playing by the same rules at the state and federal levels. Until recently, the business taxes were another story. Our state

legislative and executive branches couldn't make up their minds as to how to tax business ... this adversely affected longterm business decisions. drove many businesses to other states and clearly

hurt our state's economy. On January 1, 2012, the Michigan Corpo rate Income Tax (MCIT) took effect. For many small businesses in Mich igan, this is a wonderful relief. The MCIT effections" with \$350,000 or more gross receipts only. This means that small businesses that operate

S-corpo of the year? rations The payroll tax (FICA) are not taxed by the State

two months

of Mich-Takin' Care igan. Essential of Business Daniel Hoops federal

tem is designed and many consider this the equitable and fair way to tax business. It is smart tax

Small business should also rejoice with the Small Business Health Care Tax Credit, included as part of Congress' Affordable Care Act. This is a credit for small business owners. To qualify for this relief, a business must have 25 or fewer full-time employees whose average income is \$50,000 or less, and the business must pay at least half of its employed health insurance premiums. For qualifying business owners, the credit is a "sliding scale" that tops out at 35% in 2012, meaning the credit will benefit "smaller" small business moreso than it would for

"larger" small business. The IRS released its 2012 inflation-affected items for the vear. The Earned Income Tax Credit for 2012 will be \$5,891, the maximum deduction for medical savings accounts for out-of-pocket expenses will be \$4,200 (selfonly) and \$7,650 (family coverage), the estate tax credit amount for 2012 is \$5,120,000, transportation benefits (transit passes, parking) will be \$240, and deductible mileage rates are \$.55 (business mileage), \$.23 (medical or moving mileage), and \$.14 (per mile for charitable organizations).

Now, for the rest of the federal tax story. Politics. We have one more year to see what is going to happen with the estate tax and whether or not our Congress will allow it to slip from a tax on estates in excess of \$5 million to estates of \$1,000,000 in 2013. As far as some of the remaining "Bush Tax Cuts", those two may or may not be around by 1/1/2013. They kicked the as sole proprietors, part- year, after waiting until

the eleventh hour, will they do it again at the end

relief from 2011 was extended ... until February 29, 2012. I don't know what to say, but "please remember to vote in the November elections". What a mess for payroll services and departments across the country For now, employees will only have 5.65% of their paychecks withheld for the FICA and this may or may not go up to 7.65% in

Finally, with this being an election year, most economic policies from both major parties will use tax policy changes to provide incentives in business and personal behaviors. Just which policies are the "best" is anyone's guess: high er taxes on the wealthiest Americans? Tax cuts for the middle class? Renewable credits for business: No one can say for certainty what works best, until many years after the fact. However, providing a long-term plan that people and business can rely on is something that works

As we all get geared up to file our returns for the past year, there are plenty of us that do need to think about the upcoming year. Unfortunately, the uncertainty in Washington is unlike the uncertainty in life: we can at least control our own personal destinies, right? It will be an interesting 2012 to say the least, let's hope that our elected officials in Congress can take a lesson from Lansing and give us a ray of hope for certain-Ay in our taxes. But, this is only my perspective.

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OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars offered by the Oakland County Business Center, Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months. Unless otherwise noted, all classes take place at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road in Waterford. For pre-registration and location specifics, visit www.oakgov. com/peds/calendar or call (248) 858-



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NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS

Steve & Rocky's celebrating 14 years

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The idea is for our guests to raise a glass of bubbly and toast to us and them. Fourteen years is a long time, and had it not been for our many loyal guests we would not be here today" stated Chef Steve Allen.

Chef went on to say that in January and February the restaurant will undergo a remodel that will include new carpet, paint, furniture, entrance way and bathrooms.

"Rocky and I agree that for us to remain successful, we need to not only serve dynamic food, but the environment in which the guests enjoys it must remain dynamic too. Our last remodel was five years ago and I think the time has come for an upgrade", added Allen For more information, call (2480 374-0688 or visit www.steveandrockys.com.

Shazaaam! giving away \$1M in pro bono services

Novi-based public relations, marketing and social media firm Shazaaam! Public Relations is asking the public to assist in helping the agency gift \$1 million in pro bono services to worthy charities. The firm, founded by entrepreneur Adrienne Lenhoff, is celebrating its 10-year anniversary in business by gifting 10 worthy charities each a \$100,000 in pro bono services.

Shazaaam! posted the nominated organizations on its website www.shazaaam. com and the public and the nominated organizations' supporters have been invited to vote on their top 10 organizations. Voting will take place through Jan. 23. The 10 organizations with the most votes will each be the recipient of \$100,000 in pro bono marketing, pubic relations and social media services. In the event that a winning organization is unable or cannot accept Shazaaam!'s gift or does not respond to the agency's outreach, Shazaaam! will then begin to reach out to the next runner up in the voting. Winning organizations will begin being contacted on Tuesday, Jan. 24.

During Shazaaam!'s 10 Year Anniver-

sary Million Dollar Challenge nomination period, over 140 worthy 501(c)3 organizations were nominated. The nomination period ran from Nov. 28

Dec. 28, 2011. Since forming in 2001, Shazaaam! has awarded more than \$3 million in pro bono services to help deserving organizations elevate their messages, mobilize housands of supporters and raise mil-

"Since opening up the nomination process, we've been exposed to over a hundred worthy organizations each with a great story to tell," said Shazaaam! founder and president, Adrienne Lenhoff. "We have the skills and the talent to help them amplify their messages and create greater awareness. Since forming Shazaaam!, I have felt that it's important to be thankful for our clients and business growth and to also give back to those around us.'

Community Financial offering a dozen scholarships

Community Financial Credit Union, in collaboration with the Community Foundation of Plymouth (CFP) will be awarding 12 \$1,000 scholarships in April. The

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OUTSIDE FUN:

➡ Get a group together and have your own winter game competition You can design your own obstacle course using small snow mounds for hurdle jumping, a track for short distance sprinting, and snow balls for

snowman and take funny photographs of you and your family using your head as a substitute for the snowman's head.

➡ Create a colorful ice sculpture using food colored frozen water made in plastic or Styrofoam cups. A little water poured between the ice blocks will help everything stick together like glue.

⇒ Create a night of giving. Take one evening and go through your closet and pull out clothing that you no longer want and give it to charity. Especially look for clothing that is good for the cold winter month:

Have a Home Movie Buffet. Invite some friends over and let your creative mind go to work. Ask mom and dad to help create fun treats for everyone to sample. How about strawberry hot chocolate or peanut butter and honey mini sandwiches? Yummy. Put on your favorite movie and top it off with some fruit flavored popcorn. (Learn how to make fruit

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COOKING WITH SCOOP

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- ₩ 3/4 cup sugar

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2. Distribute popcorn evenly in the baking pans and put in the oven to

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over medium heat about 250 degrees F. 4. Pour mixture evenly over popcorn and stir until the popcorn is coated. Put popcorn in oven. Bake for 5 minute then stir and bake for 5

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instance, this winter we already finished a hot air balloon puzzle and we are doing a jelly bean puzzle right now. Next, we will do a button puzzle. When my grandparents come over they like to help

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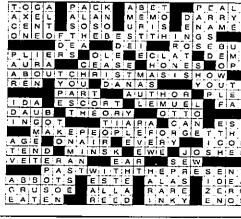
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This situation isn't uncommon. With all of the advice available about résumé and cover letter do's and don'ts, almost anyone can look like the perfect candidate. But just because a job candidate looks good on paper doesn't mean he will be a good fit for the company.

"While education, past work experience, qualifications and skill set will always be a major influence in hiring, there are many other factors that are used to determine if the candidate

will be a good fit for the organization." says Samantha Lambert of Blue Fountain Media, a media design company in New York.

"I can immediately tell if a candidate spent time researching us and personalizing his job application as well as if he pumped out his résumé to any job that looked somewhat appealing. You can tell a lot from email correspondence with a candidate, but nothing is as substantial as meeting him in person to gauge his compatibility with the company culture."

Eszter Szikora, marketing communications manager at an information technology recruiting firm in Sunnyvale, Calif., remembers when his company was seeking to hire a senior recruiter.

"The candidate had excellent references and a pitch-perfect résumé with plenty of experience -- all the qualifications we required. On paper, she

was the dream candidate to fill this job. However, when our team started to interview her in person, we quickly realized that she did not fit into our energetic, fun, multicultural

environment," Szikora says. "We ended up hiring someone who was not the picture-perfect candidate on paper. She did not have that much industry experience but she had the drive and the personality to succeed. Sometimes it is better to hire someone who really wants the job and has the right attitude than someone who has all the skills you need but simply does not fit the environment "

Ideally, the perfect candidate looks good on paper and in person. To achieve that goal, here are some tips from Lambert and Lynne Sarikas, executive director of the MBA Career Center at Northeastern University in Boston. On paper:

1. Make sure your name and contact information are up top and clear so the hiring manager can contact you. Lambert says.

2. Always include a customized cover letter. "Don't expect the hiring manager to review your résumé and think about how your experience relates to what they need," Sarikas says. "Demonstrate the value you add by preparing a customized cover letter that clearly identifies how you can address their business needs. It is about them, not you. Use key words from the job description. Make them want to talk to you."

3. Don't be afraid to write something catchy in the subject line that will make you stand out among the competition and intrigue your reader. Lambert says 4. Take the paper to the next level.

"Use your networking skills to build a network within your target companies. Then, when a position becomes available, ask your contact to share your résumé and cover letter with the hiring manager. Increase your chances of being seen by leveraging your network." Sarikas says.

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7. "Bring a notepad so you have the questions you want to ask as well as an opportunity to take notes," Sarikas says. "Bring extra copies of your résumé just in case it is needed. Be prepared with a list of references just in case you are

8. "Do your research on the company and especially on the person that will be interviewing you." Lambert says.

9. "Dress professionally and conservatively; your best suit, polished shoes, impeccable grooming, etc. Make the best possible first impression." Sarikas savs.

10. "Prepare at least five talking points as to why you would be the best fit for the position," Lambert says.

11. "Be yourself. Let them see the person behind the résumé. Your personal brand should be consistent across your cover letter, résumé and interview. Answer questions honestly and thoughtfully. Give them strong examples. Show how you can add value to the company and help solve their business problems." Sarikas says.

12. "Do not ask about compensation and incentives unless an offer has been extended." Lambert says.

13. Focus on what you can do for the company, not what they can do for you,

14. Always thank the interviewer for his time and demonstrate your sincere interest. Be sure to follow up within 24 hours with a handwritten thank-you note. Customize the note by referring to something you learned or discussed and again confirm your interest, Sarikas recommends.

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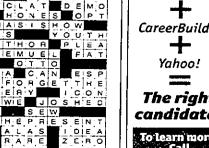
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