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**Get ready, get set, go shop**  
The day after Thanksgiving has traditionally been called "Black Friday" by retailers, as it's the busiest shopping day of the year. Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi will start greeting shoppers at 7 a.m. Friday and be open until 9 p.m. Saturday's hours are 9 a.m.-9 p.m., with the mall at Novi Road and 12 Mile Road open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday.

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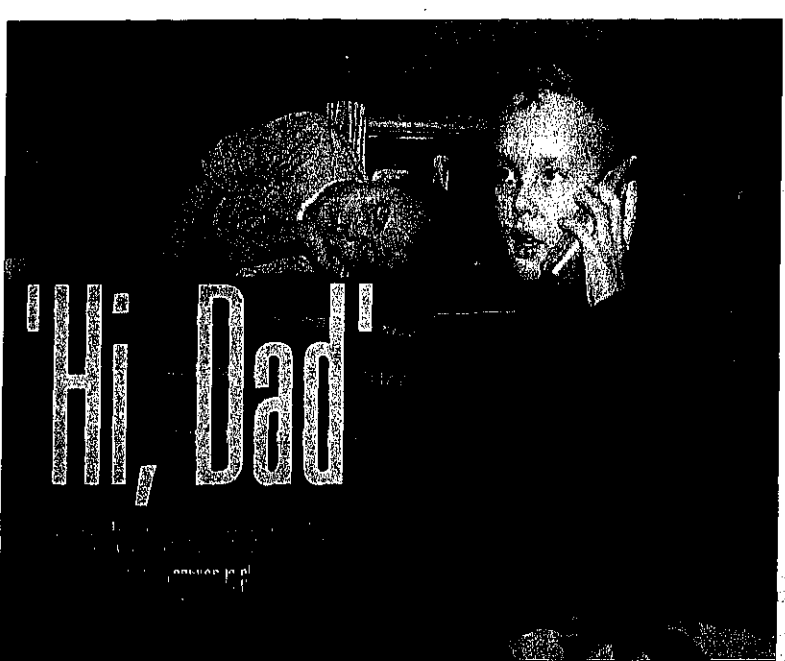
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## PHIL POWER: REPLACING SBT REVENUE POSES A TAXING PROBLEM FOR MICHIGAN, PAGE 13A



Cole, right, and Ivan McCall will spend Thanksgiving Day away from their father, Charlie, a U.S. Marine stationed in Iraq since September.

## War in Iraq, Thanksgiving draw difficult battle lines

Not all pilgrims find their way home on Thanksgiving Day.  
Some, like U.S. Marine Sgt. Charles McCall, have already been shipped out until May 2007, stationed thousands of miles away from his two young sons, stuck in the middle of the Iraqi desert guarding a road dubbed Route Michigan, a vital east-west path stretching fewer than seven miles, but taking nearly seven hours to completely traverse.



David Aguilar  
NOVI NEWS EDITOR

McCall, 36, is part of the 1,100-man 1st Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment. His Company C is assigned to a railroad station near Fallujah, where traffic is closely monitored and safe passage along the road is dependent upon his military unit's tight professional scrutiny.

McCall has been in Iraq since September. And since

then, during sporadic phone calls home, he's told his two young sons, Ivan and Cole, that he will return home by the time their Novi Woods Elementary School year finishes in May. Ivan, 8, is a third-grader; Cole, 6, is a first-grader. They believe what McCall tells them, mostly because he's their father. And on Thanksgiving Day, or any day when small children still see their father as a giant, that's more than enough to explain life's most complex problems.

"It doesn't rain here," Cole said, when asked what he's learned about the place where his father is stationed. "And there are a lot of scorpions and spiders. We know because my dad tells us, and he draws us pictures of the things he sees."

Then Cole is asked, "What is your dad doing in Iraq?" Without hesitation, he responded: "He's capturing bad guys. He captures at least 15 bad guys a month."

"He's capturing bad guys. He captures at least 15 bad guys a month."

Cole McCall, 6  
Resident, Novi

ings any extended holiday weekend and a classic whit-bird can withstand. But before you dig in, swallow this: For some local families, Thanksgiving this year is a meal served best on the run. Or while standing a post.

For McCall, divorced now for three years, sending his curious sons slow-arriving letters and hand-drawn pictures is the best he can do to bring a page thousands of

**A full plate**  
Thanksgiving? You bet. It's piled high with all the fe-

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## City ponders fire station renovations

■ **Novi approves study for three outdated facilities**

By Greg Migliora  
STAFF WRITER

Novi's Fire Department has a deep sense of history.  
For some, that's a polite way of saying three of its four stations are antiquated.  
"Now city officials believe it's time to consider some improvements."  
The city built Fire Stations 2 and 3 in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Aside from minor repairs and kitchen improvements by the firefighters themselves, they're

pretty much the same today as they were then. Fire Station 1 was also built in the 1980s and has been remodeled and expanded to accommodate facilities for the fire marshal.  
"These stations remain behind the times," City Manager Clay Pearson said.  
Earlier this month, city council approved a \$20,000 architectural analysis of the three stations, which will examine what needs to be done to the stations and how

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The city council approved \$20,000 to study three of Novi's four fire stations. Possible renovations could include:

- Expanding space for fire trucks and equipment
- Improving kitchen facilities
- Adding restrooms
- Adding storage space

SOURCE: Novi News research

## Janice Church: A scout for life

Novi resident also willing to help out

By Renee Saunders  
STAFF WRITER

It's not Janice Church's job to make sure Girl Scouts thrive in Novi.  
Whether the girls are selling cookies, nuts and calendars to help pay for special events and programs or if it's selling up programs like Daddy Daughter Dances for the kids, Church glad-

## YOUR NOVI Neighbors

ly takes on the task of level oversight she has been for the last 14 years.  
Church also volunteers by helping other Girl Scout programs in 10 western Oakland County cities.  
"She does really well with the volunteers," said Regina Cuthbert, membership specialist for Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan.  
"She provides on going support on a daily basis."  
Church said, her work with the

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**For breaking news in Novi, click [www.novinews.com](http://www.novinews.com)**

**ANTIQUE ARMS SHOW**  
Gun enthusiasts are invited to the Antique Arms Show this weekend at Rock Financial Showplace Saturday and Sunday in Hall A. Hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$6 for adults. Children 12 and under are admitted free. For more information, call (248) 676-2750.

## NOVI EATS

# 3 PLACES

IN NOVI TO BUY A LOAF OF FRESH BREAD!

**START LOAFING!** Whether you turn it into a sandwich, dip it in soup or just eat it by the slice, one thing is for certain, there's nothing quite like fresh bread. Here are three local bakeries where the staple can be found hot from the oven.

### HEALTHY LOAF

Better Health Market at 42875 Grand River Ave., offers a variety of fresh bread from two different bakeries. Grocery associate Jeff Anderson said employees make fresh loaves every day and WildFlours Bakery in Northville delivers fresh bread every two days.

### DELI FRESH

Stopping in for some carry-out at Maria's Italian Bakery & Deli at 41706 W. 10 Mile? Maria's bakes every day, so get a fresh loaf while you're there. Italian bread costs \$1.99.

### LOAF AT LUNCH

Soup, sandwich or a fresh loaf are the bounty at Panera Bread inside Twelve Oaks Mall. Panera suits customers grabbing something on the run or wanting to sit down. Manager Mike Smead said the restaurant seats up to 99 guests.

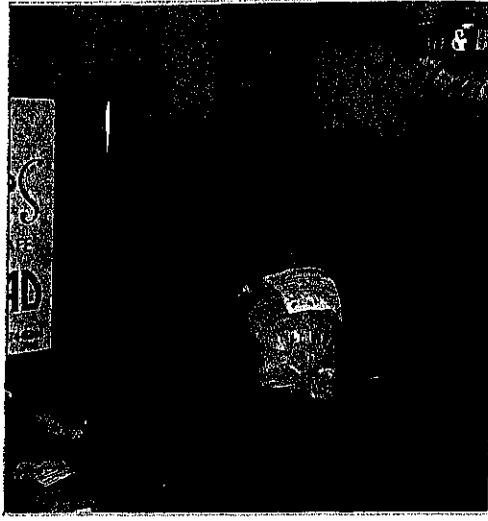


Photo by RENEE SAUNDERS/Novi News  
Jeff Anderson shows off some of the fresh bread to be had at Better Health Market at 42875 Grand River Ave.

### WHAT'S GOING ON?

See Novi's official events calendar, "What's Going On?" Page 10A

### PHOTO REPRINTS!

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# Spotlight on Business

## Experts at Allstate take care of insurance and financial planning

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"We are a full-service office, providing insurance for property, casualty, home, auto, business and life, plus financial services," said Kirby. "We are looking out for the total financial well-being of our customers."

Kirby has teamed up with Allstate Personal Financial Representative Bruce Masters so that his customers can have the best financial services available.

Every customer at Allstate, and those that are just looking for financial planning are provided with free consultations with Masters. He can set up a meeting at a convenient time, day or evening, at the Wixom office or at a home or place of business.

Masters takes the time to go through investments and debts, plus discuss investment strategies and goals, such as college tuition or retirement. "If someone has a goal, like retirement, that they would like to achieve within a certain number of years, I can help them make sure their investments are appropriate so they'll be able to reach their goal," said Masters. Masters provides full-service financial services, including retirement planning, IRAs, annuities, mutual funds and 529 educational funding. But he is not restricted to in-house products, so he can provide unbiased advice. He's glad to help those that aren't looking for new investments but just want to talk about improving their finances.

"We are here to help you," said Kirby. "We are here to help you plan for the future."

Masters will be able to help you plan for the future. He can help you set up a plan so they can set aside income in a tax-free investment.

Kirby is always looking for new ways to save customers money, and maximize their financial stability with insurance and other financial services. He is now offering big savings with rate reductions of up to 18 percent on homeowners insurance in local areas, thanks to a recent Allstate rate reduction. Allstate also has a 10 percent discount for new auto insurance customers. And for those with Allstate home and auto policies, they can receive up to 20 percent off of the home and 17 percent off the auto poli-

Our prices are as low, or lower than the companies without local offices or those that are strictly internet based," said Kirby. "Being local, we know our customers personally and provide them with outstanding customer service."

The customer service at Kirby's Allstate office is actually extended to 24-hour service. The office includes three licensed agents who can make policy changes or answer questions at all times. Plus three customer service professionals make sure that each customer is helped promptly and with courtesy.

Those that need help after hours can call Kirby's cell phone if they have a problem or need a proof of insurance to buy a new car. Customers are always advised to call Kirby before calling the claims department, if they need to make a claim, such as in the case of an auto accident or fire damage on a home. He can go through the claim process with them and make sure that they understand the details like deductibles and amounts.

"A lot of people really appreciate the kind of service we provide," said Kirby.

Allstate Insurance is located at 49357 Pontiac Trail, Suite 103, at Wixom Road in Wixom. The office is open 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday plus evenings by appointment. For more information call (248) 669-0755 or visit [www.allstate.com/kirby](http://www.allstate.com/kirby).

By Kate Phillips



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# THANKSGIVING: Holiday, war draw tough battle lines for Novi brothers

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niles wide, and millions of late-night worries deep. How many minifields of unspeakable thoughts are buried just beneath their feet? Who knows?

The good news is that during the past few weeks McCall has been lucky enough to call his parents' Livonia home on Saturday mornings, packing into a fleeting desert connection just long enough to chat with his mother, Marg, and his two sons, who spend the day visiting.

During choppy conversations, with the echo of video games blaring in the background, McCall does his best to keep the boys updated and in line. "How are your grades? How's school? Are you getting along? Are you helping around the house? Are you taking care of Grandma and Grandpa?" Every sentence is a potential fire fight, the phone cord searing dual roles: a lifeline and an emotional trip-wire. There are moments,

Mary sad, when the miles and a mother's worries barrel toward the same emotionally-packed intersection, and crash headlong into each other. Add to that, the public's negative perception of the War in Iraq that sometimes cuts a bit too close to home.

"People should remember that what they're doing is important," she said. "They're there for a reason. They are making things safer for us."

She paused, resealed and began again.

"The reason people can complain about the government, and the things going on over there, is because these soldiers are over there protecting our freedom. We should be thankful for what they are doing."

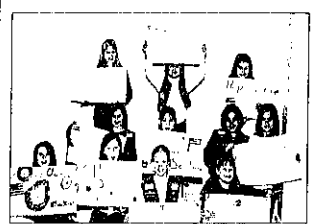
Mary McCall looked away, pursing her lips, as though she'd just forced something down, then she smiled, as though swallowing a secret. She leaned forward in her chair, ever so slightly. "Do you know what he tells the boys? He



Sgt. Charles McCall (above) is stationed in Iraq until May when he will reunite with his two sons, Novi Woods Elementary School students Ivan, 8, left, and Cole, 6.



Ivan McCall, 8  
Resident, Novi



Scoutmaster Photo

### On your behalf!

Third grade Brownies Troop 5741 members from Novi Woods Elementary School dedicated their community service project to a Ivan McCall, whose father, Charlie, is a U.S. Marine stationed in Iraq. The Brownies collected 30 boxes of supplies, which will be sent overseas. "The idea of sending something over there is something they will really appreciate," said Mary McCall, Charlie's mother. "Cards and letters are just as important as anything else. Like they like to hear from people." Pictured: Back row, left to right, Katrina Koonan, Emily Awelish, Rachel Casaccia, Middle row, Chloe Allen, Alita Farris, Allison Bailey, Alexa Harb and Maya Grandstaff. Front row, Darrin Kilgomeen, Kelly Moran, Rachel Estfan and Leah Wright.

tells them, 'I'm here, so you don't have to go.'"

Mary is not naive. She knows men and women far too young are getting killed in Iraq. But as part of a family steeped in military service, she does not bristle at the high cost freedom can exact. Always, she is a mother — with a soft in her heart's way.

"When he calls, I know he tells me what I want to hear," Mary said. "He says, 'I'm safe, Mom. Don't worry. Things are quiet.'"

She finds temporary comfort when Charlie, an assembly line worker at the Ford Engine Plant in Dearborn before being shipped overseas, tells her Company C brought a live turkey last week from the local markets. They've spent the past week fattening up the bird, he said, in preparation for a traditional Thanksgiving Day feast.

She smiled, indeed, sometimes Thanksgiving is what you make it.

### Just desserts

For Ivan and Cole, Thanksgiving will offer a welcome school respite — and plenty of turkey. But the holidays will not deliver down what they're most hungry for: their father's safe return.

"I just try not to think about it — that he's way over there and we're way over here — and that there's nothing I can do about it."

"I just want him back home," Cole said. "I'm kind of sad, because I miss him a lot."

Ivan said if his dad was home, the boys would be spending time with him, swimming, rough-housing and playing with friends. But he's not. So everything is replaced by silent worry. And quiet anger.

"Yeah, I'm get upset," Ivan said. "I don't get to see my dad now. Sometimes I'm sad; sometimes I'm mad — mad that he's in Iraq."

He said Cole sometimes pulls him aside to ask him questions privately, needing more detail from the older brother he trusts in order to complete a picture that's grown a bit too abstract.

"He'll ask me, 'Where's Iraq again? Will Dad be all right? Is he safe?'"

All are questions best answered next spring with a father's safe return. Meanwhile, the miles kend between time zones and war zones. Caught in the fray are two boys who every Saturday pass a cordless phone between them, quietly yearning to feel again the grizzled texture of their father's half-shaven face pashed tightly against their cheek and his meaty hands clamped firmly around their bodies.

At this point, all they can do is hold out hope that today's mission will go exactly as planned and that the Company C turkey will taste just enough like home to remind

only close to the fighting that three or four mission makes most: Get home safe.

Until then, Ivan will do his best not to think about all the things he can't control.

"I just try not to think about it — that he's way over there and we're way over here — and that there's nothing I can do about it," he said.

"Sometimes it works; sometimes it doesn't."

Not unlike war, in many ways.

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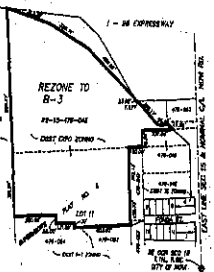
### SALE OF USED VEHICLES

The Novi Community School District is disposing of four (4) used school buses and one (1) Bow Truck. Individuals interested in purchasing these buses that submit bids by 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 5, 2006. Instructions to bidders may be obtained during normal business hours by contacting James M. Kosler, Novi Community School District, 25345 Tall Rd., Novi, Michigan.

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### CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 13, 2006 at 7:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.687 FOR A RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR REZONING OF PROPERTY IN SECTION 15, SOUTH OF I-96, WEST OF NOVI ROAD, FROM EXPOSITION DISTRICT TO B-3, GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT. The subject property is 22.69 acres.



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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, December 13, 2006.

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**Thanksgiving smiles!**

Melissa Mouradian's Village Oaks students show off their Thanksgiving-themed attire while standing next to a turkey decorated with feathers. Front row, from left: Mike Manning, Evan Whitthar and Robbie Hill. Back row: Lizzie Paul, D.V. Jackson and Brynne Sackett.

**CLASS NOTES**

**Board of Education**

The next meeting will be held at 7:30 on Dec. 7 at Novi Woods Elementary, 25195 Taft Rd.

**Northville High School Class of 2007 Fund-raiser**

Northville High School class officers are hosting a fundraiser from 5-8 p.m. Dec. 6 at Pubbelly Sandwich Works, 17374 Hungerty Road. Enjoy food, drink and music to be performed by talented seniors. Half the proceeds go towards Northville's Senior Prom.

Curriculum and assessment, will host meetings during the school year relating to curriculum, assessment and testing in Novi. The schedule of topics, dates and time is as follows: Examining Student Work — What is the Evidence of Learning?, 6-7 p.m. or 7:15-8:15 p.m., Feb. 7; Learning Growth- Reflecting and Planning the Next Steps for Your Child, 6-7 p.m. or 7:15-8:15 p.m., March 26. All meetings will be held at the ITC Building, in the Forum.

tance at this time of year are welcome to make cash donations which will be accepted in the school office up until Dec. 15. For more information, please call (248) 956-2600.

**Novi Meadows Book Fair**

Parents are invited to shop at the Scholastic Book Fair from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Nov. 27-Dec. 1. This is a great opportunity for holiday gift shopping. The students will be able to shop when their class visits the Book Fair during normal school hours.

**Parent Information Nights**

Jane Hesse, the Kindergarten through 12 director of

**Hickory Woods Helping Families**

Parents wishing to help families that need financial assistance



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NOVI NEWS

**Catch a turkey by the tail!**

Fox Run residents check out the tall feathers of an oversized Thanksgiving turkey last Friday prior to the annual turkey trot. Residents were joined by kids from Franklin Road Academy.

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# NEIGHBORS: Resident chips in for Novi community

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organization is just a matter of leading by example.

"I believe we need to be examples to the girls to be active in the community," said Church, the director of the Novi Neighborhood of Girl Scouts of Metro Detroit. "The best way to do that is to volunteer yourself."

She said that a wily scouting is a way of life in her family.

Her husband, Michael, is the Boy Scout Master for Troop 407. All three of their children have been involved in scouting.

She said her 20-year-old daughter was a Girl Scout for 13 years, her 19-year-old son is an Eagle Scout and her 17-year-old son will soon be an Eagle Scout.

Church was also a scout during the 12 years she was in grade school.

"We're definitely a scouting family," she said.

Aside from scouting, Church is also an active member at Faith Community Presbyterian Church in Novi.

She is an elder, a member of the preschool board and a Sunday school teacher.

She said she used to work as an office manager at her church, but she has since moved on, taking a similar position at a church in South Lyon.

"That just happens to be where I work," she said. "When my kids were younger, it was an opportunity that became available. Christian education goes hand in hand with volunteering."

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Photo by HELEN BAUNDERS/Novi News  
**Novi resident Janice Church, local director of the Girl Scouts for 14 years, shows off nuts the group is currently selling.**

**"Christian education goes hand in hand with volunteering."**

Janice Church  
Novi

## Janice Church

How you know her: Janice Church has been the director of the Novi Girl Scouts for 14 years

Family: Her husband, Michael is a Boy Scout and is now Boy Scout Master for Troop 407. Her daughter was a Girl Scout for 13 years and both of her sons are Boy Scouts.

Quote: "We're definitely a scouting family."

### "Tis the season"

The Novi Girl Scouts are having a bake sale during the Nov Holiday Lighting Parade, from 6-9 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 30. Proceeds will be used to purchase gifts for needy families in Novi. The girls and troops also participate in "adopting" Novi families.

# Holy Cross programs ease mental burdens of illness

■ Volunteers make house calls, offer support groups

By Greg Migliore  
STAFF WRITER

There are a lot of gaps in the health-care system.

Even if you have excellent physicians and an organized game plan to fight your illness, the mental and emotional strain can still be a burden.

Members of this, Novi's Church of the Holy Cross has devised an extensive outreach program for the sick. It recently started an Alzheimer's support group for caregivers and has a visiting nurses program for elderly parishioners.

"When a need rises up, that's pretty much a sign that we need to address it in some way," said the Rev. Karen Henry, pastor at the 200-member Episcopal parish.

The Alzheimer's support group had its first meeting earlier this month and offers a venue for caregivers to talk about what they're going through.

It was launched by Shirley Benedict, a Holy Cross member who lost her first husband to the disease after a 12-year fight. She moved to the area about a year ago from Colorado and noticed a dearth of support options in western Oakland County for caregivers.

"We know that there is a tremendous need for this in this area — a place where they can come and not feel out of place discussing this," Benedict said.

The group meets again Dec. 9 at Holy Cross.

### Nurses bring personal touch

With many of its members aging and dealing with declining health, the church started a visiting nurses program about a year ago. The nurses don't address specific physical ailments or offer treatments. Rather, their focus is to give the sick someone to talk to.



Nurses from Church of the Holy Cross in Novi check a patient's blood pressure.

**"We really are just a shoulder to lean on, someone to talk to."**

Laura Janso  
Nurse, Holy Cross Member

Laura Janso, a veteran nurse with 37 years of experience, coordinates the six-member group. The nurses all attend Holy Cross.

Janso said the missing interaction is key for patients.

"We really are just a shoulder to lean on, someone to talk to," said Janso, who also works as a pediatric nurse at Providence Park in Novi.

Sometimes they're more than that.

Janso recounted a story of a



## Church of the Holy Cross Outreach Programs

Church of the Holy Cross in Novi offers outreach programs to help parishioners and area residents deal with illnesses. They include:

- A visiting nurses program: Nurses who are members of Holy Cross volunteer to visit homebound parishioners and listen to their concerns. The nurses offer emotional and mental support. It is not a home care program.
- An Alzheimer's disease support group: A recently started group for caregivers to talk about issues they face and get support. The next meeting is Dec. 9 at the church and open to everyone.

\* For more information about these groups, call Holy Cross at (248) 422-1175.

SOURCE: Novi News/Fluoroch

nurse whose father had recently died, leaving her with an unsteady motorized wheel chair. The nurse gave the wheel chair to a homebound priest she visited, allowing him to get out of his apartment and resume some normal activities.

"It's really exciting what they've been doing," Henry said.

The group also has information sessions on topics like stroke prevention that feature visits from physicians.

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# Health

## Providence plastic surgeon says today's procedures, tools better

### Time off work is often reduced

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Mune Gowda said, years ago, he used to be able to walk into any Bloomfield Hills bar and point out which women had been to a local plastic surgeon.

"Their noses were all small," he said. But, rhinoplasties, or nose surgeries, however, are not as drastic as they once were. Today, a smaller chisel is used and a stronger underlying structure is maintained to give more support to the nose.

The goal is to make the nose look better while keeping the patient's other features in proportion.

Gowda, a Providence Hospital plastic surgeon, discussed nose jobs and other surgical procedures with a mostly female audience during "Looking Younger II: New Surgical Procedures," last week at the hospital's Novi location.

"Dinner with a Doctor" series. Gowda said liposuction is the most-requested procedure in his practice, followed by breast augmentation.

In fact, "The greatest indicator of the state of the economy is the number of breast augmentations I do," he said, noting that women from all societal classes are interested in this surgery.

He said eyelid surgery is also popular and includes techniques such as removing some skin, removing some fat pads, tightening muscles and ligaments, repositioning some fat and use of a laser as a wrinkle remover.

"We tighten the muscles around the eye similar to a tummy tuck," Gowda said.

He said the face must have some fat on it because it gives the patient a more youthful look.

"Repositioning fat also helps improve the skin tone in the lower eye area," he said.

"The greatest indicator of the state of the economy is the number of breast augmentations I do."

Mune Gowda, M.D.  
Providence Hospital plastic surgeon

"This gives the patient a more relaxed, fast tired look," he said. Cosmetic surgery may also include a facelift, neck lift and even facial implants, which provide immediate and permanent results.

"The goal is not to change the shape of the face," Gowda said. "I don't want you to look like you've had a facelift."

### Fat can be surgeon's friend

Fat grafts have also become popular, he said with surgeons often taking small amounts of fat with a syringe and repositioning it in other parts of the body.

tries to shape the breast first, using the skin as an anchor. He favors placing implants under the muscle for a more natural look and feel.

"The key is not to make the breasts too large," he advised. Liposuction has improved as a cosmetic procedure, and he uses ultrasound first, then traditional liposuction, in which the surgeon guides the tool, as opposed to the so-called "power" liposuction.

A body lift, commonly performed on patients who have lost a great deal of weight, involves about 60 percent of the body surface and can take him a full day in the operating room.

### Top Cosmetic Procedures



These were the top surgical and nonsurgical cosmetic procedures among all Americans in 2005:

- Liposuction: 455,488
- Breast augmentation: 354,610
- Eyelid surgery: 231,467
- Rhinoplasty (nose surgery): 200,924
- Abdominoplasty (abdominal surgery): 169,314

SOURCE: American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery

cedures, however, are done on an out-patient basis," Gowda said, with some eyelid procedures even covered by insurance.

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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, November 29, 2006.

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# Smart Business

## Community relations manager reviews 'Publicity for Dummies'

Walsh says 'layering' key to spreading the word

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Sheryl Walsh knows how to roll with the punches. As manager of community relations for the city of Novi, she may be on her way to a meeting when she learns there's a water main break in the city.

That's when she contacts the Department of Public Works staff, who go door-to-door, passing out fliers to residents affected by the break, as well as the local cable access people and city website coordinator.

It's this "layering" of information transmission that's important, she said, whether publicizing what's going on in a

city, business or service club. Walsh listed key points to remember when creating a successful public relations campaign during her talk at the Novi 8 Novis Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association. "Publicity for Dummies."

Walsh said when the city of Novi faced several construction projects last year, the city devised a Read Construction Update e-mail list.

The list included a combination of more than 400 residents and business owners who could print out the update for family members or co-workers to view. Updates were also posted in the Novi News and on the city's Web site.

"Good public relations is nothing more than taking information and getting it out there," Walsh said.

She also suggested finding creative ways to market a product or service, including church bulletins and joining a service club like ABWA for networking opportunities.

Walsh said expanding individual horizons and thinking outside the box are crucial when it comes to publicity.

"International barriers no longer exist," she said. "Mix in and market what you do for the community."

**Team approach works**  
It's a team effort when the city

of Novi has a message it needs to get out to residents and businesses. And the works across the board, Walsh said.

"No one can be an end all and be all for any organization," she said, adding that she's often faced with having to communicate with 30,000 households.

One way to provide publicity for your business or cause is to keep it in the forefront of conversations wherever you go.

"Just talking about your business is marketing," Walsh said. "Look for the human angle."

**"Just talking about your business is marketing. Look for the human angle."**

Sheryl Walsh  
Manager of Community Relations, City of Novi

Web sites are important, too, with the city of Novi's site receiving more than 90,000 hits a month.

"It's a useful way of disseminating information," she said.

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## Novi diner to add breakfast service after Thanksgiving

By Carol Cain  
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Company: Don's of Traverse City, 98730 Grand River, Novi, Mich.  
Owner: Robert Wilson of Florida.

Some background: Wilson opened Don's of Traverse City in 1958. He expanded the eatery to its Novi location in 1994.

All-American fare: The family-owned diner is open for lunch and dinner and offers burgers, shakes, sandwiches and more. It has 15 employees.

Customers of all ages come from across the metro Detroit area.

"We'll have teens in here, families, older people and couples," said Michael Madison of Wixom, one of the store's managers.

But it is the lunch-hour crowd that truly is the heart and butter of the restaurant's existence. Noon remains its busiest time each day.

Earlier start: With the struggling economy and people watching their spending, the eatery's managers have been thinking about ways to boost business.

As a result, Don's will soon offer a breakfast menu seven days a week, Madison said.

"Our business has been OK," he said. "But we just decided to try something and think we can do even better by offering breakfast, which we will do starting the day after Thanksgiving."

## Baffled by city hall? New program explains all

Leadership Academy starts next year. It's goal: informed citizens

By Greg Migliore  
STAFF WRITER

Even Novi officials admit city government is complicated. But they're working to change that, and recently the Neighborhood Services division unveiled a program designed to de-mystify the inner-workings of city hall.

Dubbed the Leadership Academy, the program will offer monthly seminars at the Civic Center, featuring local officials who will explain areas of government murky to many residents.

Judge Brian MacKenzie of the 52-1 District Court in Novi will lead the first session, which will illustrate how the court system works. The program is scheduled for 6:30

pm, Jan. 4 at the Civic Center.

Neighborhood Services Coordinator Cindy Uglow devised the program and said offering practical information is key.

"Unless you get a ticket, do you know how the court system works?" she said.

The program will also highlight changes in government policies and serve as informal orientations for new Novi residents. City Clerk Maryanne Cornelius, Police Chief David Mollay and other Novi leaders will also lead sessions, which run through December 2007.

Graduates of the program will earn certificates, but the underlying reward will be for Novi, Community Relations Manager Sheryl Walsh said.

"These people actually, to me, will become goodwill ambassadors to the city of Novi," she said.

Patti Johnson, a Novi resident and president of the Macomb/Clark Glen Homeowners Association, said she plans to attend the program. She plans to use information she picks up to help her lead her group, which has 475 homes and is one of Novi's largest associations.

"I want to know how the city runs," she said.

**The Leadership Academy**  
What: Information sessions about how the city works  
When: January through December 2007 at 6:30 p.m.  
Where: Council chambers at the Civic Center  
For more information: Call Cindy Uglow, neighborhood services coordinator, at (248) 347-0437

And she wants an in-depth look. She's curious about a number of things, but specifically, City Manager Clay Pearson's job intrigues her.

"I find him a very interesting person," Johnson said.

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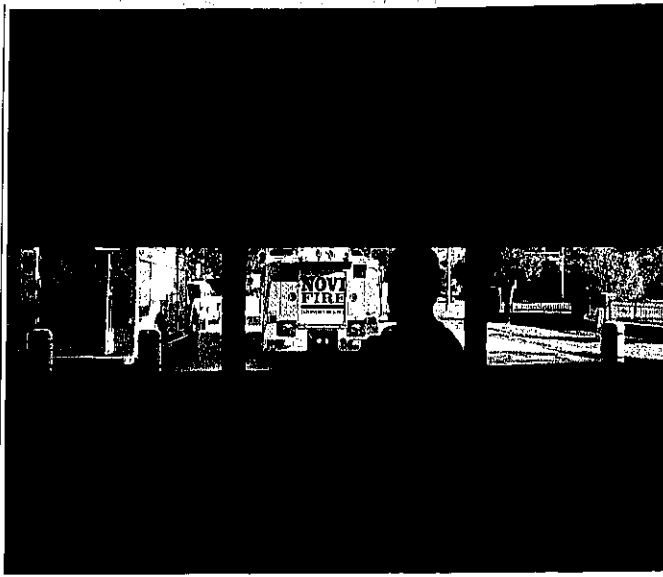
Even amid a flagging economy and the frenetic pace of everyday life, many of us still have the resource and industry to make someone's life better.

Too many around us remain homeless or hungry. Too many starve for an education or an employment

opportunity. Some will make a hospital bed their home this holiday season, while others remain stationed overseas as part of an ongoing military conflict.

A card, a gift or a phone call is sometimes all the anonymous among us need to get through a troubled day.

We must be more than thankful today. We must move mountains.



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### Goodfellows are looking out for you!

City of Novi firefighters have been taking to the streets during the holidays, hawking Goodfellows Edition newspapers as part of their annual effort to raise money and help local children during the holidays.

## LETTERS

### Support for House Bill 6456

I respect Farmington Hill's Mayor Vicki Barnett, but unfortunately she leaves out a bit of detail in her recent letter. The reason our lawmakers are acting today is because our local government has been unable to do anything to increase competition for video services in our area. Our cable commission has also failed us. We consumers have been shouting for action for quite some time, and now we're finally seeing the fruits of our labor.

Ms. Barnett states that under this bill, "AT&T is free to install their large equipment boxes in front of your sidewalk or next to your driveway." It's very interesting that she identifies that, as AT&T's proposed service, called "U-verse," has no need to do that, as this service would come to your house through your existing phone line. In fact, those subdivisions that already have fiber running to their neighborhood phone box could have this service today if it were not for all of the outdated franchising regulations.

Ms. Barnett states that the current house bill does not require a full build-out in all communities. While this may be true, it does require a 25 percent build-out of Michigan houses within the first three years, and 50 percent within the first five years. So, in five years many households in the state get another choice in programming. What's wrong with that? It's a no-lose for consumers. And for those who don't get access to AT&T's U-verse service, they will still have access to their new homezone service. (I have not seen a demo of either service, so I really don't have an opinion on them yet.) Ms. Barnett states that this bill, which has gone through a number of revisions, allows current video providers to immediately terminate their existing franchise agreement with a city, village or township. This is also not true; it only allows them to modify, not terminate immediately.

She states (in point four) that cities, villages and townships will lose more than \$55 million statewide due to lost franchise fees and in-kind services to municipalities and schools. Yet the bill preserves the 5 percent franchise fee as well as the 1 percent Peg fee for local Governments. And, what exactly are these "in-kind services" that she speaks of? Are they things like city pools and Christmas lights which some municipalities

have strong-armed cable companies into supplying in the past? You know who ultimately pays for this stuff, right? We finally have lawmakers who are looking out for us. This bill is supported by both Republican Leader Craig DeRoche and Democratic Leader Brian Byram. How often does that happen?

So Ms. Barnett, please step aside and simply realize that the consumer is king. They should be able to decide what video service to subscribe to without interference of local government. Cable companies have had enough monopoly, time, and I'm frankly tired of waiting.

If you're going to call your representatives, please ask them to vote "yes" on HB 6456. I'm not convinced that the Michigan Municipal League represents the best interests of the video consumer.

What do you think? We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Letters to the Editor, David Aguilar, Novi News, 104 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167. Fax: (248) 349-9832. E-mail: daguilar@gannett.com. Letter submission deadline is 5 p.m. Monday.

settling in... example the way that... was intended to live... for the past 200 years and continue to do so by protecting what makes us... a leader of nations... our freedom.

We are defending ourselves just as we did after the attack on Pearl Harbor. American soldiers defended our country on foreign soil that contained no weapons of mass destruction, and while doing so, liberated the Japanese. We also fought Hitler's army (a very real threat, despite no attack on American soil) to liberate the Jews, France... need I go on?

What is your definition of compassion? While defending our country in Iraq (let's not forget Afghanistan), our soldiers are also on a liberating mission to give the innocent people something they did not have under Saddam's terrifying reign — hope. This is the true definition of compassion.

You are of the opinion that our government should not defend itself on... the soil of a country that has no weapons of mass destruction? Despite the fact that nuclear weapons were not found, Iraq remains a very real threat due to the terrorists willing to martyr themselves in the name of hate. Three thousand innocent Americans were not a martyr? Our soldiers, while not perfect, continue to face acts of terrorism everyday. How many innocent Iraqis have we head-butted?

As much as we do not want to admit it, we are all thankful this "war on terror" is not being fought on American soil. I personally like the comfort of knowing I can walk into a McDonald's and not be blown up. Thank you, American soldiers!

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### GUEST COLUMN: STATE SEN. NANCY CASSIDY

#### New Legislature leadership means strong Oakland County voice

Michigan State Republicans have selected their leadership team for the 2007-2010 session. Oakland County Senator, Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, was elected the Senate Majority Leader. The majority leader plays a critical role, setting the agenda for the entire Senate.

I was honored that my colleagues chose to select me as the new majority caucus chair, which means we have another leadership voice from Oakland County. The majority caucus chair is the facilitator for caucus debate and discussion and ensures that all caucus members have an equal opportunity to have their ideas heard.

Also, elected to the Senate leadership for the 94th Legislature is Alan Cropsey (R-DeWitt), Majority Floor Leader; Jason Allen (R-Traverse City), Majority Whip; Michelle McManus (R-Lake Leelanau), Assistant Majority Leader; Buzz Cañero Brown (R-Struings), Assistant Floor Leader. Democratic Senate minority elections resulted in the following: Mark Schacter (D-Battle Creek), Minority Leader; Buzz Thomas (D-Detroit), Minority Floor Leader; Gilda Jacobs (D-Huntington Woods), Minority Caucus Chair.

The House of Representatives also held its leadership elections and, with a 38/52 majority Rep.

Andy Dillon (D-Redford Township) was elected Speaker of the House, Rep. Steve Tobocman (D-Detroit) is the Majority Floor Leader and Rep. Michael Sak (D-Grand Rapids) is Speaker Pro Tempore. Oakland County will also have two of its own as leaders in the state House, Rep. Craig DeRoche (R-Novi) was elected Republican leader, Rep. Chris Ward (R-Brighton) was elected minority floor leader. (Rep. Ward represents part of Milford.)

The rest of the House Republican team is as follows: Kevin Green (R-Wyoming), Minority Whip; John Proos (R-St. Joseph), Minority Caucus Chair; Kevin Bischoff (R-Bellaire),

# COMMENT

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## Michigan's future: A taxing dilemma

Thanks to an active behind-the-scenes campaign by parts of the business community, the current conventional wisdom in that whatever winds up replacing Michigan's now-repealed Single Business Tax will involve a \$500 million business tax cut.

Maybe so. But, again... maybe not. That's according to some 250 Michigan leaders who met last Monday in East Lansing and in Marquette. The town hall meeting — sponsored by the moderate think-and-do tank I founded, The Center for Michigan, and Michigan State University's Institute for Public Policy and Social Research — considered what should replace the SBT.

That's something the Michigan Legislature will shortly have to do for real. Earlier this year, they repealed the tax, effective at the end of 2007. What they didn't do was come up with a way to replace some or all of the crucial \$1.9 billion a year it supplies.

They left that to a soon-to-be-summery "lame duck" session of the outgoing legislature. But the organizers of the town hall meeting decided to see kind of decisions intelligent people might make when they had enough information to go on.

And surprisingly, after working over state budget and tax details, participants in 14 breakout groups overwhelmingly concluded Michigan is not in need of a tax cut. In fact eight groups concluded the state should raise taxes overall and increase the state's budget.

Why? Simply on the theory that improved state services — education, infrastructure and public safety — would be an excellent investment for our future. They'd also be the most efficient way to attract and retain good jobs and economic development.

Five other groups concluded that any SBT replacement should be "revenue neutral," neither raising more or less money than the \$1.9 billion the business tax now yields.

Not a single group called for a tax cut — which may be less surprising when you consider the relentless propaganda designed to

convince us — falsely — that Michigan is a "high tax" state. And every single group called for a cut in state spending on prisons, by amounts ranging from \$100 million to \$500 million.

Participants met in breakout groups during the morning, after a presentation by Citizens Research Council Director Tom Clary, who warned that Michigan currently faces a billion-dollar-plus structural deficit that is bound to get much worse over the next decade unless something significant is done.

Advocates for various SBT replacement plans outlined their proposed reforms in an afternoon session. Tax cut advocates have been arguing, more or less a priority, that cutting business taxes will inevitably produce more jobs and economic development. Critics counter that there is no evidence tax cuts by themselves lead to increased business activity and, even if they do, the kinds of jobs they would produce would be low-wage, low-skill, on a par with Mississippi's... or those in Haiti.

One problem with the debate so far: It has focused on tax cuts without considering first what kind of state we want our tax system to encourage. In short, it has put the tax cut cart ahead of the horse. That's as in the "what-kind-of-Michigan-do-we-want" horse.

Participants in last week's meeting were asked to pick what priorities they wanted for a healthy and prosperous Michigan future.

Top-ranked by far: A thriving economy and a good education system. In attempting to balance the state's budget, 10 of 14 breakout groups at the conference called for increasing spending on higher education.

Two of the groups simply based the budget, proposing new General Fund spending of \$10.5 billion and \$12 billion. The rest balanced the budget by a variety of other tax and revenue increases, including up to \$2.7 billion coming from extending the current sales tax to services such as haircuts and golf course greens

fees. Most at the conference were surprised at the degree of unanimity in opposing what had looked like a tax cut landgrab.

One participant, however, questioned breakout session results in an email to me. "The breakout session was in apparent to have all but two public employees... I would expect this group of this makeup to want more services and raise taxes. What about the business community?" she asked.

That's a fair enough question. The Center for Michigan invited everybody on its 1350-member mailing list, sought investors from outside the state, and held open registration to any member of the public throughout the entire fall.

We're going to do more of this. We are considering additional ways to take the town hall breakout exercise "on the road" to civic groups throughout the state to continue to build informed public opinion on state spending and tax policies.

I certainly don't claim the results from this one gathering are a definitive measure of overall public opinion in Michigan. That's one good reason to consider holding town hall gatherings like this in communities throughout the state, perhaps in collaboration with service clubs like Rotary or the League of Women Voters.

What I do know is that I came away enormously impressed with the civic-minded dedication of 250 Michigan citizens who spent an entire day struggling with some of the problems that will be faced by our elected leaders.

Events like this can provide much more informed — and useful — public input into some of the highest priorities our leaders in Michigan will face as soon as the election champagne wears off.

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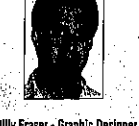
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# Not such a BAD BOY

## Former Piston Mahorn enjoys giving back in own special way

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Former Detroit Piston "Bad Boy" Rick Mahorn really isn't such a bad guy.

In fact, he won't be enjoying a traditional holiday feast with his family members today. He will be with his family members visiting homeless centers in the area to help serve Thanksgiving dinner to the less fortunate. They do this every year.

"You have to do that," he said. "You have to give your time back somehow."

Mahorn, 48, was at the Novi Borders Books, Music and Cafe on Nov. 14 for a DVD signing of the Bad Boy's 1988-1989 NBA championship films.

Currently, the 6-foot, 10-inch, 255-pound Mahorn is a television and radio color analyst on WDRB-TV 11.30 AM for the Pistons and an assistant coach under Bill Lambert for the Detroit Shock, Women's National Basketball Association champions this year.

"It's 365 days a year, and it's long hours, but it's a lot of fun and a lot of gratification," he said about his career. "I'm still involved with professional sports, and that's a blessing."

Pro sports has pretty much consumed his adult life. A native of Hartford, Conn., he now calls Michigan home.

"It's a nice place to be," he said.

In his spare time he enjoys being out to six children that range in age from 24 to 7. His oldest daughter just graduated from college.

"When we sat together, they make me laugh," Mahorn said.

Mahorn said he feels he and his family are obligated

"You have to give your time back somehow."

Rick Mahorn  
Former Detroit Piston

to visit homeless centers, when they could be celebrating the holiday with their own.

He calls the effort a really check for his children to see people worse off than themselves, and he tells them, "We could be these people" when they start requesting material items.

Recently, Mahorn has been enjoying taking the family's 18-month-old Vista puppy on walks.

"It's a bundle of energy," he said. "He's like Velcro — always under my feet."

The DVD series has the Eastern Conference finals when the Pistons as he says "beat up on" Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls. It also contains footage of the Pistons conquering Magic Johnson with the Los Angeles Lakers, when the Pistons beat their West Coast rivals 4-0 in the NBA finals.

"A lot of people really enjoyed this team because we brought a little old school back to new school values," Mahorn said. "People appreciated what we did."

The series offers inside looks at the team and updates the famous games to a more current format.

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Detroit Pistons "Bad Boy" Rick Mahorn appeared at Borders Books, Music & Cafe in Novi Nov. 14 for a signing of the new 11-disc collector set of the historic 1988-1989 six-game Eastern Conference finals and four-game sweep of the Los Angeles Lakers in the NBA finals. Pictured with Mahorn: Leroy and Kristen Strong of Detroit with children, Kayla, 7, and Cameron, 3. The store still has some autographed boxes of the series.

# Shamrocks coach recalls Bo

## CC's football program molded in Schembachler's image

By Greg Migliore  
STAFF WRITER

"The death of legendary Michigan coach Bo Schembachler last Friday was felt around Novi. And it hit particularly hard at Detroit Catholic Central."

The school's veteran football coach, Tom Mach, drew much of his strategy from Schembachler and fashioned the Shamrocks in the Wolverines' smash-mouth image. Not coincidentally, Catholic Central has consistently been among the state's elite teams.

Mach knew Schembachler from U-M's football camps, and a slew of Shamrock players have gone on to play for the Wolverines.

"To me, he was one of the best coaches I ever met," Mach said. "He was very influential in my philosophy."

Schembachler died last week at 77 on the eve of the Michigan's 42-39 defeat at Ohio State.

Despite the fact he got to know Schembachler on a personal basis, Mach said he remained a bit in awe of him. He vividly remembers the Wolverines coach dropping by his house more than 25 years ago while recruiting a Catholic Central player.

"We thought that was the greatest — to have Bo sitting in your living room," said Mach, a bit of a living legend himself with nine state titles as leader of the Shamrocks since 1976.

Gratification is ample, Mach said he learned plenty about dealing with people from Schembachler, he said.

"We thought that was the greatest — to have Bo sitting in your living room."

Tom Mach  
Head Football Coach, Detroit Catholic Central

the renowned U-M coach never blew off or big-timed high school coaches in clinics.

"He did an awful lot of things for football in the state of Michigan," Mach said.

Mach also got a glimpse of the softer side of Schembachler. When former Shamrock player Matt Burns was suffering from multiple sclerosis, his distraught mother called Schembachler, who pulled some strings in the thick of football season and got Burns into the U-M hospital.

What struck Mach was that Burns didn't play for Schembachler — he went to Central Michigan — and his mother only called him on the advice of a friend, Mark Messner, a Wolverine defensive tackle during the 1980s.

"These are the kind of stories that make me," Mach said.

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# Optimists Club returns Christmas tree sale fund-raiser

Members of the Optimists Club of Northville/Novi are hoping to see you the day after Thanksgiving.

At noon Nov. 24, the local service organization will begin its second annual Christmas tree sale fund-raiser on the front lawn of the American Legion hall, 100 Dunlap St.

Proceeds from the tree sales will benefit Northville and Novi students through scholarships and other programs.

After the first Friday, sale hours will be from 6-10 p.m. weekly evenings: 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturdays and noon-6 p.m. Sundays.

The trees will be cut this week at a tree farm on the state's west coast, with heights ranging from 6-12 feet, said club member Jim Keskey. Costs range from \$60-\$85, depending on the height, he said.

The Optimists Club, founded in 2004, has provided funds for Arbor Hospice for Children, Cooke and Old Village schools, Northville Civic Concern's

backpack program, annual at (317) 214-0267 or scholarships and other programs. JKHSKEY@out.com.

For information, call Keskey



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Optimist Club of Northville/Novi members Leo Dow (left), Karen Watkins and Ruth Schmidt sold trees during last year's sale in front of the American Legion hall on Dunlap Street. The fund-raiser returns Nov. 24.

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This request will be considered at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 7, 2006 at the Novi City Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to Robin A. Working and must be received prior to December 7, 2006.

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ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are invited to attend. Any written comments must be received by November 29, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. by the Planning Department, 45175 West Ten Mile, Novi, MI 48375. Published November 23, 2006.

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By Drew Todd  
Tribune Staff

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buying the wrong gift. "I might be in a bit of trouble," he said. "I'm a fan of Twelve Oaks Mall Gift Cards. I can't max out. I can easily max it out or come last second."

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 The groom-elect is a 2004 graduate of Novi High School. In May 2008 he will receive a bachelor of arts degree in social science from Michigan State University and will also pursue a career in secondary education.  
 A July 2007 wedding is planned.

**RENOVATIONS: Study will determine potential fire department repair costs**

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 much it could cost.  
 Novi Fire Chief Frank A. Smith said he expects the study to begin soon and is quick to tick off possible improvements. Most notably, he said, the stations need upgraded facilities for female firefighters and civilian employees.  
 "Basically, they need to be brought up to 21st century standards," he said.  
 The stations also could use more storage space and expanded usage for fitness equipment, Smith said.  
 But finding the money may not be easy. Other city services are also angling for the same budget dollar, and the analysis of the stations was cut from the budget once before. Smith said he understands potential improvements will have to fit into officials' overall strategy for Novi's growth.  
 "That's their job," he said. "They're protecting everybody's tax money."  
 He said the fire department has hardly been neglected. The department operates on a \$4.3 million annual budget, and Fire Station 4, not included in the study, was built in 2003.

Greg Migliore is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 107 or gmigliore@gannett.com.

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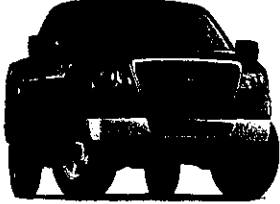
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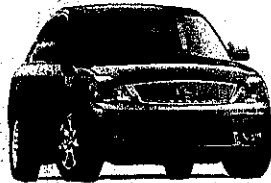
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# DISTRICT CHAMPS

## Novi beats Northville in semis, Canton in finals

By Jeff Thelsen  
 NOVI NEWS

Novi girls basketball had never won a district title since moving to Class A, until Friday.

The Wildcats used their customary team style to knock off Canton, 47-36, at South Lyon, sparking a huge Novi celebration.

"Like I've said all year, they play as a team and nobody cares who scores," Novi head coach Bill Kelly said. "They're a true definition of a team — unselfish. It's phenomenal."

Novi doesn't have a bonafide go-to player, but the Wildcats (19-9) have survived with a different player stepping up each night.

Katie Chaklos took her turn at playing hero Friday with 13 points and three three-pointers to lead the Wildcats.

"We have more heart and passion than any team we're going to play," Chaklos said. "If any team is going to beat us, it's not because they have more heart, they're obviously more talented."

"I've been on a lot of teams throughout soccer and basketball, I've never seen so much passion and heart on a team."

Canton (19-33) held a slim 11-10 lead after the first quarter, but Novi steered ahead with five straight points to start the second quarter, including a three-pointer by Chaklos.

The Chiefs would eventually tie the game at 15, but Novi ended the quarter with a 7-2 run to lead 22-17 at the half.

Canton guard Ja'nee Morton ripped the Wildcats for eight points in the first quarter, but foul trouble kept her on the bench for most of the second quarter. She continued to get in foul trouble and eventually fouled out with 1:59 left to play.

Canton scored the first four points of the third quarter to pull within one, but it would be the closest they would get the rest of the game.

Taylor Graybiel hit an inside basket, Stephanie Crawford hit a pair at the charity stripe and followed it up with a three-pointer, and Chaklos capped a 10-0



Novi freshman Jessica Gingel goes up for a shot Friday against Canton.

### On the move

## Getting back in the game

"When can I play again, doc?" is probably the most common question I hear each day. The answer obviously differs from patient to patient. Some are very straightforward from Day 1, others we often don't know until the injury plays itself out over the course of weeks. Nonetheless, when caring for athletes, this is one of the most important questions I need to answer.



Common surgical injuries tend to have a fairly consistent time period before an athlete can reliably return to his or her sport. These time frames are based on well-researched healing times for the operations and our experiences with pro athletes who are always pushing the envelope of recovery. Anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) surgery is typically a minimum six months recovery period before intense conditioning can begin. Shoulder reconstruction for the labrum or rotator cuff usually requires a four to five month healing period. For the typical athlete, return to sport can occur at that time but for throwers and other overhead athletes (tennis and volleyball players for example) this is the earliest they can begin throwing or training and typically require three to six months of additional conditioning before they can return to their previous level. Pitchers who undergo elbow reconstruction (the so-called "Tommy John surgery") can count on their earliest return around their year anniversary of surgery.

Not all injuries are so clear-cut. In fact, the most common injuries we see are simple sprains, recovery from which can vary widely. Most sprains are loosely graded I, II, or III in order of increasing severity. A general rule of thumb for most sprains is two weeks out for each grade, in other words, a grade III ankle sprain is a six week injury. Different people heal at different rates though and it is not uncommon to see a patient differ from the expected recovery by several weeks. When dealing with muscle and ligament injuries, what we look for when considering clearing an athlete for return are three things: 1) Full movement of the involved joint, 2) Strength nearly equal to the muscles in the opposite arm or leg, and 3) Virtually no pain with activity. The final criterion is often the last to be met and is often what we are waiting on when an athlete is termed "day to day."

Athletes do have some control as to how quickly they recover. Obviously maintaining a high level of conditioning helps injuries to heal more quickly. Get seen — early evaluation means early treatment and can translate into earlier return. In my practice, physical therapy has been one of the most potent tools in getting my athletes back on the field faster, but the key is the timing of the therapy and knowing when to

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Novi's Taylor Graybiel, right, extends to block the shot of Northville's Allison Holmes during Nov. 15 district play.

Submitted by Keith Roberts

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## Abel takes fourth at state in butterfly

By Jeff Thelsen  
 NOVI NEWS

Kerry Abel highlighted the Novi swim team's run at the state meet Friday and Saturday with a fourth-place finish in the 100 butterfly.

Novi finished 26th out of 45 teams that raced at Oakland

University for the Division I state meet.

Abel, a sophomore, finished the 100 butterfly in 58.26, just 0.2 behind third place. She also finished 10th in the 200 freestyle (1:36.93), earning all 22 of the Wildcats' points at the meet.

Ann Arbor Pioneer ran away with the state title, earning 359.5

points. Holland was second with 221 points, and Farmington Hills Mercy was third with 159.5.

Northville finished in 14th place with 57 points.

**Novi Hockey**

The Wildcat hockey team lost its opener but bounced back to

win game two in the last second during the Metro Invite at the Novi Ice Arena.

Novi lost 4-3 to Livonia Stevenson in the opener. The Wildcats struggled to stay out of the penalty box and paid for it with a one-goal loss.

But frowns turned to smiles in the second game when Andrew

Haggerty blasted home the game-winner that just beat the final buzzer for a 4-3 win.

Kevin Michalak and Joe DeNava split time in net during the Wildcat win.


"The guys were real excited," Novi head coach Todd Kryger said. "Overall, I think we played

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**Novi News Athlete of the Week**

**Katie Chaklos**  
 Novi junior guard

Chaklos led the charge in upsetting Canton for the district title with 13 points, including a trio of three-pointers in a 47-36 win Friday at South Lyon.

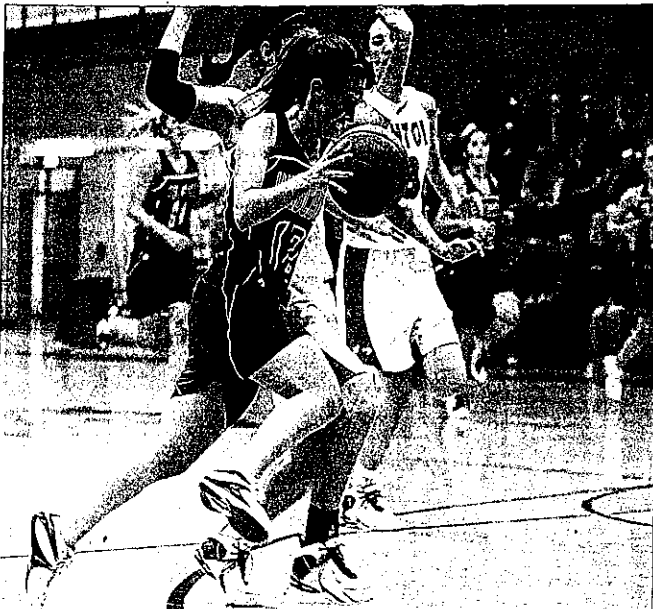


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Novi's Stephanie Crawford brings the ball upcourt Friday against Canton.

WILDCATS: Teamwork leads to first Class A district title

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run with another three-pointer for a 32-21 lead. Canton called for a timeout as the Wildcat crowd went crazy. The quarter ended with Canton's Lauren Dolapaz hitting a long three just before the buzzer, but Novi led 35-26 heading into the first quarter. Canton again scored the first four points, drawing a timeout from Kelp. "We called that timeout and said, 'That's their run. Let's do what we do. Don't get flustered,' and that's what we did," Kelp said. The Wildcats remained composed and outscored the Chiefs 12-6 the rest of the way. Kelp was able to pull his starters and greeted each of them with a big hug as they came off the floor. "It's unbelievable. It's amazing. I just love my team to death," Graybiel said, with tears of joy streaming down her face. "My freshman year we lost our first district game. My sophomore year we lost the second. My junior year we lost in the district finals. My senior year we won. It's awesome. "This makes my senior year." Crawford finished the night with 12 points; Graybiel contributed 10 points and eight rebounds. "It's amazing," Crawford said, smiling. "It means so much more because no one thought we would win even eight games. It means a lot more that we won 19 games and let alone we're district champs. "It feels really great. Regionals, here we come!" Novi's 19 wins is a new school record. Morton finished with 12 points to lead Canton. Becci Houdek scored nine points for the Chiefs.

District semifinals: Novi 36, Northville 31

Novi took care of business in the first half and held on for a 36-31 win Nov. 15 against cross-town rival Northville. The Wildcats won the first quarter 11-3 and stretched the lead to 19-8 by the half. Northville cut the lead to 28-19, going into the fourth, but the Mustangs were unable to overcome the deficit. Caroline Johnson led the way for Novi with 14 points and nine rebounds. Amanda Diacore contributed nine points, including a pair of face-painters. Stephanie Crawford scored four points and dished out four assists.

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BAK: Ways to speed up recovery time

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athletic simply needs more rest. Without a doubt, the best way to return to play is to listen to your doctor. Many athletes fail to realize that the primary goal of sports medicine-trained physicians is to get them back as quickly (and safely) as possible. Every day we see patients who tried to get back too early and often set themselves back by several weeks if not longer. Whether you're the Division I center going to your first NCAA tournament or the mother of four hoping to play in the annual Thanksgiving family football game, our goal is to get you back in the game.

Tips to speed your recovery

- Maintain year-round conditioning
• Early evaluation and early treatment

- Well-designed rehab program
• Stay fit while injured
• Maintain a positive attitude

Dr. Sean Bink is a Novi resident and an orthopedic surgeon who specializes in shoulder reconstruction and sports medicine. He is the care of the athletes of Oakland University and several area high schools. His practice, Performance Orthopedic, is based out of Livestrong Hospital.



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Tourney tested

The Novi Lacrosse team participated in the US Lacrosse 7-on-7 JV tournament Nov. 12 in Ann Arbor. Despite muddy pockets, broken long sticks, flu symptoms, and brisk weather, the team warmed up with a 4-1 record on the day. The boys collected wins from Rochester Adams, Sylvania Ohio, Okemos, and Clarkston. Kyle Simone was awesome in net, allowing only four goals in the four wins. Offensively, the Wildcats were led by Matt Mandeville with 10 goals, Tom Machlsak with seven, Nathan Haynes and Paul Favorite with three each, Sean Murphy and Jack Petrosky with one each. Grayson Woolford made his debut appearance on the lacrosse field and was a key playmaker. Also contributing to the success of the day were defensemen Aeryk Kuna and Kyle Tecklenberg. Andy 'Diesel' Donato was a powerful machine on the forward line. The JV Lacrosse team was coached by 'Father' John Favorite with assistant coaches Tom Wright and Grayson Woolford.

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NOVI: Franklin Road Christian falls in district play

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well except for the stippled penalties. "It was a good tournament. We got a good sense of where we're at."
Franklin Road Christian Basketball
Franklin Road Christian lost to Waterford One Lady of the Lakes. Macklin led the way with 16 points and 10 rebounds. Franklin Road Christian finishes its season 12-8.

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Michigan Motion tryouts

The Michigan Motion girls basketball teams will hold tryouts Dec. 9-10 at the Novi Middle School gym. Dec. 9: Ages 14-17 at 9-11:30 a.m.; Ages 12-13 at noon-2 p.m.; Ages 10-11 at 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Michigan Motion tryouts
Dec. 10: Ages 14-17 at 12:30-2 p.m.; Ages 12-13 at 2:30-3:30 p.m.; Ages 10-11 at 3:30-5:00 p.m. Athletes are asked to arrive 20 minutes early to check in. A parent or guardian must sign in the player along with a \$20 camp fee. For more information, contact Pat or Mike Tack at (248) 349-8084 or by e-mail at michiganmotion@yahoo.com.

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Prepare egg rolls according to package instructions. Combine all sauce ingredients and mix thoroughly. To assemble each serving, place 2 warm egg rolls on plate and serve with 6 tablespoons sauce on side. Serve immediately.

Makes 4 servings

Cream Cheese Wontons With Sweet Chile, Scallion and Orange Dipping Sauce

- 2 packages Asian Sensations Cream Cheese Wontons
Dipping sauce: 1 1/4 cups Asian sweet chile sauce, 1/4 cup minced scallions, 1/4 cup julienned orange zest, 1/2 cup honey, 1/4 cup mirin (rice wine) or pineapple juice

Prepare cream cheese wontons according to package instructions. Combine all sauce ingredients and mix thoroughly. To assemble each serving, place 4 warm cream cheese wontons on plate and serve with 6 tablespoons sauce on side. Serve immediately.

Makes 3 servings



Summer Caesar Salad With Egg Rolls

- 1 package Asian Sensations Egg Rolls
Choose from White Meat Chicken, Pork or Shrimp Egg Roll flavors.
1 pound romaine lettuce, rinsed, dried and torn
16 grape tomatoes, sliced
4 tablespoons sliced black olives
3/4 cup Caesar dressing
4 teaspoons shredded Parmesan cheese
Freshly ground black pepper

Preheat grill to medium heat. Place egg rolls directly on grill surface. Close grill cover and cook 12 to 14 minutes, turning often. Remove from grill and allow to cool slightly before cutting each egg roll in half diagonally. To assemble each serving, place 1/4 of romaine lettuce, 4 grape tomatoes, 1 tablespoon black olives and 2 tablespoons dressing in medium mixing bowl and gently toss together. Transfer lettuce mixture to dinner plate. Top with grilled egg roll. Garnish with 1 teaspoon grated Parmesan cheese and touch of freshly ground black pepper. Serve immediately.

Makes 4 servings



Peaches and Cream Cheese Wonton Blintz

- 2 packages Asian Sensations Cream Cheese Wontons

- Dipping sauce: 2 1/2 cups light vanilla yogurt, 5 fresh peaches, rinsed and sliced, 5 tablespoons toasted pecan halves, 2 1/2 teaspoons finely chopped fresh mint, powdered sugar

Prepare cream cheese wontons according to package instructions. For each serving, place 1/2 cup vanilla yogurt in center of shallow bowl. Arrange 4 warm cream cheese wontons around yogurt. Top with 1 sliced peach and 1 tablespoon toasted pecans. Garnish with 1/2 teaspoon finely chopped mint and dusting of powdered sugar. Serve immediately.

Makes 3 servings



Egg Rolls With Aztec Tortilla Soup

- 1 package Asian Sensations Egg Rolls or Spring Rolls
5 cups prepared tortilla soup
4 tablespoons drained black beans, warm
4 tablespoons roasted corn kernels, warm
4 teaspoons minced fresh cilantro

Prepare egg rolls or spring rolls according to package instructions. Heat soup in medium saucepan until boiling. Garnish with 1 tablespoon black beans, 1 tablespoon corn kernels and 1 teaspoon minced cilantro. Serve immediately.

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At Lyon's Marketplace, 601 S. Lafayette in South Lyon, friendly staff combine personalized customer service with high quality food.

## Lyon's Marketplace brings health into the home

By Kate Phillips  
SPECIAL WRITER

**LYON'S MARKETPLACE**  
Location: 601 S. Lafayette, between  
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In an era when a drive-thru window supplies mostly a family dinner, it is refreshing to find a healthy way to feed a hungry family.

At Lyon's Marketplace in South Lyon, the focus is on hearty, healthy food. It's the kind of food that can nourish growing children, provide energy for hard-working adults, and keep seniors feeling young.

"The market is filled with the best nature can provide — from bright fruits and vegetables to fresh meats, breads, cheeses, groceries, sandwiches, soap and hot dinners."

"We buy the best products available," said Byron Muenio who owns and operates the specialty market with his wife Cami and their five children. "But we're interested in the quality, not the labels."

"Eating high quality food that is nutritious is so important. It's the basis of good health."

### All natural meats

At Lyon's Marketplace the meat is all natural.

The delicious meats are naturally healthier because the cows, chickens and turkeys are raised naturally, on farms, not factories. They eat grass, corn and an all-vegetarian diet, not animal by-products. Since the animals are raised the old-fashioned way, they stay healthy. They aren't pumped with growth hormones so they don't need antibiotics to stay alive.

It's a matter of common sense that animals raised in a healthy way, like nature intended, will provide the nourishment humans need, without the chemicals, hormones and antibiotics that aren't needed. Studies are now showing that the hormones and antibiotics found in most meat are causing long-term health problems.

"I wouldn't want to eat meat filled with hormones and antibiotics, and I wouldn't feed it to my family," said Byron. "It's just a matter of common sense."

Byron Muenio only stocks choice beef, which is juicy and flavorful but still lean.

The chickens are Bell & Evans air-chilled chickens — top quality chickens which have been raised in the White House for 30 years. The market also stocks Dearborn Sausage Company hams, Kielbasa and hot dogs. A large selection of fresh fish is shipped several times a week for the ultimate in healthy eating. Meal starters like city chicken and stuffed peppers are carefully made with good health in mind.

The store is now taking orders for healthy, all natural turkeys and hams for holiday dinners. They'll also have a large selection in stock.

An experienced butcher, Byron still cuts meat himself, along with several other cutters. The professional cutting means that customers will get a great cut of beef that is lean but juicy. The cutters make lean ground beef and hand-shaped burgers.

Anything less than top quality is sent back. Lyon's is small enough that Byron can monitor all the meat that comes into the store, to make sure that it is choice grade, plus meets his own high standards.

### Family-style prices

As parents of five children, Byron and Cami know that it is challenging for families to afford the cost of buying healthy food. Junk food is usually cheaper.

So Lyon's Marketplace is committed to making healthy food more affordable. They don't inflate prices just because the meat is all natural or the fruit is hand-selected.

The Muenios work hard to get high quality foods at reasonable prices so they can sell them at prices people can afford.

The small size of the market allows the owners to go through every shipment of meat and produce, to make sure it is right,

instead of paying a private label to make the selections.

Staples are priced low, everyday, so people can count on seeing the same price for things they always buy. Bananas are 29 cents a pound every day, even though the market sometimes sells them at a loss. Both Guernsey and Baranen's milk is sold at low everyday prices, even if it means the store just breaks even. Even Italian pasta is priced low — just as cheaply as store brands at larger places. While the deli carries high-end products and imports, it also has Butterball and Healthy Choice at lower-than-average cost for the cost-conscious consumer.

But the meat may be the best deal of all. The all-natural beef is priced at about the same thing customers pay for low-grade meat at discount stores. There's no reason not to buy the best, healthiest foods.

"When you walk into our store, I want you to be able to pick up your staples for a low price everyday," said Byron. "They are things everyone needs all the time, so I'm not going to jack up the prices."

"Families can't pay outrageous prices for healthy food. I price things so families can afford to buy good products and eat right."

### A healthy deli

With good prices, and healthy food, customers come in droves to Lyon's Marketplace, even driving from out of town, and sometimes across the state. Many stop in three times a week for fresh produce and meat.

But an entire following comes in for lunch or carry-out dinner every single day. The customers love the huge deli area in the new location, which opened last January. A large brick fireplace warms the soul as the body is warmed by homemade chili or soup.

Fresh sandwiches are made on old-world style breads from the legendary Cantoro Bakery in Livonia. The breads are delivered fresh every morning. Others choose burgers from Detroit Bagel Factory.

Mario Iardi, a South Lyon senior, comes in three times a week for the Cantoro bread, gourmet peppers and sal-



Lyon's Marketplace, 601 S. Lafayette in South Lyon, carries the freshest available products.

mi to make his own sandwiches at home, plus any groceries he needs. He knows Byron and all of the friendly staff members.

"Everything is so fresh and there's so many specialty items," Mario said. "And the service is excellent. That's why you keep coming back."

Those who want to make sandwiches at home can select from dozens of cheeses and at least 35 varieties of Dierz and Watson deli products, which contain no MSG and are gluten-free. They're top quality deli meats that make any sandwich nutritious.

The deli also prepares an entire slew of lunch and dinner items, which can be eaten in the deli, or taken home for the family. Tortellini salad, mini-calzones, pizza bread, egg rolls, stuffed pasta shells, spinach pie and broccoli salad are instant meals that will please anyone.

Plus, hot meals that are made by the staff at Lyon's Marketplace are as good as a home-cooked meal. Pot roast, corn beef brisket or roast chicken are perfect to pick-up on the way home on a busy evening.

These nourishing, ready-made meals cut out any need for the fast food drive-thru.

Lyon's Marketplace is located at 601 S. Lafayette, between Nine and Ten Mile roads in South Lyon.

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