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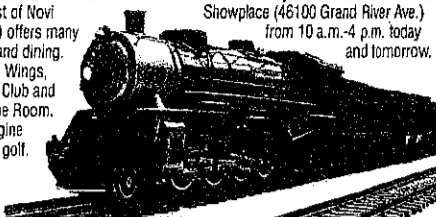
# NOVEMBER WEEKEND PLANNER

## • FRIDAY

Not familiar with Fountain Walk of Novi? The outdoor destination (located west of Novi Road, just north of Interstate 96) offers many opportunities for fun, shopping and dining. Restaurants include Buffalo Wild Wings, Chuck E. Cheese's, The Bamboo Club and Lucky's Restaurant & Mega Game Room. There are also retail stores, Imagine Theatre and Putting Edge indoor golf.

## • SATURDAY

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## Critical months lay ahead for library

■ Hiring new director, \$16 million bond up next

By Greg Migliore  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Today, the Novi Public Library sits at a crossroads.

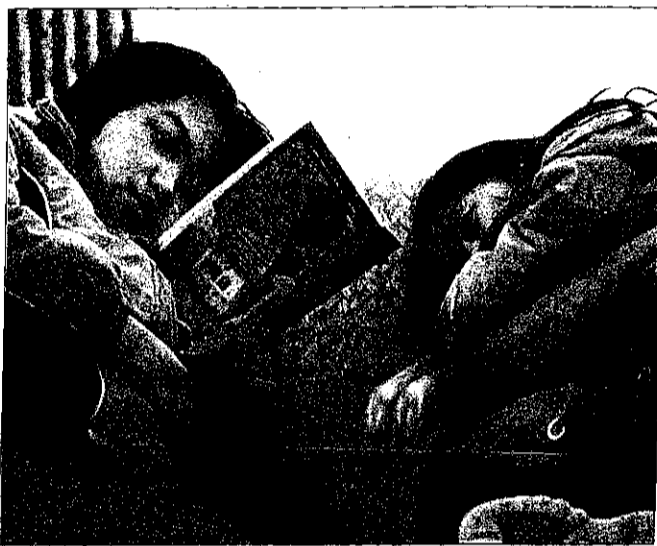
Longtime Director Brenda Lussier retired Wednesday, and a \$16 million bond to fund the library's expansion is looming slightly more than eight months away.

During this time, Library Board members must hire a new director and develop a gameplan to convince voters to approve the bond, which already has failed once with voters six years ago.

The board is aiming to have the new director in place by July, but getting the right person won't be an easy task. A crop of area library directors is reaching retirement age, meaning competition for attractive candidates will be intense, said Library Board President Robert Cutler.

"We're going to be competing," he said.

The final decision about whom to hire rests with board members. They want to begin studying resumes this month. In the meantime, Mary Ellen Mulcrone, assistant director, will be the acting library director.



Mikoto Watanabe, 12, left, and Sakura Ogino, 8, enjoy a book at the Novi Public Library on a recent Thursday afternoon.

In November, voters will be faced with a millage between .299 and .342 over its 20-year life. This would cost the owner of a \$400,000 house about \$68 per year ... If voters greenlight the plan, construction would begin in early 2008.

### The search

The board has signed on a consulting firm to sort through candidates and hopes to attract a field of 30-40. From this, they plan to narrow it to about three candidates, Cutler said.

The finalists will likely be interviewed in public at a Library Board meeting. The best ones will be solid day-to-day managers, but also able to navigate the often choppy political undercurrents that go along with the position.

"Somebody who can get oriented with the community," Cutler said.

All of this is set against the backdrop of an election that will determine the future of the library. The bond would bring the 31-year-old facility to 60,000 square feet and lay the ground work for a future expansion to 90,000 square feet.

Essentially, it will be a new library, which could be a strong

selling point for a director candidate that is highly-sought after, Cutler said.

Conversely, the new director will also be asked to step in and help lead a high-profile campaign that has failed before in Novi. In 2001, a \$20 million bond proposal to fund a library expansion was defeated at the polls.

In November, voters will be faced with a millage between .299 and .342 over its 20-year life. This

would cost the owner of a \$400,000 house about \$68 per year.

If voters greenlight the plan, construction would begin in early 2008. Current library services could be moved to a temporary site, Cutler said.

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## Boot Camp for brass

■ Training preps Novi chief for modern crime fighting

By Greg Migliore  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Novi Police Chief David Molloy has a roommate from Las Vegas. Another guy is from Algeria. On his training runs, he trots alongside a cop from Pakistan, who has seen the effects of terrorism show up firsthand in his local blotter.

It's safe to say life at the FBI National Academy is a bit different for Molloy than his daily routine in Novi.

He's almost through the 10-week program in Quantico, Va., that combines rigorous academic courses with physical training. It's designed for high-ranking police executives from the United States and around the world to pick up new skills, network and in general, get a fresh perspective on how to lead their local forces.

Molloy is one of 280 high-ranking police executives who endure the boot-camp style program at the academy, which is on a Marine Corp. base nestled amid 385 acres of woodlands.

Speaking by phone during a

mid-morning break last week, Molloy said the experience has been a culture shock at times, but he's absorbing plenty of strategies and ideas to bring back to Novi.

"The same problems we have, and the same issues that we have in Novi, are the same problems that they have everywhere else," he said.

### Grueling days

Molloy's day begins at 5 a.m. or earlier with a mile-long swim.

He breakfasts and then prepares for his jammed class schedule that kicks off at 8 o'clock.

Nights are spent in the library pouring over research and writing papers for his graduate-level courses on modern law enforcement. If he can wrap up his studies on time, he's in bed by 10:30 p.m.

"It's a very quick, vigorous schedule," Molloy said.

Mixed in with the academics are about two hours of physical training, including a lengthy run that can stretch up to five miles. It was during this grueling exercise he met the police executive

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### Boot Camp for Police Brass

Novi Police Chief David Molloy is in the middle of a special training program for police executives, called the FBI National Academy. A typical day for him includes:

- Rising at 5 a.m.
- Two hours of physical training
- A full academic course schedule
- Hours of studying in the evening

SOURCE: Novi News research

## Teens take time to volunteer, not just for college purposes

Novi High Schooler Paula Langley (front) and school volunteer service coordinator Barb Clift load drywall onto a truck at a Habitat for Humanity building.



By Tracy Mishler  
NEWS SPECIAL WRITER

Vidhi Bamzai just wants to be part of something bigger.

And the 16-year-old Novi High School junior knows helping those less fortunate is her calling.

Bamzai is one of many Novi teens giving back to their community, volunteering as many hours as possible.

"We're kind of in a bubble living in Novi," Bamzai said. "Volunteering lets you escape that bubble and see what's

going on in the world around us."

Bamzai, volunteering her time for many organizations, including Habitat for Humanity, the Oakland County Steering Committee, Relay For Life and the Novi Youth Council, said giving back to those less fortunate is fulfilling.

"The majority of kids are doing it because that's what colleges want to see," she said. "But others are doing it for the fulfillment."

"You feel like a better person for volunteering."

### Offering thanks

The Novi Rotary Club will be welcoming Novi High School students and teachers to their March 8 meeting, describing the number of ways teens are giving back to the community.

"The Rotary motto is 'Service Above Self' and these kids definitely qualify," said Todd Lockhart, Novi Rotary president. "What we'd like to point out is that kids can be positive role models, and there are a lot of kids doing great stuff."

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### Teens take time to volunteer, not just for college purposes

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Lockhart said his intention of having the meeting on volunteerism is to make his fellow Rotarians aware of what teens in the Novi community are doing and to offer thanks.

"It's a whole bunch of people who aren't Rotarians doing what we are doing," he said. "It makes us very proud to see this."

Barb Clift, volunteer service coordinator and business department chair at Novi High School, said helping the students find volunteer opportunities and seeing how many are interested is the best part of her job.

"You can see how much the kids care about others, and it's so rewarding to help find places they can volunteer," Clift said. "We have really good kids here who are active and care about those less fortunate, and I couldn't be prouder."

#### Why do it?

Clift said every year she has more students sign up for volunteer jobs.

"It's a way to try out a career and find information about a chosen field," she said.

"It helps increase a student's self-esteem and positive feelings about himself."

"It is important to colleges in determining admission."

"It is helpful for students to have volunteer work on their resumes in getting their first paid job and there are many scholarships and awards available based solely on volunteer work and it helps to develop adults who care about others and are sensitive to others needs who are not as blessed as they are."

Kyle Crowe, 16, said he volunteered to help Habitat for Humanity because he enjoys construction work.

"I do it for the practice," said the Novi High School student. "It's fun and good to help people."

Crowe said he wished other teens would volunteer more and "put their wasted time to good use."

Paula Langley, 16, also of Novi High School, said it's a stereotype that kids would rather play video games than volunteer.

"There are a lot of kids that volunteer, and more people should try it," said Langley, Miss Teen Oakland County.

#### Sign up

Clift said the number of places teens can volunteer is unbelievable.

Some organizations include Habitat for Humanity, Relay for Life, the Maybury corn maze, Salvation Army, Novi Public Library and Botsford and Providence hospitals.

Students can also work with the

**Volunteering at Novi High**

Since the beginning of the school year, 553 students at Novi High School have submitted volunteer hour sheets.

During the 2005-06 school year, 693 students submitted a total of 28,507 volunteer hours.



Novi High School students Rachael Litzinger (right), Vidhi Bamzai and Paula Langley saw a piece of shelving unit while working on a Habitat For Humanity project.

elderly at the Manor of Novi and Whitehall, tutor elementary and middle school students, work at school events such as fun fairs, market days and science fairs, Clift said. "They can volunteer at the various church functions, bible school, religious education classes, Christmas charities or soup kitchens."

Clift said the best part of helping students find volunteer jobs is watching them get hooked.

"Novi High School students are great," she said. "There are so many students here who want to help others. It shows how sensitive they are to others' needs. It also

shows that their parents at home must also be promoting giving back to their children.

"They give freely of their time and money to those less fortunate. Leaving the future of our country in the hands of this generation looks promising to me."

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### Training prep chief for modern crime fighting

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from Pakistan. Although their home departments are literally a world apart, while running they're simply two cops talking about life.

"To listen to some of his experiences really makes you appreciate the community and the world we live in," Molloy said.

He's also developed an appreciation for the creature comforts he enjoys back home in Novi. He's living in a spartan dormitory with four other officers, who share a bathroom. The power goes out occasionally. His meals are taken at a cafeteria.

Still, the area has its charm, and in his downtime Molloy has been able to experience some of the local attractions, including the Holocaust Memorial Museum in nearby Washington and the many Civil War battle fields that surround the camp.

The academy is put on four times a year and dates to 1935. It includes classes in civil rights, organization behavior and communication. The late Novi Police Chief Doug Shaeffer and other local officers have attended in the past.

"Everything is building towards the 6-mile obstacle course that caps the program. Getting through it is mandatory to graduate the academy. Molloy is eyeing this, and his return to Novi in mid-March.

"My goal when I get back is to put everything to work for me," he said.

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Vidhi Bamzai  
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### On Board: A snapshot of who's on Novi's commissions

#### Residents volunteer for demanding, often thankless jobs

By Greg Migliore  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

You only hear about them when someone has a beef.

The positions are mostly unpaid and they're definitely not glamorous. But at the most basic, grassroots level, Novi's boards and commissions are the building blocks of government.

Residents say they volunteer for intrinsic reasons — to have a voice in the city and shape its growth.

"It is a way to give back to the city," said Barbara Greenberg, a Beautification Commission member since 1996.

Novi has at least 14 boards and commissions, which oversee a variety of projects. Some of the boards, such as planning and zoning, are often controversial and draw the ire of developers.

Others, such as the Election Commission, fly under the community's collective radar.

"Volunteers on the city's boards and commissions provide

#### On Board

- 14 different boards and commissions
- Mostly comprised of unpaid volunteers
- Term length varies
- Work includes elections, zoning appeals and beautification



SOURCE: City of Novi

a critical role for citizens' input on their local government," City Manager Clay Pearson said. "I think we've got a great core group of residents that continue to be involved."

#### Making use of talents

The boards are also an outlet for the members' wide-ranging talents. In Greenberg's case, that's gardening. The 17-year resident of Novi is a master gardener and spearheads the city's twice-a-year perennial exchange.

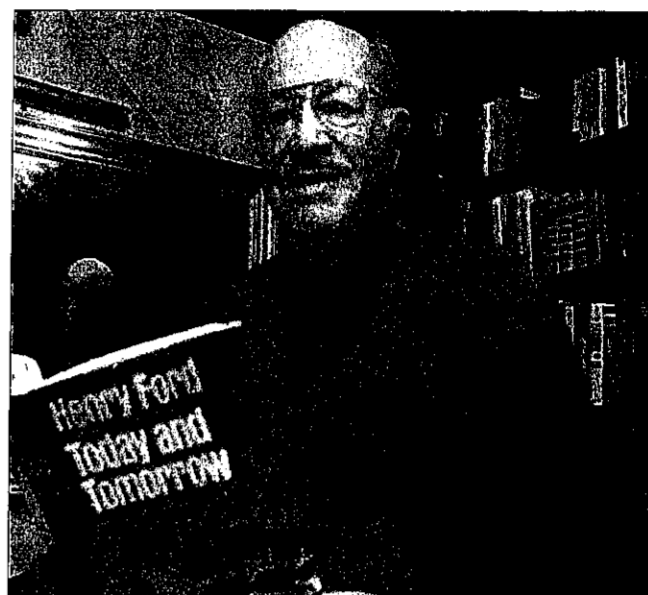


Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News  
**Fred Ciampa, a longtime Novi resident and Ford Motor Co. retiree, will continue to help out the city as a member of its Economic Development Corporation.**

Some board members volunteer to help spur a cause. For Library Board President Robert Cutler, it's simple: He believes the city needs a new library — and is willing to devote his time and energy convincing others.

"I know we need an expanded library," Cutler said.

He's plotting a strategy to spur voters to approve a \$16 million bond, which would more than double the size of the current facility on 10 Mile.

Like other board members, Cutler is also drawing on his personal experiences to guide his volunteer efforts. The former resident of New York worked at Columbia University's medical library, and in general, likes to be involved.

"It's just one of my things," he said.

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#### Novi man joins Vector CANTech Inc.

John Cain of Novi has joined Vector CANTech Inc. as vice president of sales and marketing for its North American headquarters located in Novi.

Vector is a leading provider of software tools, embedded software components and services to original equipment manufacturers, suppliers and other industries.

Cain received a bachelor's degree from Virginia Tech and master's degree from Loyola University in Chicago. Prior to joining Vector, he was a vice president with Siemens Microelectronics, now Infineon Technologies.

#### Cooper-Standard Automotive promotes three

Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc. announced several promotions

### My Novi, briefly

within its Body & Chassis Systems Division. Mack Thurmond was appointed vice president and global controller, and Ramsey Changoo was named North American controller. Thurmond and Changoo work at the company's Novi headquarters. Mathieu Dore was named controller for Europe and South America. He is located in the Coventry, U.K. office.

Cooper-Standard Automotive is a leading global automotive supplier specializing in the manufacture and marketing of systems and components for the automotive industry. Products include body sealing systems, fluid handling systems and noise, vibration and harshness control systems.

#### Citizens Bank promotion

Citizens Bank has appointed Imad Abdulhadi vice president of commercial banking in Southeast Michigan. He is located at the bank's Novi offices.

#### Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce links businesses

The Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce announced that it is using www.OpportunityNetworks.net to connect local businesses to future job-seekers.

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# MY SENIOR LIFE



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## REINVENTING RETIREMENT Seniors work, live longer

By Tracy Mishler  
NEWS SPECIAL WRITER

Retirement isn't what it used to be.

In fact, many seniors are choosing to work longer in life, rather than retiring.

Dick Stopinski, 67, of Novi, retired from his 25-year position with Consumers Energy after a hip replacement. But it didn't last long. He was offered the opportunity to test truck brakes for a local manufacturer and jumped at the chance.

"I run 200-400 miles per day on a set route," Stopinski said. "I could never just stop working."

"I can't believe anyone can just stop. Sixty-five is not what it used to be 25 or 30 years ago."

### Past history

In the past, 65 was considered the age of retirement.

Retirement benefits were available at 65, and in most cases, retirement was mandatory at many companies.

According to a survey completed by Merrill Lynch in 2006, of 1,448 U.S. adults between the ages of 40 and 58, researchers found that:

- Only 17 percent intended to retire from working in their next stage of life.
- 43 percent said they wanted to change between work and leisure.
- 13 percent wanted to start their own business and
- 56 percent said they were simply changing fields.

"We're all working longer," Stopinski said. "Back in the old

days, when you were 65, you were old and worn out. That's not true today."

### Money, required

For many seniors, retirement simply means collecting a Social Security check from the federal government.

James McDonald said he never worked for a company that offered a specific retirement plan.

"I had a bunch of different jobs," said McDonald, 70, of Northville. "I don't have a retirement coming, just Social Security."

McDonald, a driver for the Novi Senior Center, said he learned the hard way that it's important to save money toward retirement.

"I didn't save money, but I tell my kids to now," he said.

The maximum benefit for Social Security depends on the age at which a worker chooses to retire, according to U.S. Social Security Administration.

The 2007 amount for a person at full retirement age (65 years and 10 months) is \$2,116. This is based on earnings at the maximum taxable amount for every year after age 21.

"It's surprising to find out how many people are living on a small income," said Pearl Hoffory, certified public accountant and resident of Fox Run.

Boicourt said she loves life and the feeling of energy.

"Many people are not looking to retire," she said. "They want to stay active - not even for financial reasons - but to have a purpose."

She said her family and doctors have told her to slow down.

"But then again, the doctors believe the reason I'm still around is because I'm so involved."

### Not in my vocabulary

Eve Boicourt, 84, of Fox Run, said she would never retire.

"I am a research associate for the Michigan State University

### The need for Social Security:

- Nine out of 10 individuals age 65 and older receive Social Security benefits.
- Social Security benefits represent 41 percent of the income of the elderly.
- In 1935, the life expectancy of a 65-year-old was 12.5 years, today it's 17.5 years.
- By 2031, there will be almost twice as many older Americans as today - from 37 million today to 71 million.
- Retired workers and their dependents account for 69 percent of total benefits paid.
- About 91 percent of workers age 21-64 in covered employment and their families have protection in the event of a long-term disability.

SOURCE: U.S. Social Security Administration

Museum," Boicourt said. "I'm a board member of the World Affairs Council Chapter. I started the Center for Continuing Education at Fox Run, and I'm also in the book business field of textiles and nonfiction books."

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## SAVVY SENIOR - PETS & SENIORS

Dear Savvy Senior:  
I have been thinking about getting a small dog or cat for my 72-year-old father. Since my dad died a few years ago he doesn't get out much and I'm worried about him. I think he would enjoy having a pet to take care of and keep him company. I've also read that owning a pet is good for your health. What do you think? - Pet Loving Pam

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit [www.savvysenior.com](http://www.savvysenior.com). Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of The Savvy Senior books.

Dear Pam, there's no question that owning a pet is a good thing for many seniors, but is it right for your dad? Here are some things to consider.

### Talk it Over

Before you go out and buy your father a furry friend, you need to talk with him about it to be sure it's what he wants and is equipped to handle. Do not surprise him with a pet. Pet ownership is a big responsibility and ultimately needs to be his decision. Here are some other points to think about.

**Commitment:** Does your dad have the health, energy and/or desire to take care of a pet? Cats and especially dogs can be a lot of work requiring food, water, exercise, care and companionship every day.

**Space:** Does he have adequate room for a pet, or if he rents, is he permitted to have one?

**Costs:** The cost of owning a pet is often overlooked, but it shouldn't be. Can your dad afford this added expense? The annual average costs of what he can expect to pay for a small dog (including food, veterinary care, toys and license) is \$420. Make that \$620 for a medium dog and \$780 for a large pooch. And the annual cost for a cat (including food, veterinary care, toys, treats and kitty litter) is around \$350 per year.

**Backup care:** If your dad travels, who will take care of his pet when he's gone? Animal boarding costs around \$15 per day. And what happens to the animal if your dad gets sick or needs to move to an assisted living facility or nursing home?

**Choosing a pet:** This is a very important decision and one that needs to involve your dad. Do some homework on different breeds and mixes to help him choose a pet with a personality that matches his lifestyle and living arrangements. For seniors, adopting a previously owned or older pet is a smart option because they're usually calmer, already house-broken and not nearly as rambunctious as a puppy or a kitten would be.

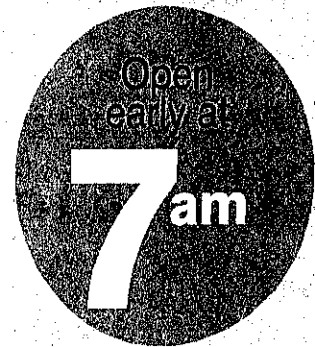
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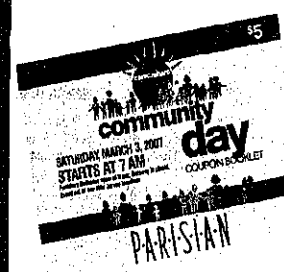
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## Taking it to the Extreme

Novi resident lands role on hit TV show

By Victoria Mitchell  
REGIO STAFF WRITER

Jeff Schultz is taking his job to the extreme. Jet-setting off to the set of a hit TV series is one of the Novi resident's recent updates to his resume. Schultz, Certified Restoration Drycleaning Network vice president of communication, recently landed a season-long partnership with ABC-TV's "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" to provide restoration services for the show's projects. He proposed the Hollywood partnership while providing one-time services for the show helping an Armada family. "I was able to connect with one of the show's producers," he said. "It was a matter of being in the right place at the right time and understanding the value." Since the August 2006 Armada makeover, Schultz has been leaving his Novi home and visiting the show's set for work while reaping the contagious benefits of helping others. "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" rebuilds weekly a pre-terminated deserving family's home, meeting their special needs or rewarding altruistic circumstances.

### Catch the excitement

ABC-TV's "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" can be seen at 8 p.m. on ABC-TV (Channel 7). The show has won back-to-back Emmy Awards as Best Reality Program (non-competitive) and is in its fourth season with ABC.

While on site in Mississippi this month Schultz took the company's CEO, Wayne Wudylka, for a set tour. "It is a huge, huge production," he said. "They basically take over neighborhoods."

Schultz said the set includes "Briar City" where all of the family's belongings are kept and "Art World," a tented area where designers work.

"It ends up being a little mini city," he said.

Another big moment for Schultz was having a hand in the episode featuring Ohio resident Jason Thomas, the military hero who rushed to the World Trade Center during the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in a life-saving effort.

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**The glam**  
Meeting designers like Michael Moloney and John Littlefield has opened the thrill factor for Schultz.

The Novi resident had found interesting how designers roll up their sleeves and do their own work.

"They are not just designers as TV personalities," he said.

On one of his trips, Schultz watched Littlefield carve a pair of custom designed chairs.

"It's Hollywood to a certain extent, but they're really doing the work."



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Novi resident Jeff Schultz (left) takes a break from the action on the set of "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" to meet designer Johnny Littlefield with CRDC Chief Executive Wayne Wudylka. Dealing with the hit TV show is a part of Schultz's job.

helping people get back to normal." Schultz said it's also exciting to see the company's banner on the set.

"I've done a lot of interesting things in my career," Schultz said. "All kinds of corporate business things... but this has been a very interesting and fun aspect of my role here."

"There is a little bit of pride there and it is a nice feeling."

Victoria Mitchell can be reached at (248) 349-1700.

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## Chance of a lifetime

Cancer camp offers kids a week of fun

By Victoria Mitchell  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

John Streit knows one week can make a momentous difference for children with cancer. The Novi resident celebrates that joy as a Camp Quality Michigan board member for the non-profit organization's southern division.

"We give the kids a chance to be kids again," Streit said. Camp Quality Michigan, celebrating its 20th anniversary, is launching a centrally-located camp this summer for children with or recovering from cancer living in the Metropolitan Detroit area.

The original chapter and camps are located in northern Michigan. "My goal is to get information out to people," Streit said. "We're looking for campers, and there is no charge."

"The camp is based on donations and contributions," Streit said. In addition to enrolling attendees, organizers are also looking for volunteers, donors and camper companions.

"It's nice because we're branching out a camp that's been around for 20 years," Stimpson said.

The organization also offers two teen camps.

**Other activities**  
In addition to summer camps, Camp Quality provides year-round support for cancer children and their families.

Other activities include a winter ski trip, summer swimming at Beaver Island and planned family-fun weekends.

Eleanor West, Camp Quality Michigan director, said a future weekend event includes staying at the Sterling Inn Water Park with a visit to the Detroit Zoo and a Tigers baseball game in the mix.

"We also support the families throughout the year," she said. West said year-round com-

Stimpson said she hopes having a camp closer to the area will help other parents feel more assured of their decision to let their kids go for a week. "It is OK to send your kids," she said.

### Getting involved

Interested in attending Camp Quality's summer program?

Camp applications are available online by visiting [www.campqualitymi.org](http://www.campqualitymi.org).

The facility holds 50 attendees, and reservations are accepted on a first-come-first-served basis.

Julie Stimpson, director of the southern Michigan camp, said the non-profit organization also seeks camper companions.

Companions must be 18 or older, and further information is available on the group's Web site.

partnership is another important part of the organization. While at camp, she said, children are assigned a companion who sticks with them at all times.

And, she said, that friendship will continue on throughout the year if parents don't object.

West said the same companion may also be kept for each year the children returns to camp.

"We keep quite a long support relationship," she said.

### The experience

West said she's seen amazing benefits of the non-profit program throughout the years.

"The best, she said, is seeing the campers act like kids for a week.

"These children often don't have a lot of friends their own age," she said.

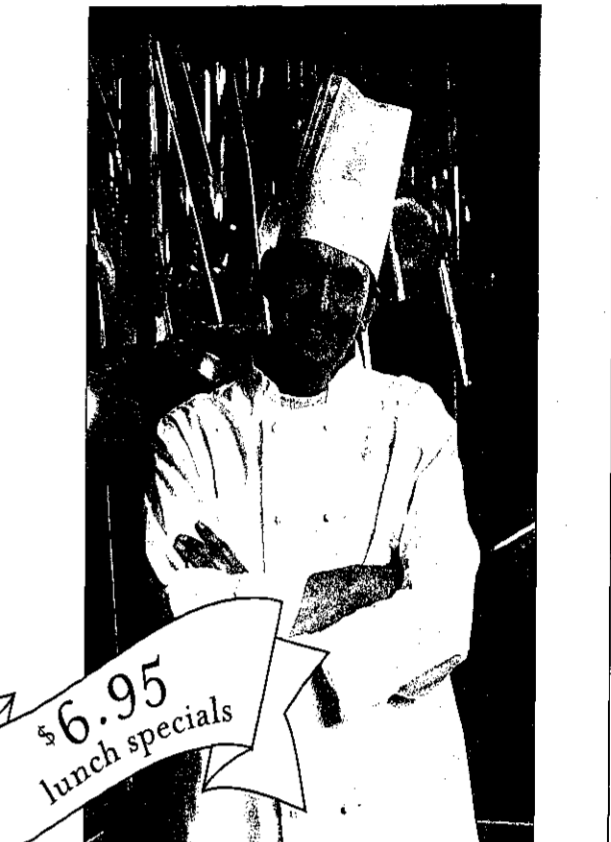
Another experience West revels in is the power of community.

"They see many kids do get through it," she said. "It gives them a sense of hope."

Stimpson said she's experienced first-hand how wonderful the camp really is.

"Our motto is, 'Letting kids with cancer be kids,'" she said. "You would never even know these kids have cancer."

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## Novi Theatres: 'Stella' spoofs show business

Comedy opens March 8

By Greg Migliore  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

It's sort of a play within a play. The Novi Theatres' next show, "Divine Stella Devine," is a com-

edy about a fictional production company that's putting on a very bad takeoff of "Gone with the Wind." It relies heavily on humor and over-the-top characters, a formula new Performing Arts Coordinator Debbie Lannen hopes will win over audiences in her first performance at the helm of Novi's theatrical programs.

It opens March 8 with a 7:30 p.m. show at the Novi Civic Center.

Lannen said she chose "Divine" because it's a break from the usual productions community drama programs perform — and most people have already seen.

"I was just searching for something that hasn't been done locally," she said.

"Divine" is actually a replacement show. "Annie Get Your Gun" was originally scheduled for March, but Lannen said when auditions started, there simply weren't enough men to fill out a cast for "Annie."

Undaunted, Lannen saw an opportunity to make an early mark on the Novi Theatres less than two months after taking over from former coordinator Sheri Sansom, who moved to southern Ohio.

"I said, 'You know what? We can't do that one, but we're going to do this one,'" Lannen said.

Colleen Kilpatrick, a business consultant and motivational speaker, said the mixed cast helps the actors develop new techniques.

"You learn from every one of them," said Kilpatrick, who plays a stern, demanding writer.

The shows are also a good way for the performers to blow off steam and forget about the troubles of daily life, said Bruce Markham, who plays an actor.

"When you're doing a play, you have to concentrate on that," he said. "So you're not thinking about work or other issues."

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"It's a very, very funny show."

Del McPherson  
actress

### "Divine Stella Devine"

**DATES:**  
■ March 8 at 7:30 p.m.  
■ March 9 at 7:30 p.m.  
■ March 10 at 2 p.m.  
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Pictured left to right: Patty Jylka (Novi), Dirk Meister (South Lyon), Anne Craft (Wixom) and Kyle CoyKendall (Novi) rehearse their lines.

### "Divine Stella Devine"

Cast List in Order of Appearance

Role	Played by (Hometown)
Stella	Del McPherson (Farmington Hills)
Calvin	Dirk Meister (South Lyon)
Micole	Colleen Kilpatrick (Wixom)
Ginger	Jana Freeman (Commerce)
Marilyn Monet	Lori Asman (Northville)
Trevor Trace	Bill Whitehart (Midford)
Dash & Brad	Bruce Markham (Novi)
Natasha Withersweet	Kyle Coy Kendall (Novi)
Cortez Von Sizzlewig	Anne Craft (Wixom)
Loeta	Larry Kallie (Northville)
Agnes	Beth Brooks (Northville)
Linda Lane	Patty Jylka (Novi)
Lori Lane	Debra Roskey (Midford)
Nelle	Ashley Shamoon (Northville)
Nina	Marion Cowan (Northville)
Sam	Agnes Hay (Northville)
Penelope Jane	TBD
Stage Movers/Actors	Michelle Fitzpatrick (Northville)
Theatre Kids:	Allison Welsh (Northville)
	Nicole Coblenitz (Novi)
	Greta Ginter (Northville)
	Kylie Heel (Commerce)
	Emma Iizuka (Novi)
	Rose Marlow (Novi)
	Karri Meister (South Lyon)
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## 3 WAYS

to freshen up a room!

After a few years, any room can get a bit stale. Still, in these tight economic times, who has extra cash for a full-blown redecoration? Simple tactics can give your lair a second chance. Here's three ways:

### 1.

#### Painting

Look at your furniture, consider the color of the carpet — then go with what you like. Pat Warner, owner of Novi's Covenant Designs, says a fresh coat of paint is a good first step to brighten up a room.

### 2.

#### Rearrange the Furniture

Perhaps the quickest way to alter a room is to switch up the furniture. In some areas, Warner recommends playing off a center item, like a bed, to balance the scheme. It's also critical to place things so they play off the windows, she says, so natural light is put to maximum use. Also, don't be afraid to spruce up the windows themselves. Warner says. New blinds or window dressings can give a room a revitalized look.

### 3.

#### Accessorize

Perhaps the most obvious tip: "Do little things, here and there," Warner notes. How true. She suggests adding new plants or pictures to dress up living spaces and make them feel more full. She also suggests springing for new carpet if the room is particularly worn out and your budget allows.

### Makeover your Living Room with ease



1) Measure your room. Draw it to scale on graph paper which you can find at your local discount store. Use a 1/4 in. equal 1 ft. scale.

2) Mark anything on your room drawing that will affect the arrangement of the room. Outlets, telephone, cable, light switches, windows, doors that open in, the space between windows, and the height of the window sills are all things that should be measured and noted.

3) Make scale paper cutouts of your furniture. Use the cutouts to arrange and rearrange the furniture in your room until you are satisfied with the result.

4) Select a focal point of the room. If you have a fireplace, it will nearly always be the focal point. If you have large bookcases, you might make those your focal point. Orient the remaining furniture and the lighting to highlight the focal point.

5) Think about your guests when you arrange the room. The room should promote conversation. Ideally, there should be 4-10 ft. between your sofa or loveseat and chairs so that the space doesn't seem cramped.

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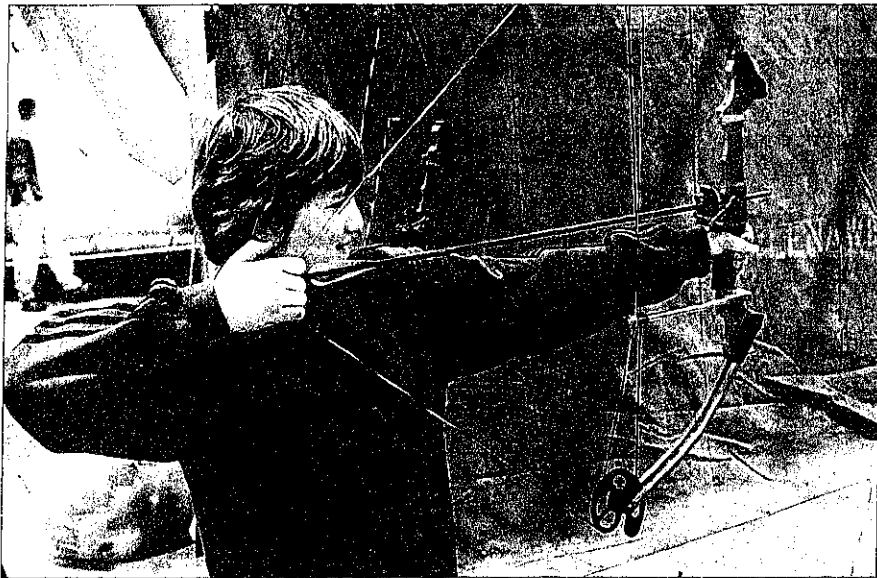
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At last week's Outdoorama, Zackary Huffman, 12, tries his hand at archery at an exhibit sponsored by the Lenawee County Conservation League. The Outdoorama, featuring exhibits on wildlife conservation, fishing tips, hunting safety, and lots on boats and guided trips took place at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.



Gary Odmark, an artist from Holland, paints a winter forest scene.

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Jim Miller, an outdoorsman author, lecturer and owner of Willow Winds, carves a paddle out of an ash board.



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If you have any comments regarding this proposal, they may be presented in writing or during the Public Hearing session of the Agency.

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Notice is further given that the second session of the Board of Review will meet for the purpose of hearing and considering assessment appeals in the Novi City Council Chambers at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road on March 12, 13 & 14, 2007. All appearances before the Board will be by appointment only. If you or your representative want to appear in person, the appointment must be made on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Friday, March 9, 2007. Appearances before the Board of Review are limited to five (5) minutes or less. Petitions are available at the Assessor's Office or at [www.cityofnovi.org](http://www.cityofnovi.org). NO APPOINTMENTS WILL BE GIVEN UNTIL A PETITION IS RECEIVED BY THE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT.

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# BOOMERANG: More adult children back home

## Therapist offers advice to families

By Pam Fleming  
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

We have new labels that attempt to explain it — adolescents, emerging adulthood, prolonged adolescence or those going through a quarter-life crisis. And, it's become a growing trend in our society: adult children returning home to live with their parents or a parent.

Caryn Doehler, a 20-year licensed therapist who's had an office in Northville for the last seven years, counsels so many area residents going through this situation she's developed a talk about it. Appropriately titled, "From Empty Nest to Boomerang," Doehler is available to talk to any local group about this recent phenomenon in our society.

In fact, statistics show that 18 million young adults in the U.S. between 18 and 34 live with their parents.

"This is an increase of 44 per-

cent since 1970," Doehler said. The reasons for older children moving back home are varied — from economics to health problems to relationship issues.

Doehler noted that poorly paying, dead-end jobs often lead to children moving back home.

"An unstable job market, early terminations, plant closings and businesses going under have created this," Doehler said. "The days of working for one company for your entire life are gone."

The Bureau of Labor Statistics showed in 2000 that the average person holds 9.2 jobs between 18 and 34. Also, from 2000-2003, the jobless rate for 20-24-year-olds increased from 6.7 percent to 10.9 percent, exceeding the national average.

"These young people are going to have to work longer to fund their health insurance and retirement and to pay for the largest number of seniors in history," Doehler said.

Rising housing costs have also brought more children back home. The National Association of Realtors' statistics reveal that from 1973-2004 the cost of a home rose 500 percent, with the typical starting household income

rising only 300 percent. College loan debt has also increased to an average loan debt of \$18,000 and an average of \$3,000 in credit card debt for student graduates.

A Harvard Law Study showed that 615,000 people under age 35 filed for bankruptcy in 2000.

## Divorce, education to blame

Divorce, extending education, delaying marriage and self-exploitation are other reasons adult children find themselves back in the nest.

So, what can parents and children do to overcome some of the obstacles they face now living together again but as adults?

Doehler said setting ground rules and keeping lines of communication open are essential to keeping peace in the house.

"Privacy becomes an issue as well as who can watch TV where and at what time," she said. Having to share space and resources often results in conflict.

One woman even resorted to placing a note on her food that said, "I spit in this," to keep other people in the household from eating her dishes.

Emotions can range from feelings of shame and guilt on both sides to feelings of failure and "What are the neighbors going to think?"

"Talk if you can before the move happens," Doehler suggests. "Think about everything you need to negotiate."

Schedule regular meetings to ask, "How are we doing and what needs to shift?" she said.

To avoid conflict, "You need to learn to bite your tongue until it bleeds and then keep biting," she said.

Parents should develop a positive attitude about what they're doing for their children.

"Be grateful you can help your children," Doehler said.

But, on the other hand, adult children living at home should contribute financially in some way when they can.

"If they don't, Mom and Dad are going to start to feel resentful."

And seek counseling before issues become problems.

"A third party can help you negotiate."

Usually the male has to suffer a lot of the financial burden following a divorce, so this is a reason that a lot of men have to move back home," Pencerowicz said.

He didn't want to share a home with another man because he wasn't sure how that would appear in the eyes of the court.

In the joint custody agreement, he drove to see his sons in Chicago every other weekend and sometimes brought them back here.

## He found he wasn't alone

Pencerowicz said he thought he was the only man in such a situation until he ran into one of his parents' neighbors several years ago.

"I thought at the time that this was just happening to me, but then I met a man living in the same condo complex who has five kids and was living with his parents."

He said he had to deal with some humiliation over moving back home in his late 30s and the overall adjustment of living with his parents as an adult.

"I really wasn't there very much, but there was still a stigma against doing that. However, my parents were very sympathetic and supportive, and my kids developed a strong relationship with their grandparents, which wouldn't have happened if I had lived in another state," Pencerowicz said.

He also developed a stronger relationship with his parents after moving back home.

"His parents did set some house rules for the boys, such as trying not to break things and having respect for their home."



Caryn Doehler, a licensed therapist, shows a copy of the book "Boomerang Nation" by Elina Furman, which she recommends to adults facing issues after having to move back in with their parents. Doehler has a talk prepared on the topic, "Empty Nest to Boomerang," she is willing to present to area groups.

# Moving back home offers both challenges, rewards for family

## Situation arose after his divorce

By Pam Fleming  
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

At 44, Jeff Pencerowicz, of Northville Township, now has a good job and a bright future.

But several years ago, he was faced with a real mid-life crisis — having to move back in with his parents.

Pencerowicz said the situation arose after a messy divorce. When he was living in San Francisco and resigned from his job.

"I resigned partly because the job wasn't a good fit and partly because of the divorce proceed-

ings," he said. His two boys, Dylan, now 10, and Zack, now 8, were in Chicago with their mother.

"It was so difficult to see my sons with them being so far away."

Plus, part of the divorce agreement stated if he lived more than 300 miles from Chicago for a year or more, his ex-wife could move the children out of state.

"Moving to the Detroit area was less than 300 miles, plus I needed a support network," he said.

He moved in with his parents in the fall of 2001, about two weeks before the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11.

"The economy went south after that," he said. He laid low for a while, then found a job as a product development specialist for a local health insurance company in

## Need someone to talk to?

Local therapist Caryn Doehler can help parents and their adult children forced to move back home deal with the many issues at hand. Her office is located in the Franklin Center at 322 E. Main Street in downtown Northville. To make an appointment, call (248) 982-1029.

May 2002.

The move back to his parents' home was mainly for economic reasons, due to legal costs from the divorce.

Scheduling was often difficult, too, because although his father was retired, his mother was still working and was very busy.

So, him moving back home affected their lives, too.

"One of their challenges was learning to raise young boys at an older age," he said.

Pencerowicz has some advice for adults faced with having to "return to the nest."

"You have to be flexible and understand that there are other people in this situation," he said. "And you have to realize that some things are out of your control. It's often a last resort."

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# MY COMMENTARY

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the home towns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

## IN OUR OPINION Youth Assistance is an example for city programs

In this era of cutbacks and consolidation, municipal governments are faced with a collective belt tightening. The current model, featuring too many overlapping jurisdictions and agencies — is broken.

No one seems to have a clue about how to fix it. Drastic structural changes are necessary, but the most innovative, like merging the governments of Farmington and Farmington Hills, seem unlikely in the near future.

Still, Gov. Jennifer Granholm is offering an extra \$27.2 million to be divided up for governments that can find a way to collaborate, under her proposed budget plan.

It's too early to tell if state legislators will agree to this, and haggling is already reaching a fever pitch over nearly every part of the budget.

But if some sort of a bonus for cities that share services does get implemented, Novi should angle to get some of it.

State cash is clearly going to be hotly-contested, and every city is going to want at least its fair share.

Novi doesn't have to reinvent the wheel.

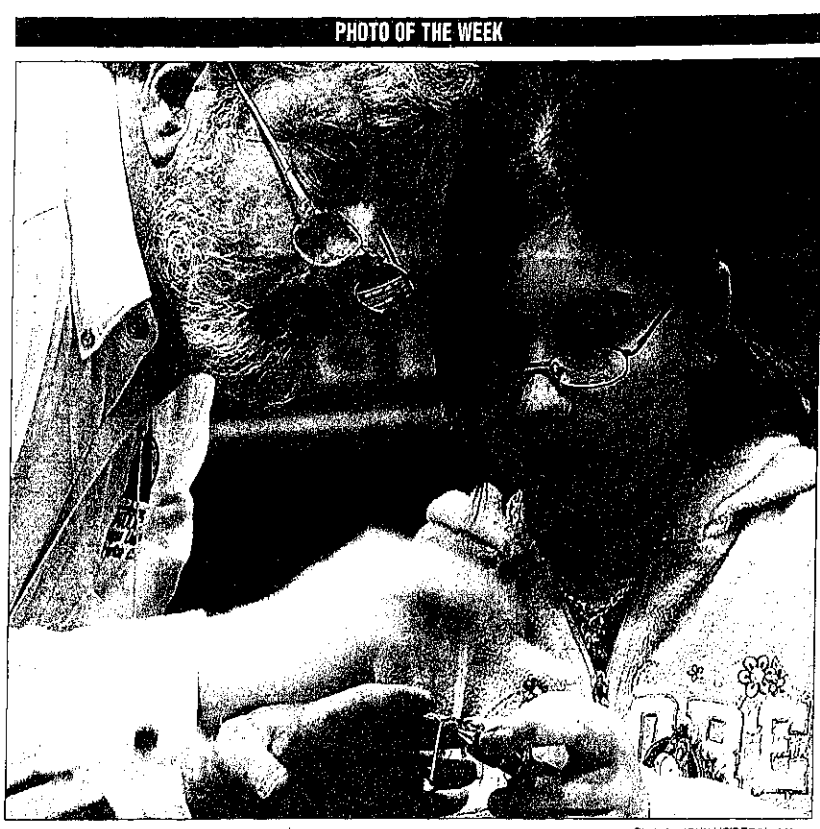
It's already got one program, Novi Youth Assistance, that should qualify for some of the possible state incentives.

Even better, this program is a template for cooperation, as it melds resources from the city, county and schools.

Kudos to Novi Youth Assistance.

The program is 50 years old, but it's the model for the future.

**Clarification:**  
A Feb. 15 story, "Shared Straight," on Page 1A, omitted information. It should have included that cities need to share services with other units of government to get state money, under a proposed budget plan.



**Learning**  
Dave Carriveau of the Michigan Fly Fishing Club teaches Ariana Pasek, 11, how to tie a fly during last week's Outdoorama. See more photos from the event on page 12.

## LETTERS

### Compromise is Good!

The Democrat-controlled Congress has discovered a simple compromise solution. Whenever they want their progressive legislation passed, they merely throw the Republicans a bone in the form of a tax break.

For example, in order to raise the minimum wage from poverty level to near poverty level, they, the Democrats, simply had to agree to a 1.8 billion dollar tax cut for the thriving manufacturers.

The frequent claim that an increased minimum wage would diminish job opportunities disappeared.

Hey, compromise is progress!

Patrick M. Downey  
Novi

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## Mom always said, "Actions speak louder than words"

**Rhetoric: Language that is pretentious or insincere.**  
—The American Heritage Dictionary

Who really cares about our children? I mean ALL our children, not just those that are "biologically" yours. Do we truly care that some kids are not getting the education they need and deserve to be prepared to compete in the fast-paced, technology-driven global society? What about the facts that in our own state and nation, young children are going to bed hungry, without adequate health care, or hugged, read to or loved.

Stop for a moment. Give it some thought. Then consider how many times in the last few weeks you have heard the following "rhetoric":

- "Children are our most valuable resource."
- "We don't have one child to waste in this state."
- "Quality education is critical for ALL of our children."
- "We value ALL of our children," and
- "Children may make up a small percentage of our population, but they are 100 percent of our future."
- If you are honest, you will admit that not only have we heard many of these quaint sayings, but have, in fact, also uttered a few comments just like or similar to these words. We also hear this rhetoric from our neighbors and political leaders on the ideological left and right.
- It is my belief that as a community must move beyond the rhetoric and address the needs of our children so they:
  - have decent and affordable health care;
  - live in decent housing;
  - will be hugged, loved, and read to so they can come to school ready to learn; and
  - are provided quality teachers and schools.
- As a state, we are able to define and visualize quality in a number of our public and private

institutions. To witness quality, one needs to look no further than:

- Ford Field (the field - not the team)
- Comerica Park (and the Tigers!)
- The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library and Museum
- The Kalamazoo Promise

Yet, stop and reflect on the conditions that far too many of our children are forced to endure and a vision of quality does not come to mind.

Our rhetoric says we value our children, yet:

- We have children that die while in the state's care;
- We know of schools to which we would not send OUR children;
- Hundreds of children drop out of school, or worse yet, graduate without the knowledge and skills to succeed in the local, let alone global, economy.
- Many of our schools, especially in urban centers, are in poor shape and the teachers must



### About Tom Watkins

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cope with outdated teaching material and inadequate technology to truly prepare the students for their future.

"If we don't stand up for children, then we don't stand for much," — Marion Wright Kilderman

Where is the outrage? Where is the sense of urgency demanding that our leaders address these appalling conditions?

It is not simply about spending more money, but having the political courage to force change that may inconvenience adults, but would benefit our children.

As you can see, our rhetoric as a state does not match the reality for far too many of our children. We cannot, in good conscience, continue to make the claim, "We value our children" while allowing the above facts to stand.

Perhaps, if we embraced the question from "What is wrong with children today?" to "What do we truly value as a community and state for all of our children - and do our actions match our rhetoric?" we would change our emphasis.

The budget battles in Lansing might be more than just political posturing and rhetoric. The debates taking place now are truly about the future we wish to create for our children. Will the focus continue to be more about power, control, politics and adults or will lightning strike and the spotlight focus on quality, children and our collective future? Will we protect the powerful and those able to hire the top Lansing lobbyist, or will enlightened leadership that follows the Chinese proverb "One generation plants the trees and another gets the shade" prevail?

The time to stop the rhetoric is now. It has been said that all reality begins with a dream. It is time we turn the nightmare that confronts far too many children into that dream. And turn the dream into a new life with a healthy and quality reality.

Until a new reality for our children and our collective future emerges, it is all rhetoric.

County music legend Toby Keith perhaps said it best in his song, "A Little Less Talk - and a Lot More Action!"

## GNCC: Hear how Dennis Archer continues to make a difference

Often we ask what we can do to make a difference. We can all make a change if we just believe. Our organization is all about change and making a difference, and we hope that over the next few years we will be able to do just that. Novi is ready; let's make it happen!

The Greater Novi Chamber is proud to have Dennis W. Archer as our guest speaker on March 8.

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He has been named one of the 100 Most Influential Black Americans by Ebony magazine; and one of the 100 Most Powerful Attorneys in the United States by the National Law Journal. Mr. Archer was named one of the 25 Most Dynamic Mayors in America by Newsweek magazine.

He received a bachelor's of science degree in education from Western Michigan University and taught learning disabled students in the Detroit Public Schools.

Archer has long been active in the organized bar. He was the first person of color elected president of the American Bar Association (2003-2004) as well as the State Bar of Michigan. He has also served as president of the Wolverine Bar Association and the National Bar Association.

We invite everyone to hear what Mr. Archer has to say next Thursday at noon at Rock Financial Showplace (north side of Grand River Avenue, just east



of Beck Road). Registration begins at 11:30, and the cost is just \$25 for members; \$30 for non-members.

The Greater Novi Chamber is offering something different. We want to give you the opportunity

to find out why this chamber is worth checking out.

Since forming in May 2006, our membership has soared to 120, due in part to great luncheons featuring the likes of Mr. Archer, L. Brooks Patterson, Clay Pearson and Al Acedo -- individuals who share their knowledge and give everyone something to improve their businesses and careers.

And our networking events, like last fall's Grapes & Grooves, continue to grow in popularity. It's almost a guarantee that attendees will walk away with a business lead, in addition to having a great time.

In fact, we've got two coming

up: an after-hours mixer on Thursday, March 15 at Moe's on Wixom restaurant, and B2B breakfast on Wednesday, March 21 at Hank's Fly Fishing. Yes, you read that right -- a fly fishing retail shop. See, told you we were different.

So, you've got three opportunities in the next three weeks to better your business and yourself. Give our executive director, Whitney McCallan, a call at (248) 347-4622 and she'll give you more details on the events and membership. Be sure to visit our Web site at [www.greater-novichamber.com](http://www.greater-novichamber.com). (Of course, you can always check My Bulletin Board in the Novi News every week for event listings.)

**JOIN IN:** Discuss our stories online via **Story Chat** at novineews.com

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# COMMENTARY

Thursday, March 1, 2007  
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## Make teachers state workers?

There's a lot of worry and hand-wringing everywhere in Michigan about the costs and quality of our public schools. Folks in your neighborhood — and everywhere else in the state — are trying to figure out how to get better results in return for our growing taxpayer investment and — on top of that — what new looks like a multi-hundred-million dollar deficit in the School Aid Fund.

Maybe we really do need to partly reinvent the wheel.

So here is an admittedly and consciously radical question that might stimulate some much-needed debate.

What if the paycheck for your kid's teacher came from Lansing rather than your local school district?

That's right. What if all school employees became state employees? Could that be an effective way to jump-start some of the reforms so needed in our education system? It's no secret that former Gov. John Engler liked this idea a lot but was talked out of it by nervous aides. Now, in recent weeks it has been forcefully advocated in my presence by some pretty highly placed folks in Lansing.

Here's how it might work. Every three years or so, you'd have one big set of contract negotiations between the various unions representing school employees and state education authorities.

One result might be a statewide pay scale that directly links teacher pay to educational outcomes.

If things were settled with one big negotiation, you could bake merit pay for top performers into the system. This would be an especially good time to do that, now that every school needs to put in place our tough new required state school curriculum.

In an age when we're struggling to emphasize math and science, does it really make sense to pay a physical education teacher the same as somebody who



### About Phil Power

Phil Power is a longtime observer of politics, economics and education issues in Michigan, and was a regent of the University of Michigan from 1987 to 1999. He is also president and founder of The Center for Michigan, a moderate think-and-do tank. These opinions and others expressed in his columns are his own and do not in any way represent official policy positions of The Center for Michigan. Phil would be pleased to hear from readers at [ppower@chmnet.com](mailto:ppower@chmnet.com).

teaches physics? Should a teacher who really can't get Algebra II across to his students be paid the same as one whose kids consistently lead the state in their scores on advanced placement math exams?

And with the state negotiating wages and fringes, one result could be one big health care plan that would be competitively bid to maximize efficiency and minimize cost to the taxpayers.

You could even begin to get a handle on extremely expensive educator retirement costs by making sure all new school employees move from traditional defined benefit plans (pensions) to defined contribution plans (like the 401k plans now so prevalent in the private sector).

Schools now spend an average of \$1,200 per pupil on health insurance and pensions, according to the Citizens Research Council.

The respected, non-partisan CRC also predicts that as it now stands, one out of every three dollars going to schools will be eaten up in health care and pensions in little more than a decade.

There would be other financial benefits to having the state doing the negotiating. Local school districts would no longer have to pay high-priced labor lawyers and tie up assistant superintendents time in conducting all those negotiations. (Remember, there are 549 school districts in Michigan; that's a lot of lawyers and contract negotiators.) That alone should produce substantial savings, money that could go right back into the classroom.

And while they're at it, state

bargainers could put pressure on both unions and local school districts to consolidate all non-instructional functions into the Intermediate School Districts, where better technology and economies of scale could save millions.

This is not a small matter. Philip Cusick, a professor of education at Michigan State University, told the Detroit News that 25 years ago some 70 percent of employees in education were teachers.

Now, only 49 percent — less than half — of them are.

Does central bargaining go on elsewhere in state government? It certainly does — here and elsewhere. The state of Hawaii converted its teachers into state employees, while Michigan State Police work under uniform statewide contracts.

Incidentally, many state administrative employees are represented by the United Auto Workers union. That means this idea isn't union busting. The state would still have to negotiate with the various unions that represent teachers, bus drivers, custodians, etc.

Naturally, there are a couple obvious drawbacks to this modest proposal. First: If you have one great big negotiation with all school employees, you will always have the possibility of one great big statewide teacher strike every few years, anti-strike laws or no.

The second flaw runs deeper, and has to do with our deeply embedded ideas, dating back to pioneer days, of local control of

schools. That's why we have 549 local school districts — count 'em! — each supposedly a bastion of what local folks want from schools.

But in practice, it's been tough to get all 549 locally elected school boards to tackle the kind of reforms the entire system needs.

Some of them are too small, too poor, or both to be able to realistically offer the kind of sophisticated 21st century education Michigan students have to have.

So if we're really serious about reforming the education and management side of our school system, we need to begin thinking outside the box. Considering making all school employees state workers is an example. Possibly there is a better answer — but this is just the kind of transformational question we need to start asking.

We need to challenge assumptions, not just about our schools but about the structure and operations of our entire public sector.

And we need to make some fixes, soon.

**Clarification:**  
In a column about the Pfizer company's operating facilities in Michigan, Phil Power's commentary published Feb. 8 may have left the impression that the company's shut down of facilities in Kalamazoo left no Pfizer employees there. In fact there are some 4,000 still working for Pfizer in Kalamazoo in various capacities.

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"No way! This time our elected public officials really let us down. I won't forget this come election time."

### Physical Therapy Rehabilitation Update

by Dennis Engerer, P.T.

**EASIER DOES IT**

The elderly needlessly struggle in strenuous muscle-strengthening exercises to achieve good results. According to Australian researchers, even simple exercises performed on resistance-training apparatuses create a number of favorable effects on muscle strength and performance among the elderly. Just as important, even low-level workouts produce significant improvements. These findings are based on the results achieved by both men and women between ages 65 and 78 years, who performed resistance exercises twice a week for 20 weeks. The elderly exercises showed significant increases in isometric muscle strength. This study shows that improved muscle strength and endurance are well within the reach of older adults.

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### SPOTLIGHT: ALLERGY & ASTHMA

Presented by  
Michael S. Rowe, M.D., F.A.C.P., C.P.I.

**SINUSITIS**

Many of us are unfortunately enough to know the pain of sinus headaches. The ache around the eyes, forehead, or in the cheeks is the telltale sign of sinusitis. It is an inflammation of the sinuses, and a virus or bacterial infection is often the cause. Of course, nasal discharge is another symptom. Acute sinusitis can have a sudden onset, often following a cold. However, when it is chronic or persistent, there may be another cause such as allergies, pollution, or smoke. Structural problems in a person's nose can also contribute to sinusitis symptoms. Sinusitis differs from allergic rhinitis, also called "hay fever." In rhinitis, it's the nasal membranes that are inflamed, not the sinuses.

If you suspect you have allergies, you need to see a specialist. Call the ALLERGY AND ASTHMA CENTER OF MICHIGAN to arrange a consultation with Dr. Rowe and learn what we can do to help you maintain your regular schedule and lifestyle. We diagnose and treat patients of all ages. Same day, early morning, evening, and Saturday appointments are available. For further information, call (248) 473-6400. Our office is located at 24120 Meadowbrook Road, STE. 200, Novi. New patients are welcome. "The Caring Allergist Who Gets Results!"

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### LET'S TALK

WITH GARY S. WEINSTEIN  
JEWELRY DESIGNER

**CHANDELIER FOR THE EARS**

One of the strongest trends in jewelry is drop-eared brooches earrings that make the ears look like they're floating. A "brooch" is any gemstone drop that is oval- or pear-shaped with triangular facets over its entire surface. This elegant cut likely dates back to the time of the Crusades. Since then, brooches have been included in everything from crown jewels to the personal collection of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. During the early 17th century, brooches were all the rage, as the clear gemstones came to represent the opulence of chandeliers seen in aristocratic social events. Today, drop earrings are showing up on catwalks, pendant long from fine chains, and romantic necklaces.

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## EVENTS

**S.V.S.U. Alumni Gathering**  
DATE: Thursday, March 8  
TIME: 5-7 p.m.  
LOCATION: The Post Bar, Novi  
DETAILS: Saginaw Valley State University is hosting an after-hours event for metro Detroit alumni. The evening will feature complimentary beverages and hors d'oeuvres. R.S.V.P. required by Monday, March 5.  
CONTACT: (989) 964-4196, or e-mail: alumni@svsu.edu.

**Novi Youth Assistance Bowl-A-Thon**  
DATE: Saturday, March 10  
LOCATION: Novi Bowl  
DETAILS: Support for this event is needed from the community. Lane sponsorships, donations for gift bags and monetary contributions are all appreciated. Contact the Youth Assistance office for more information.  
CONTACT: (248) 347-0410

**Novi Oaks Chapter of the American Business Women's Association**  
DATE: Wednesday, March 14  
TIME: 6:15 p.m., 6:45 p.m. dinner  
LOCATION: Wyndham Garden Hotel, Novi  
DETAILS: Joseph Pascarella will do a presentation on "Entrepreneurial Motivation: Overcoming Business Challenges." The cost is \$16 per person.  
CONTACT: Marcia Applegate, (248) 593-5269 or go to [www.abwa-novi.org](http://www.abwa-novi.org)

**Book Club Meeting**  
DATE: Friday, March 16  
TIME: 7 p.m.  
LOCATION: Starbucks, 302 East Main St., Northville  
DETAILS: The book for March is "Rabbit, Run" by John Updike  
CONTACT: northvillebookclub@gmail.com

## LAKES AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Since 1963, the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce has proudly served as West Oakland's Regional Chamber, serving the communities of Commerce Township, Union Lake, Walled Lake, Waterford, Wixom, Wolverine Lake and White Lake. Our purpose is to improve the quality of life for businesses and residents in the Lakes area. We act as a unified voice on behalf of the business community, provide a forum to discuss and review topics of interest, serve as a source of information and develop programs that are responsive to the needs of the communities we serve.  
CONTACT: (248) 628-2826  
**Heart of the Lakes Gala**  
TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. March 3  
LOCATION: Shenandoah Golf, Banquet & Country Club, West Bloomfield  
DETAILS: This is a benefit for the Cardiac Care Program at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital and the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce. The theme is "Saturday Night Fever Flashback" and the evening will feature dinner, dancing, entertainment and a silent auction. The cost is \$50 per person. Reservations required.  
**Evening Connection**  
DATE: March 13  
LOCATION: Dream Dinners, 1001 Welch Road, Suite 105, Commerce Township  
**Annual Membership Luncheon and Installation of Officers**  
DATE: Wednesday, March 28  
TIME: 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Edgewood Country Club, 8399 Commerce Road, Commerce Township  
DETAILS: Come to hear our community leaders speak on the business environment of West Oakland County. The cost is \$25 per person.

years of business, representing over 500 members. Our mission is to be a responsible, proactive advocate of business interests in the greater Novi area. We are business and professional people working together to enhance the life of our community and the businesses in it. For more information, visit [www.novichamber.com](http://www.novichamber.com) or contact the chamber office at (248) 349-3743  
**Threads of Power Breakfast**  
DATE: Friday, March 23  
TIME: 8 a.m.  
LOCATION: Wyndham Garden Hotel, 42100 Crescent Blvd., Novi  
DETAILS: Bring your gently used business attire that will be donated to men and women entering or re-entering the workforce. The cost is \$15 per person. Advance paid registration required.

**Yoga Classes**  
TIME/DATE: 12:30-1:15 p.m. Monday (for backs); 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday (for strength & endurance); 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Wednesday (for backs); 12:30-1:30 p.m. Friday (for backs)  
DETAILS: The cost is \$10 for walk-in, \$80 for 10-class card and \$70 for seven-week evening session. Registration required.  
**Massage**  
TIME/DATE: Various times, Monday and Thursday  
DETAILS: Therapeutic massage is shown to be effective for stress and tension, chronic fatigue, pain and headaches. Everyone is welcome. Patients undergoing treatment should bring a physician's referral. Call for an appointment. The cost is \$50 for a 50-minute session.

## GREATER NOVI CHAMBER

The Greater Novi Chamber is a nonprofit business association. We provide enjoyable networking opportunities for our members; act as a bridge between local business and government; help members stay aware of other members' services and products and the activities of their community. For more information, contact Whitney McClellan, executive director, at (248) 347-4622 or [wmmcc@novichamber.com](mailto:wmmcc@novichamber.com).  
**Business Accelerator Luncheon**  
DATE: Thursday, March 8  
TIME: 11:30 a.m. registration; noon lunch  
LOCATION: Rock Financial Showplace  
DETAILS: Special guest Dennis Archer will speak. Cost is \$25 for members, \$30 for non-yes members. R.S.V.P. by March 6.  
**After Hours Mixer**  
DATE: Thursday, March 15  
TIME: 5-7:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Moe's on Wixom, Wixom Road, 3/4 mile north of I-96 on the east side.  
DETAILS: Enjoy great food and networking. Cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-yes members. R.S.V.P. by March 12.  
**B2B Breakfast**  
DATE: Wednesday, March 21  
TIME: 7:45 a.m.  
LOCATION: Hank's Fly Fishing, on Grand River just west of Novi Road on the south side.  
DETAILS: Networking and light breakfast. The cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-yes members. R.S.V.P. by March 19.

## LINE DANCING

DATE: Monday and Friday  
TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m. beginners; 7:30-9:30 p.m. intermediate  
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road  
DETAILS: No partner needed for lessons in this pay-as-you-go program. Novi residents and those 55 years and up \$5; Non-residents \$8.

## SCHOOL & GOVERNMENT

**Novi City Council Meeting**  
DATE: Monday, March 5  
TIME: 7 p.m.  
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road  
CONTACT: (248) 347-0470

**Novi Youth Assistance General Citizens Meeting**  
DATE: Tuesday, March 6  
TIME: 6 p.m.  
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road  
CONTACT: (248) 347-0410

**Novi School Board Meeting**  
DATE: Wednesday, March 7  
TIME: 7:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Novi Meadows Elementary

**Faith Community Preschool**  
LOCATION: 44400 West 10 Mile Rd.  
CONTACT: (248) 349-7911

## BUSINESS

**Females in the Family Business Affinity Group**  
TIME/DATE: 9-9:30 a.m. Third Thursday of every month  
LOCATION: Walsh College Troy Campus  
DETAILS: Walsh Business Leadership Institute invites women who own, are partners in, or work for family businesses. Items discussed will be common issues, and women can share solutions in a nonthreatening, noncompetitive, non-sales roundtable. Registration is required.  
CONTACT: Jan Hubbard, [jhubbard@walshcollege.edu](mailto:jhubbard@walshcollege.edu)

## CLASSES

**Providence Center for the Healing Arts**  
LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi  
CONTACT: (248) 465-5455  
**Wanted: One-Time Art Workshop Instructors**  
DETAILS: We are looking for people who have an art or craft that they would like to share in our series of one-time workshops. Please call (248) 465-5455 if interested.  
**Colored Pencil Workshop**  
TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m., second Tuesday of every month  
DETAILS: The cost is \$2. Beginners are welcome.  
**Ceramics Class**  
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; 1-

5 p.m. Wednesday  
DETAILS: There is a \$10 materials fee.  
**Knit'n' Yarns**  
TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m.  
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center  
DETAILS: Join others and create hats and shawls for those in need.  
**Tai Chi Class**  
TIME/DATE: 10:15-11 a.m. Thursday  
DETAILS: This is an ancient Chinese exercise used to improve flexibility, balance and strength. No experience is necessary. The cost is \$5.  
**Yoga Classes**  
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DETAILS: The cost is \$10 for walk-in, \$80 for 10-class card and \$70 for seven-week evening session. Registration required.

**Starlight Story Time**  
DATE: Tuesday, March 13  
TIME: 7-7:30 p.m.  
DETAILS: Preschoolers and their families are invited to enjoy bedtime stories. No registration needed.  
**Reading Mania**  
DATE: Wednesday, March 14  
TIME: 4:30-5:15 p.m.  
DETAILS: Children in third and fourth grade are invited to come and discuss "The Word Eater" by Mary Amato. No registration needed.

**Introduction to the Internet for Seniors**  
DATE: Wednesday, March 14  
TIME: 1-3 p.m.  
DETAILS: Comfortable use of the mouse is required for this class. Registration required.  
**Real Estate and Mortgage Fraud**  
DATE: Thursday, March 15  
TIME: 7-8 p.m.  
DETAILS: Ruth Johnson from the Oakland County Clerk's office will discuss the growing problem of deed and mortgage fraud and what you can do to protect yourself from these two fast growing crimes. Registration required.  
**Sign, Say and Play**  
DATE: Saturday, March 17  
TIME: 10:30-11:15 a.m.  
DETAILS: This program is for babies 8-24 months. Sing songs, read book and engage in parachute play while learning six popular signs with Baby Signs instructor Lori McLaren. Registration required and there is a limit of 15 children with parent or caregiver.  
**AARP Tax Day**  
TIME/DATE: 10:20 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Monday, March 19  
DETAILS: AARP volunteers will be available to assist middle and low income individuals in preparing their taxes. Special attention will be given to persons age 60 and older. Assistance is limited to simple tax returns. Appointments are necessary and usually run for one hour. Call the library to schedule an appointment.

**Walled Lake City Library**  
LOCATION: 1498 E. West Maple Road, Walled Lake  
CONTACT: (248) 624-3772  
**Evening Story Hour**  
TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 p.m., Thursdays  
DETAILS: The drop-in story time is for children ages 3-5.

## SUPPORT GROUPS

**Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting**  
DATE: Last Wednesday of each month  
TIME: 10-11 a.m.  
LOCATION: Holy Family Catholic Church, 24505 Meadowbrook Road  
DETAILS: This informational meeting is open to all adoptive families in Oakland County. There is no charge. Child care is available. Registration is required.  
CONTACT: Lisa Molloy (248) 334-3595

**Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Chapter**  
DATE: Wednesdays 11 a.m. weigh-in; 11:30 a.m. meeting  
LOCATION: Meadowbrook Commons, 25075 Meadowbrook Road, Novi  
DETAILS: \$24 per annual membership includes handbook; \$1 per meeting. New members welcome.  
CONTACT: Rebecca Boyke (248) 305-8646

**Neighborhood Baby-sitting Co-op**  
DETAILS: Using the co-op, you and your children can make friends and get what you need accomplished without the little ones in tow. Also enjoy a child's night out and other social events.  
CONTACT: Sue Tracz (248) 380-0998

**Friendship Circle**  
DATE: Second Thursday of each month  
TIME: 1 p.m.  
LOCATION: St. James Catholic Church, 45325 10 Mile Road, between Taft and Beck Road  
DETAILS: Social group for all widows and widowers.  
CONTACT: Norbert Monson (248) 851-6730, Florence Voight (248) 477-3032 or Joy Lovadi (248) 348-9138 or [joylovadi@earthlink.net](mailto:joylovadi@earthlink.net)

**MOMS Club of Novi**  
DATE: First Thursday of each month  
TIME: 10 a.m.  
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center  
DETAILS: Moms Offering Moms Support (MOMS) is a non-profit support group for mothers who choose to stay at home with their children or work out of their homes.  
CONTACT: [jensungfleming@yahoo.com](mailto:jensungfleming@yahoo.com)

**Kensington Valley Mothers of Multiples**  
DATE: Second Thursday of each month  
TIME: 7 p.m.  
LOCATION: Witch's Hat Depot, 300 Dorothy St., South Lyon  
DETAILS: This group provides information, support and social activities for mothers of multiple birth children and their families. Mothers of multiples living in and around the Kensington Valley school conferences are all welcome.  
CONTACT: (248) 437-5495 for more information.

**Women's Prayer Support**  
DATE: Saturday  
TIME: 9-10:30 a.m.  
LOCATION: Harvest Fellowship Church, 49329 Pontiac Trail, Wixom  
DETAILS: Come for encouragement, help, hope and prayer. Drop in for five minutes or longer.  
CONTACT: Nancy or Susan (248) 926-8332 or [harvestfellowship@comcast.net](mailto:harvestfellowship@comcast.net)

**Novi Senior Center**  
Located in the Meadowbrook Commons Senior Complex, 25075 Meadowbrook Road  
9 a.m.: Stretch and Strength  
10 a.m.: Body Recall  
noon: Lunch  
12:30 p.m.: Duplicate Bridge  
1 p.m.: Bingo  
Message by appointment  
**Tuesday**  
8:30 a.m.: Panera Bread  
8:30 a.m.: Coffee and Conversation  
9-11 a.m.: "Line Dance-Intermediate"  
10 a.m.: Asian Pacific  
11 a.m.-noon: Computer Lab  
noon: Lunch  
1 p.m.: Bingo  
1 p.m.: Hospice/Alzheimer's  
1-2 p.m.: Computer Class-Beginner  
Message by appointment  
**Wednesday**  
9 a.m.: Stretch and Strength  
10 a.m.: Body Recall

**Novi Public Library**  
LOCATION: 45245 W. 10 Mile Road  
HOURS: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday  
DETAILS: Unless noted below, all programs take place at the library.  
CONTACT: (248) 349-0720  
**Story Times**  
DETAILS: Session 4 begins Feb. 26 through March 30. Brochures available in the library for further information.  
**Learn to Download Audiobooks**  
DATE: Monday, March 5  
TIME: 7 p.m.  
DETAILS: Learn how to download and transfer audiobooks using the library's website and high speed Internet connection.  
**Dance, Dance, Revolution**  
DATE: Tuesday, March 6  
TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
DETAILS: Kids in fifth grade and higher can come to the library for DDR Fun. No registration required.  
**Library Board Meeting**  
DATE: Wednesday, March 7  
TIME: 7 p.m.

**Breast Cancer Support Group**  
DATES: Second and fourth Tuesday of each month  
LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, Commerce, Classroom C  
TIME: 10-11:30 a.m.  
DETAILS: No registration needed.  
CONTACT: (248) 937-5017

**Crohn's & Colitis Support Group**  
DATES: First and third Wednesday of each month  
LOCATION: Providence Park Hospital and Medical Center  
TIME: 7-9 p.m.  
DETAILS: Enter facility through southeast entrance. Meeting in Conference Room A, immediately to the left.  
CONTACT: Al Biggs (313) 805-7605 or Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America (888) 737-2322.

**Novi Toastmasters**  
DATE: First and third Tuesday of each month  
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center  
ACTIVITIES ROOM, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road  
TIME: 7-8:45 p.m.  
DETAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your communication skills, voice your opinion, polish your presentations and practice leadership.  
CONTACT: Colleen (248) 685-9226

**Novi United Methodist of Northville**  
LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville  
CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or visit [www.northville.org](http://www.northville.org)  
Sunday Worship  
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**Crosspointe Meadows**  
LOCATION: Meadowbrook Elementary School, 29200 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road  
CONTACT: (248) 427-2700, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. or visit [www.crosspointemeadows.org](http://www.crosspointemeadows.org)  
Sunday Worship  
TIME: 9 and 10:30 a.m.

**St. Paul Lutheran**  
LOCATION: 201 Elm St., Northville  
CONTACT: (248) 349-3140  
Sunday Worship  
TIME: 8:30, 11 and 11:30 a.m.  
Kindergarten Registration  
DETAILS: Children who turned five before Friday Dec. 1 may register for full or half-day kindergarten at St. Paul's Lutheran School.

**St. James Catholic**  
LOCATION: 46325 10 Mile Road  
CONTACT: (248) 347-7778  
Mass Schedule  
TIME/DATE: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday  
**Novi United Methodist**  
LOCATION: 41671 W. 10 Mile

**Meadowbrook Congregational**  
LOCATION: 21355 Meadowbrook Road  
CONTACT: Rev. Ed Williamson, Interim Minister, (248) 348-7757, or visit [www.mbcoc.org](http://www.mbcoc.org) or [gmccoc@roundtable.biz](mailto:gmccoc@roundtable.biz)  
Sunday Worship  
TIME: 10 a.m.  
**Special Lenten Discussion Series**  
TIME/DAY: 7 p.m., Wednesday  
DETAILS: The topics to be discussed will include a critique of the sermon from the previous Sunday, and some current issues in the news with the question being asked, "What is the faith dimension?" The public is encouraged to attend.

**First Baptist Church of Novi**  
LOCATION: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road  
CONTACT: (248) 349-3647 or [www.firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org](http://www.firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org)  
Sunday Schedule  
Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.  
Family Worship: 11 a.m.  
Bible Study: 6 p.m.  
Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m., fourth Sunday of every month.  
**Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross**  
LOCATION: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road  
CONTACT: (248) 427-1175 or [www.churchoftheholycross.com](http://www.churchoftheholycross.com)  
Sunday Worship  
TIME: 7:45 and 10 a.m.  
Sunday School  
TIME: 9 a.m., Adult Bible Study, 10 a.m.  
Worship Center for ages 3-7: 10 a.m. All ages  
**Lunch Hour Worship**  
TIME/DAY: 12:10-12:50 p.m. Wednesday  
DETAILS: The service will include scripture and Holy Communion.  
**Youth Worship**  
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., second and fourth Sunday of every month  
DETAILS: All youth welcome.  
**Alzheimer's Support Group**  
DATE: Saturdays  
TIME: 10 a.m.  
DETAILS: This group will meet on the second Saturday of each month, offering support and

**Meadowbrook Road**  
CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or visit [www.holyfamilynovi.org](http://www.holyfamilynovi.org)  
Mass Schedule  
TIME/DAY: 7:30, 8:45, and 10:30 a.m., 12:15 a.m. Sunday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 9 a.m. Wednesday-Friday; 5 p.m. Saturday  
**Parish Mission**  
DATE: Sunday March 4-4  
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TIME: 7-8:30 p.m.  
DETAILS: The program will be presented by Father David Famum and Ms. Barbara Budde.  
**Bible Study**  
DATE: Thursdays  
TIME: 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.  
DETAILS: Join the group for prayer, sharing, and discussion of the Sunday scripture readings.  
CONTACT: Marcia (248) 349-8847 or e-mail at [sprinkwalkers01@aol.com](mailto:sprinkwalkers01@aol.com)  
**Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting**  
DATE: Last Wednesday of each month  
TIME: 10-11 a.m.  
DETAILS: This free informational meeting is open to all adoptive families in Oakland County. Child care is available. Registration is required.  
CONTACT: Lisa Molloy (248) 334-3595

**St. John Lutheran**  
LOCATION: 201 Elm St., Northville  
CONTACT: (248) 474-0584 or visit [www.stjohn-lutheran.com](http://www.stjohn-lutheran.com)  
Saturday Worship  
TIME: 5:30 p.m.

**Gracepointe Presbyterian Worship and the Arts Ministry**  
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Bible Study/Children's Ministry  
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**Rock Financial Showplace**  
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**Great America Train Expo**  
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, March 3, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, March 4  
DETAILS: This is the nation's largest expo for model train enthusiasts. Admission is \$7, children 12 and under are free. Parking is \$5.  
CONTACT: (800) 279-4048  
**American Baby Faire**  
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, March 3 and Sunday, March 4  
DETAILS: This is the nation's largest expo for expectant and new families. See, learn about and buy products and services for babies. Free product samples and coupons available from over 100 exhibitors. Admission is \$8, children 12 and under are free as well as grandparents. Parking is \$5.  
CONTACT: (877) 959-2229

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**Single Place Ministries**  
CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 or visit [www.singleplace.org](http://www.singleplace.org)  
**Adult Education**  
TIME/DATES: 7-8:15 p.m., Thursdays, March 1-29  
DETAILS: These sessions will deal with "Confronting the Controversies: Biblical Perspectives of Tough Issues." Pastor Kent Cise will discuss issues such as separation of church and state, the death penalty, autism and homosexuality, and how the Christian faith relates to them. A participant book may be purchased for \$10. Call the church office to sign up.  
**Walking Group**  
TIME: 11:30 a.m.  
LOCATION: First, second and fourth Saturday, Big Apple Bagel Shop, 2334 Farmington Road, Farmington; Third Saturday, Panera Bread Co., 34635 Grand River Ave., Farmington  
DETAILS: This is a walking/social group. Everyone is invited.

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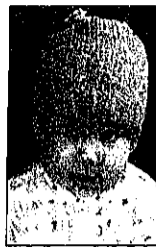
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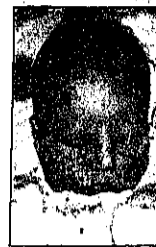
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William Beaumont Hosp.  
Sue & Jason Schmitt  
Royal Oak, Michigan



**Isabella Lynne Mack**  
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Chris & Erin Mack  
Fowlerville, Michigan



**Kendall Julia Moran**  
December 8, 2006  
St. Joseph Mercy  
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Commerce Twp., Mich.



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Carter James Tonnies  
August 16, 2006  
Providence Hospital  
Brian & Sharon (Hildebrandt) Tonnies  
Southfield, Michigan



**Payton J. Clanin**  
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Botsford Hospital  
Amanda Clanin  
Northville, Michigan



**Mary Esther Hafner**  
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University of Michigan  
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**Taylor Alyssa Quinn**  
February 17, 2006  
St. Joseph Mercy  
Rob & Kim Quinn  
South Lyon, Michigan



**Reagan Randall Duncan**  
December 22, 2006  
Huron Valley Sinai  
Randall & Kimber Duncan  
South Lyon, Michigan



**Drea Danae Cain**  
March 24, 2006  
St. Joseph Howell  
Tom & Deana Cain  
Howell, Michigan



**Ryan Lee Ferras**  
September 28, 2006  
St. Joseph, Ypsilanti  
Chad & Kristin Ferras  
Fowlerville, Michigan



**Hyde Alexander Bourne**  
April 5, 2006  
St. Joseph Mercy  
Shawn Eric & Joy Bourne  
Howell, Michigan



**John Daniel Burch**  
May 11, 2006  
McPherson Hospital  
Melissa & John Burch  
Pinckney, Michigan



**Madison Amanda Coolman**  
April 8, 2006  
Huron Valley Sinai  
Robert & Kimberly Coolman  
Novi, Michigan



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September 12, 2006  
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Milford, Michigan



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June 13, 2006  
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Howell, Michigan



**Tanner Grayson Smith**  
October 27, 2006  
University of Michigan  
Ken & Carol Smith  
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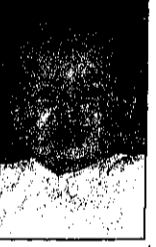
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February 12, 2006  
Providence Hospital  
Matt & Crystal Edwards  
South Lyon, Michigan



**Brianna Suzanne Harrell**  
August 4, 2006  
Providence Hospital  
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White Lake, Michigan



**Mitchell Andrew Swint**  
May 17, 2006  
Spectrum, Butterworth, Grand Rapids  
Jason & Stephanie Swint  
Rockford, Michigan



**Curtis Dale Wynn**  
July 3, 2006  
St. Joseph  
Becky Curtis & Eric Wynn  
Denver-Hartland, Michigan



**Ellyana Lynn Ramos**  
September 24, 2006  
Beaumont Hospital  
Jennifer & Justin Ramos  
Commerce Twp., Michigan



**Owen William Perdue**  
November 20, 2006  
Jupiter Medical Center  
Justin & Jennifer Perdue  
Hobbsound, FL



**Anika Jade Hernandez**  
May 13, 2006  
Genesis Hospital  
Philip & Gwendolyn Hernandez  
Holy, Michigan



**Hunter Michael Meyer**  
March 29, 2006  
McPherson Hospital  
Tina & Matt Meyer  
Howell, Michigan



**Adrianna Paige Wetzel**  
April 24, 2006  
Battle Creek Health Sys.  
Keely Brabon & Paul Wetzel  
Fowlerville, Michigan



**Atticus Drew Terry**  
February 4, 2006  
University of Michigan  
Aaron & Rebecca Terry  
South Lyon, Michigan



**Rachael Mary Padgett**  
February 23, 2006  
Providence Hospital  
Dan & Jenn Padgett  
Brownstown, Michigan



**Bryce Aaron Strand**  
July 12, 2006  
Huron Valley Hospital  
Laurie & Aaron Strand  
Howell, Michigan



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Amy & Jason Brooks  
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September 13, 2006  
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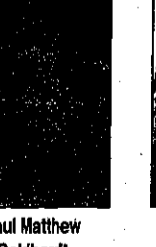
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February 23, 2006  
Botsford Hospital  
Jason & Angela Nickerson  
Brighton, Michigan



**Matthew Steven Nickerson**  
February 13, 2006  
University of Michigan  
Sleve & Lisa Nickerson  
Brighton, Michigan



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March 17, 2006  
Arnold Palmer Womens Hosp.  
André & Stacy Fairbanks  
Orlando, Florida



**Paul Matthew Goldhardt**  
December 7, 2006  
St. Joseph Mercy-Ypsi.  
Randy & Kathy Goldhardt  
(O'Connor)



**Grace Elizabeth Wontor**  
September 5, 2006  
St. Marys Hospital  
Paul & Kim Wontor



**Josephine Marie Wielgosz**  
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June 26, 2006  
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Kari & Eric Kellen  
Howell, Michigan



**Ryan Alexander Chanko**  
January 29, 2006  
Huron Valley Hospital  
Rob & Cheryl Chanko  
South Lyon, Michigan



**Dominick Bradley Blevins**  
June 19, 2006  
St. Joseph-McPherson  
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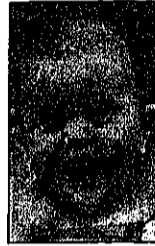
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**Spencer William Cross**  
November 8, 2006  
Columbia, South Carolina  
Lorie & Scott  
Columbia, South Carolina



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Elizabeth & Jeffrey Copp  
Whitmore Lake, Michigan



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South Lyon, Michigan



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Howell, Michigan



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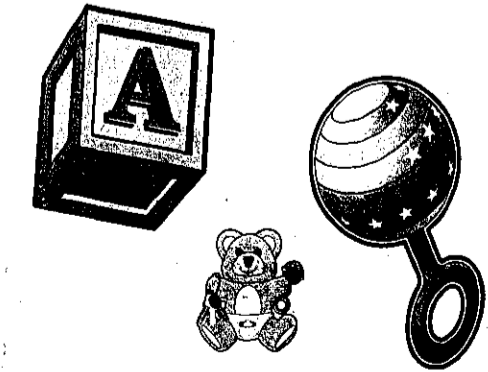
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That is the key to the success of Harold's Frame Shop in Novi and Redford. Success does not come from being a third-generation business, which is Harold's trademark. Success comes from treating customers right and creating an environment where they will come back again and tell other people how well they are treated. That's what Harold's Frame Shop is all about.

"It's all about doing good, honest work," said Shelly Gibson, general manager of the Novi location and granddaughter of founder Harold Davis. "Since 1947 we have made it our business to make customers comfortable with us. We want people to know that if they have a problem they can turn around and come back to talk with us."

Problems are very rare because the experienced staff take a lot of pride in their work and in wearing the Harold's uniform — so proud that some of the mechanics have worked in the shop for over thirty years, building up and gaining the trust of a large customer base.

"The person with the lowest seniority has been here two years," said Gibson. She added that her service managers have over 12 and 20 years experience with the company, too. There has to be a connection between longevity and low turnover. The answer is quite simple.

"Our employees take a lot of pride in their work," Gibson added, "and have made us successful. We treat them good, too."

That special treatment carries over to the customers, who can talk with mechanics and managers face-to-face and sit in a comfortable waiting area (couches and large-panel TV) while work is done on their vehicles. And it isn't just any waiting area either. The shop area is in plain sight behind glass panes. Customers can see the work being performed, something that founder Harold Davis always felt was an important part of his business.

"My grandfather said that we should never hide from the customer," said Gibson.

Harold's Frame Shop does a lot more than working in plain sight — they also encourage customers to stop in and visit even if their vehicles don't need repair. Last year both locations sponsored a picnic where they set up tents and tables in the parking lots and gave out food and gift items as a way to show their appreciation to customers. It was such a success that the company is planning its second annual picnic in August 2007.

All of the goodwill generated by this sixty-year-old business comes back to one thing: good customer service. Gibson listed many reasons why Harold's is so keen on customer service.

"Car repair is no fun," she noted. "You want people to be comfortable. It is also time-consuming. You want people to be able to count on you for more than just one service [i.e. alignment or wheel repair]. We offer more services such as general automotive repair, snowplow sales and service, and trailer hitch installable."

"We're doing things to make us a one-stop shop."

Gibson is especially proud of the growing snowplow business, beginning last year when she became a Western Snowplow distributor, and she is looking forward to welcoming customers who are looking for trailer hitch and trailer wiring services.

"We had a booth at the recent Camper and RV Show where we had a trailer hitch display," she said. "Our goal was to let people know about the new products we are offering."

And even though businesses offered similar products and services, Gibson believes that people make the big difference. "We wouldn't be doing what we are doing in 60 years later unless we were honest," she said. "Successful businesses don't get into the second generation. We survive because we change with the times while maintaining the high level of customer service."

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**MY NOVI SPORTS**

**Wildcat swim and dive fourth at KVC**

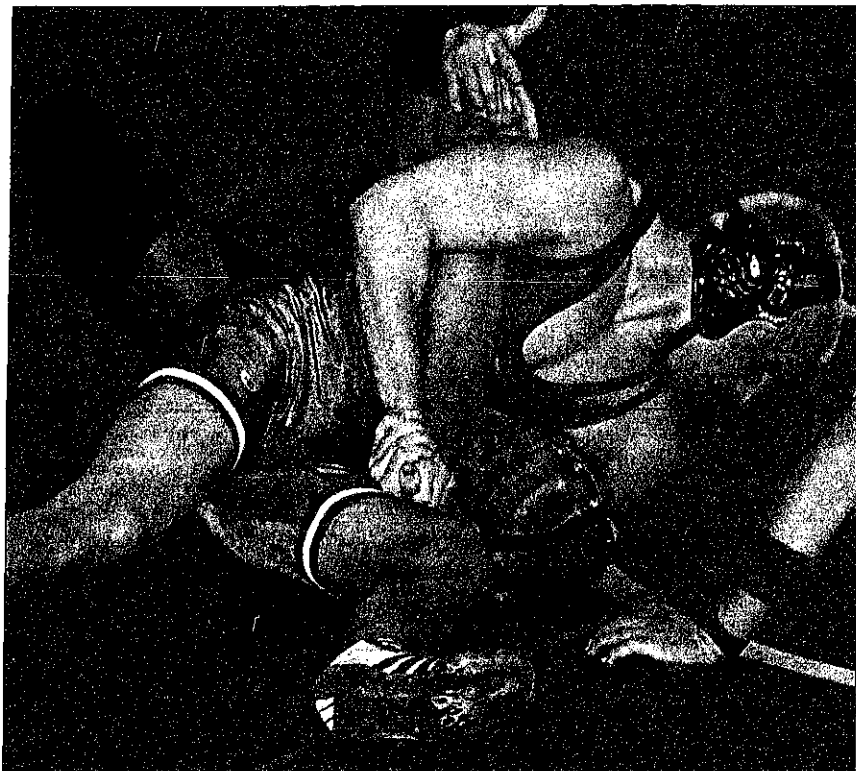
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**SPORTS SPOTLIGHT: WRESTLING**

STORY CHAT: WHAT DO YOU THINK? TELL US AT WWW.NOVINNEWS.COM

**Thomas, Lichorobiec  
 advance to state**



Novi's Ryan Thomas gets the drop on his opponent during Saturday's regional meet.

Photo submitted by Jeff Gatt

**Both wrestlers claim third place at regionals**

By Jeff Theisen  
 NEWS SPORTS WRITER

Novi wrestlers Jon Lichorobiec and Ryan Thomas will wrestle in the state finals after each placed third at Saturday's regional meet. For two other wrestlers, Justin Pullin and Adam Ballantyne, their season came to an end.

Lichorobiec (46-5) lost his first match and

faced elimination the rest of the day. Tom Fox of Temperance-Bedford won 6-4 in the first round at 103 pounds.

"In the first match, he looked a little upright," Novi head coach Brad Huss said. "He came back nicely and had no problem (advancing)."

Lichorobiec pinned his next two opponents, including a rematch with Fox in the third-place match.

"He's had a great season," Huss said. "He's got a great chance at the state meet."

Thomas won his first match by pin, but was pinned in the next round. He stayed alive with a 14-4 win and took third with a 4-3 win against Peter Meisner of Dearborn.

"He's a scrapper," Huss said of Thomas.

See WILDCATS, 2B



Photo submitted by Jeffrey Gatt

Catholic Central coach Mike Rodriguez holds another team regional trophy after the Shamrocks won the meet at Saline.

**CC regional  
 champions**

*Six Shamrocks advance to individual state finals*

By Jeff Theisen  
 NEWS SPORTS WRITER

**STORY CHAT**  
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Catholic Central wrestling pushed itself into the team finals by claiming first place at regionals Feb. 21.

Also, six Shamrocks advanced to the individual finals from Saturday's regional at Novi.

**Team regionals**

The Shamrocks earned a pair of one-point wins to claim the regional title Feb. 21 at Saline.

Catholic Central started out the meet with a 31-30 win against Livonia Franklin. The Shamrocks then faced Canton, which beat Saline 48-18.

The Shamrocks pulled out a second 31-30 win to capture the regional and advance to the team finals March 2-3 at the Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek.

**Individual regional**

Advancing for the Shamrocks individually to the state meet are Shea Hasenauer (135 pounds), Ryan Brown (152), Stefan Gatt (second at 160), Joe Kinville (second at 189), Matt Aubrey (fourth at 189) and Mike Martin (fourth at 285).

Hasenauer (27-5) claimed his state spot with a third-place finish.

ish. He won his first match 8-2, lost the second 6-4 and pinned Northville's John Hebert to get into the final four. Hasenauer won the third-place match 7-1.

Brown (36-19) had to face elimination all day after losing the opening match 9-0 to the eventual regional champ. Brown earned 5-2 and 3-1 wins to make the third-place match. Brown finished off his day with a 5-2 win for third.

In the next weight, Gatt (32-10) pushed on with a second-place finish. He won his first two matches by decisions, 9-6 and 6-3 to make the finals. He went up against Ziad Kharbush of Livonia Stevenson and came up one-point shy in a 2-1 decision for second place.

Catholic Central placed two guys at 189 pounds. Kinville (42-10) placed second, and Aubrey (26-11) took fourth.

Kinville rolled into the finals with 10-3 and 2-0 wins. He lost 6-5 in the finals to Marc Shaw of Lincoln Park.

Aubrey had to fight to advance

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**NOVI NEWS**  
**Athlete of the Week**

Novi senior diver **Mason Irvin**

Irvin started a 1-2 finish with teammate Alex Arbour in diving at the KVC meet Saturday. Irvin tallied 357.65 points, and Arbour scored 352.65.

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## SHAMROCKS: State qualified

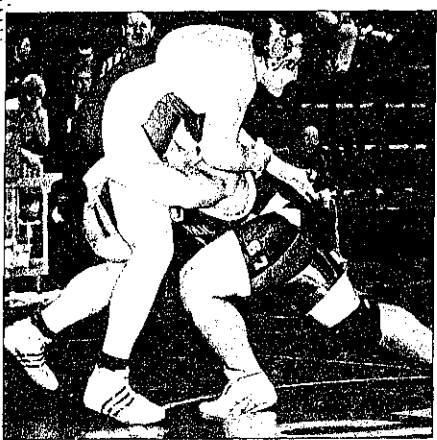
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after losing the first match 14-6. He got through the loser bracket with a pin in 35 seconds and an 8-1 win to make the third-place match. Aubrey lost 8-5 but moves on with the fourth-place finish.

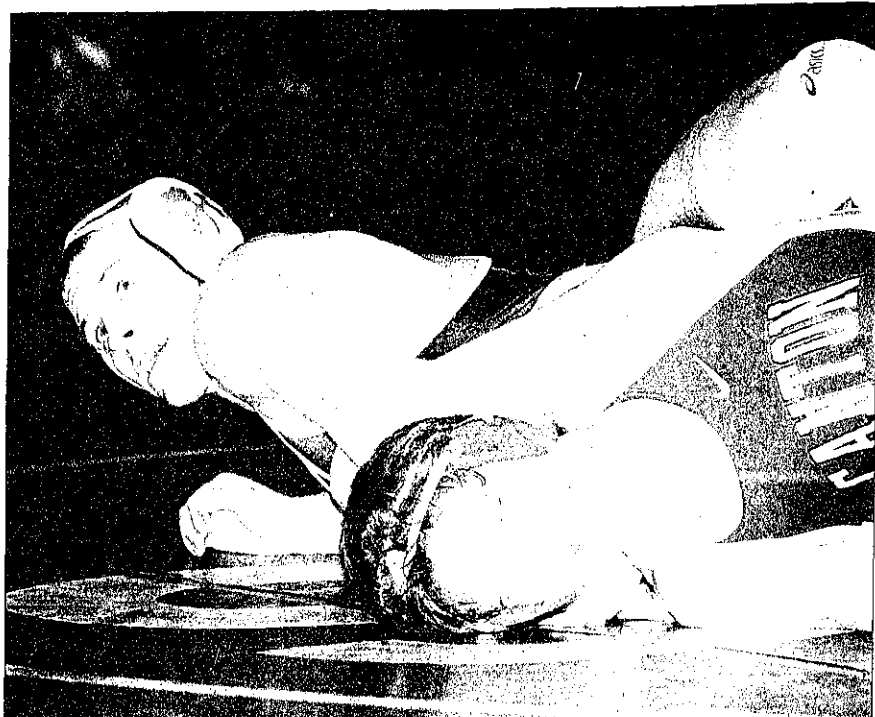
The big man, Martin (39-10), moves on with a fourth-place finish at heavyweight. He won his first match by pin in 47 seconds before losing 4-2. Martin bounced back to win by pin in 1:56 to advance. He lost the third-place match 5-2.

The individual state meet runs March 8-10 at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

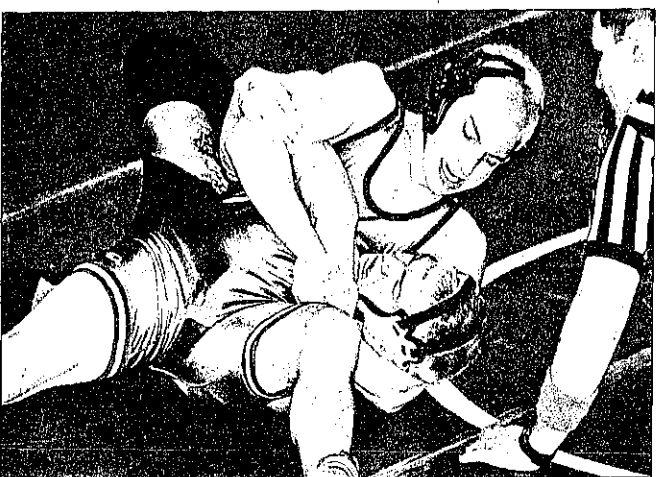
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Catholic Central's Mike Martin lunges at his Canton opponent during the team regional meet.



Catholic Central's Stefan Gatt controls his Canton opponent during the team regionals.



Novi's Ryan Thomas uses a headlock to control his opponent at regionals.

## Second half dooms Wildcats

By Jeff Theisen  
NEWS SPORTS WRITER

Novi played a great first half of hoop against Hartland, unfortunately, there were still two quarters to be played Friday.

The Eagles wiped out a three-point halftime deficit and snapped the Wildcats' four-game winning streak with a 71-49 win.

"We played a good first half," Novi head coach Pat Schluter said. "We ran out of gas in the fourth."

The loss dropped Novi (11-7, 7-5) out of contention for the KVC title and into a three-way tie for second place.

Caleb Dean had a monster game for Novi, dropping in 24 points and grabbing 11 rebounds. "Caleb had his best game of the year," Schluter said. "He fought hard."

Chris Bellomy was next with 10 points, but no other Wildcat reached double figures.

The Eagles had five guys score in the double digits.

Novi went toe-to-toe with Hartland in the first half and led 25-22 at the intermission.

The Eagles jumped ahead in the third to claim a six-point lead going into the fourth.

The Wildcats went to a press in the holes and ran away with the game, creating a misleading final score.

"They hurt us on the boards," Schluter said. "Their two guards are probably the best in the league."

Novi will play its final league game Friday against Howell. The Wildcats will face Catholic Central 5:30 p.m. Monday at Canton to open district play.

"We're just looking to get some momentum going for district," Schluter said.

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## WILDCATS: Novi sends two wrestlers to state meet

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While two will move on, heartbreak came for two other catchers.

Thomas (41-8) missed a large chunk of the season with a broken ankle suffered early in the season at the Oakland County meet. He's worked his way back into shape and fought through to the state meet.

"I haven't had a kid that's set out that long and come back like that," Hesse said. "So much is what you put in ahead of time. He worked very hard in the off-season and when he came back."

Adam Ballantyne also came up to a match short at 145 pounds. He lost 8-1 in the first round but fought back for a 4-2 win in the next round at 145 pounds. Dearham's Meister beat Thomas 8-1, ending his season and Novi career.

The individual state finals begin March 8 at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Wrestling continues March 9 with the finals March 10. Check [MHSAA.com](http://MHSAA.com) for more information on the wrestling state finals.



Novi resident and Detroit Country Day soccer player Courtney Dougherty signed a letter of intent to play at Loyola University-Chicago. She played on the Novi varsity team as a freshman.

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## KVC Standings

### Basketball

	W	L	W	L
x-South Lyon	10	2	13	5
Lakeland	8	5	12	6
Hartland	8	5	11	7
Novi	7	5	11	7
Pinckney	6	6	9	9
Howell	4	8	5	12
Milford	4	10	5	14
Brighton	3	10	4	15
x-Clinched title				

### Volleyball

	W	L	W	L	T
Lakeland	13	1	20	2	1
Milford	11	3	30	8	2
Novi	10	3	22	8	1
South Lyon	8	5	19	10	1
Howell	6	8	18	16	0
Brighton	4	10	9	16	2
Hartland	2	12	11	16	4
Pinckney	1	13	9	15	2

### Hockey

	W	L	T	W	L	T
x-Brighton	11	2	17	4	3	
Howell	9	3	12	7	5	
Hartland	7	2	11	8	5	
Novi	6	7	9	12	3	
Milford	5	8	10	11	3	
Lakeland	4	8	2	11	3	
Pinckney	4	9	1	11	2	
South Lyon	4	9	1	5	13	2
x-Clinched championship						

### Wrestling

	W	L	W	L
Howell	7	0	22	1
Hartland	6	1	36	1
Brighton	4	3	12	4
Novi	4	3	9	4
Milford	2	4	5	8
South Lyon	2	4	11	14
Pinckney	0	6	2	14
Lakeland	0	5	0	10

## Schedules



**Basketball**  
3/2 Howell, 7 p.m.  
3/5 Districts vs. CC at Canton, 5:30 p.m.  
3/7 Second round districts at Canton, 5:30 p.m.

**Hockey**  
3/2 Regional finals (if alive), TBA

**Volleyball**  
3/3 Regionals at home, TBA

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3/8-10 Individual state finals, TBA

**Boys Swim and Dive**  
3/2-3 River Rat Challenge, TBA  
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## Novi hockey shines

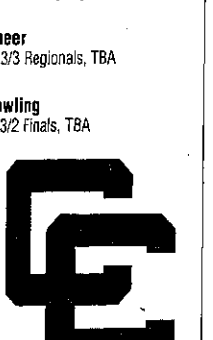
By Jeff Theisen  
NEWS SPORTS WRITER

Novi hockey slammed Livonia Franklin 5-0 Monday, advancing to the next round of the pre-regional tournament.

Scoring for the Wildcats were Robert Lewis with a pair of goals, Andrew Haggerty, Shawn Baxter and Kyle Potocki. Kevin Mithazak turned aside all shots for the shutout.

The Wildcats played yesterday for the right to advance to the regional final 6:30 p.m. Friday at Novi Ice Arena.

In the final regular season game, Hartland topped Novi 5-4. Wildcat goals were scored by Matt Quay, Kyle Potocki, Adam Szajner and Craig Howell.



Hartland 5, Novi 4

**Novi Swimming**  
The Novi swim team placed fourth at the KVC meet Saturday.

Divers Mason Irvin and Alex Arbour highlighted the meet for Novi with a 1-2 finish respectively. Irvin tallied 357.65 points, and Arbour scored 352.65.

Sean Bugbee and Dan Meister had the top individual swims with third-place finishes. Bugbee finished third in the 50 freestyle (23.18), and Meister was third in the 200 individual medley (2:07.78).

Two relays finished in fourth — the 400 freestyle relay team of Meister, Rob Oikarinen.

**Competitive Cheer**  
The Novi competitive cheer team placed second at the Wyandotte Invite over the weekend.

The hosts, Wyandotte, placed first with 686 points. Novi was next with 676.90, followed by Bedford with 659.10 and Woodhaven with 546.60 in the six-team invite.

Novi was in third place after the first event, but pulled into second place by 0.50 after the second round. The Wildcats pulled off the biggest scoring third round (299.5), but it wasn't enough to overtake

## Extreme-temperature skiing for Wildcats



The inaugural Novi ski teams unite after a recent meet.

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**Results from Novi's seven events**  
Novi 42, Milford 10  
Novi 10, Walled Lake Central 10  
Novi 42, Brother Rice 10  
Novi 25, Lakeland 10  
Novi 42, St. Mary's, Ladywood, Sacred Heart 10  
Novi 38 Hartland 10  
Novi 34 Walled Lake Northern 10

Despite a winter filled with extremes from both ends of the thermometer, the Novi High School's brand-new ski team was able to emerge from its inaugural season with a strong foundation and a bright future.

The first varsity race in school history took place on Jan. 22 against rival Milford. "We only had the chance to have one practice running gates before our first race," said head coach Wendy McBride, a Physical Education teacher with Novi schools. "Our kids showed tremendous courage to get out there and compete — many of these kids had never even been in a ski race prior to the season."

The team McBride assembled consisted of two trick skiers, a hockey player, several soccer players and just one senior, but competed against a number of well-established, well-equipped and better funded programs. None of the Novi athletes had prior experience in organized competitive racing. But as the season progressed the students' hard work started to pay off, as race times improved and the team moved up the rankings.

To close the experience gap, the team practiced tirelessly, devoting each day after school to Alpine Valley in White Lake to hone their skills into the frigid, dark nights.

"I still can't believe how far a lot of these kids have come," said assistant coach Ben Fisher. "We told the students 'no experience necessary' when they signed up, but the team worked hard over the season and by the end of it we were actually competitive."

"It was almost a Disney movie."

A winter of extreme temperatures made these practice sessions all the more precious, as a warm December delayed the start of the season, and sub-zero temperatures in January caused further setbacks.

"We were really getting the hang of things and were looking forward to making up all of the missed matches due to the warm weather, only to run into a deep freeze which cancelled school and some of the races," said McBride.

The highlight of the season came in the team's final two meets. The girls' varsity team finished ninth (out of 10) in the divisional finals, 11th (out of 13) in the regional meet, and sixth in the eight-team Kensington Valley Conference.

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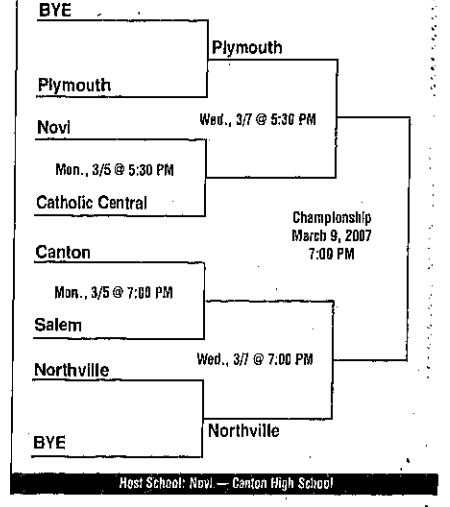
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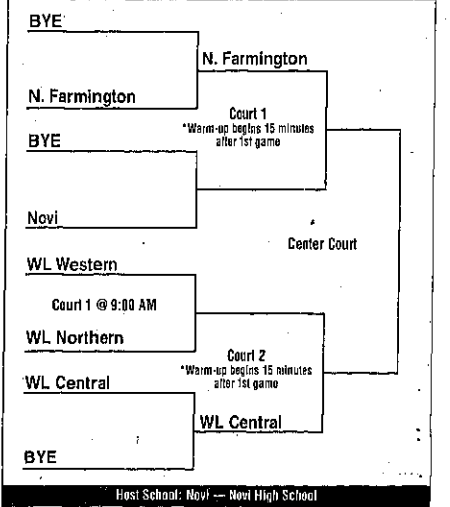
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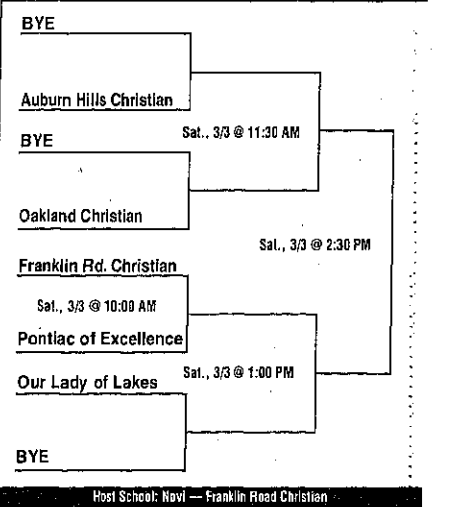
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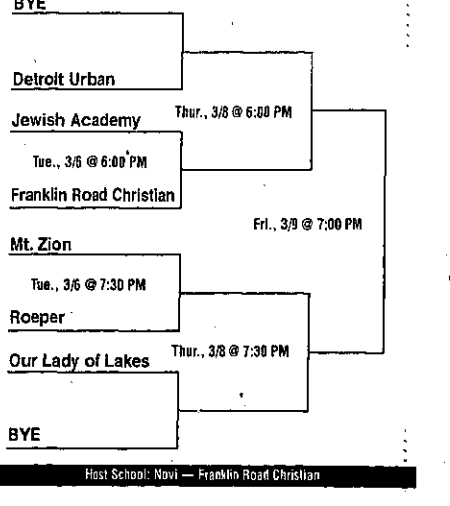
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## Alaska Crab Fest



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Alaska Crab Española

FAMILY FEATURES

### Sweet, succulent and sustainable,

Alaska crab is harvested wild from pristine, icy oceans of the far north. Crab is deliciously versatile, ideal for entertaining and easy to prepare.

Choose Alaska King Crab, Snow Crab or Dungeness Crab and plan a feast. Each has a distinctive flavor and texture. Available year-round, Alaska crab is cooked then flash frozen to protect its sweet, delicate flavor. Crab needs only fast, simple steaming, boiling, microwaving or broiling. It's ready to serve when the internal temperature reaches 145°F.

These long-legged crustaceans naturally complement dozens of flavors. Try adding lemon slices and white wine to season steaming or boiling liquid, or toss in a few kaffir lime leaves, fresh ginger chunks and chopped lemon grass stalks. Serve Alaska crab Louisiana bayou-style with red beans and rice and some cayenne pepper heat as in Crab Etouffée, or drizzle it with a luscious lemony-wine sauce. Spanish flavors add sizzle to Crab Española. So grab a fork. There's a lot more out there.

For information and more terrific crab recipes, visit [alaskacrab.com](http://alaskacrab.com).

### Alaska Crab With Chardonnay Lemon-Herb Splash

Prep time: 10 minutes  
Serves: 4 main course

- 6 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons Chardonnay or dry white wine
- 2 teaspoons lemon zest, finely chopped
- 2 teaspoons fresh rosemary, finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon fresh basil, finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon fresh parsley, finely chopped
- 1/8 teaspoon dried red pepper flakes
- 1 teaspoon garlic, finely chopped
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3 pounds Alaska Crab legs/clusters (King, Snow or Dungeness), thawed or frozen

Combine all ingredients in medium bowl and mix well; cover and refrigerate. Before serving, bring to room temperature. Serve drizzled over crab. Pass remaining Splash on the side.

Nutrients per serving: 527 calories, 23g total fat, 3g saturated fat, 41% calories from fat, 143mg cholesterol, 62.5g protein, 2g carbohydrate, 0.3g fiber, 2,996mg sodium, 172mg calcium and 500mg omega-3 fatty acids.

### Alaska Crab Española

Prep Time: 10 minutes  
Cook Time: 15 minutes  
Serves: 4 as a main course or 8 as an appetizer

- 1/2 cup Spanish brandy
- 1 cup olive oil
- 10 garlic cloves, peeled and sliced lengthwise
- 1 teaspoon to 1 tablespoon freshly cracked assorted peppercorns (red, green and black blend), to taste
- 1 teaspoon to 1 tablespoon crushed red pepper flakes, to taste
- 1 teaspoon garlic salt, or amount to taste
- 2 tablespoons chopped flat leaf parsley
- 2 to 3 pounds Alaska Crab legs/clusters (King, Snow or Dungeness), thawed or frozen
- 1 cup large Spanish olives, drained and pitted
- Additional parsley for garnish
- 1 loaf of warmed crusty bread such as sourdough or baguette

Combine all ingredients except crab and olives in large, 5- to 7-quart covered skillet or Dutch oven.

Rinse frozen crab legs/clusters under cold running water to remove any ice glaze; pat dry with paper towels. Place crab legs on tray and thaw overnight in refrigerator. Using kitchen shears, cut shells open and remove crab meat. Chop or shred meat.

Combine the first six ingredients in large, 5- to 7-quart covered skillet or Dutch oven. Over medium-high heat, sauté 10 to 12 minutes or until vegetables become soft. Stir in water and clam juice; simmer 5 minutes. In 1.5-quart saucepan, melt butter. Add flour, stirring until mixture or roux turns deep brown. Stir roux into vegetables and cook over medium heat until mixture thickens.

Add crabmeat, parsley and green onion to vegetables. Cook 5 minutes or until mixture is heated through. Remove bay leaves. Taste, adding salt and cayenne pepper as needed.

Nutrients per serving: 427 calories, 21g total fat, 5g saturated fat, 45% calories from fat, 112mg cholesterol, 44g protein, 14g carbohydrate, 3g fiber, 2,100mg sodium, 152mg calcium and 1,550mg omega-3 fatty acids

### Alaska Crab Etouffée

Prep Time: 10 minutes  
Cook Time: 30 minutes  
Serves: 4 main course

- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 2 cups onion, chopped
- 1 cup celery, chopped
- 1/2 cup green bell pepper, chopped
- 2 teaspoons garlic, minced
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 cup clam juice
- 1 cup water
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 2 pounds Alaska Crab legs (King, Snow or Dungeness), thawed or frozen
- 2 tablespoons fresh parsley, finely chopped
- 3 tablespoons green onion, chopped
- Salt and cayenne pepper, to taste

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## ENJOY YOUR Best Life Foods You Know and Love

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"Eating is and always should be one of life's greatest pleasures," according to Bob Greene, the personal trainer responsible for Oprah's dramatic weight loss and author of the new book, *The Best Life Diet*. In his book, Greene introduces lifelong eating strategies for losing weight and keeping it off while eating the same great-tasting foods and meals that Oprah enjoys.

To make it easy for people to choose foods that fit Greene's philosophy, he created the Best Life seal of approval for select food products that help meet daily nutrition and energy needs. As proof that eating can be enjoyable while trying to lose weight, he shares mouth-watering recipe ideas that you'll savor without the guilt.

The foods bearing the Best Life seal, found at your local grocery store, can be applied to Greene's healthy meal plans. Among these foods are products that are water-rich and full of nutritious vegetables such as Green Giant and Progresso Soups, to pure organic offerings from Cascadian Farm and Muir Glen or calcium-rich favorites such as Yoplait yogurt and 8th Continent soy milk.

For additional Best Life recipes, visit [www.eatbetteramerica.com/bestlife](http://www.eatbetteramerica.com/bestlife).



### Broccoli Mac 'n Cheese

Prep Time: 25 Minutes  
Start to Finish: 40 Minutes

- 2 1/3 cups uncooked whole wheat penne pasta (8 oz)
- 1 small red bell pepper, coarsely chopped (about 1 cup)
- 1 bag (24 oz) Green Giant® frozen broccoli & three cheese sauce
- 2 cups cubed cooked chicken
- 1/4 cup fat-free (skim) milk
- 1/8 teaspoon ground red pepper (cayenne)
- 1/3 cup plain dry bread crumbs
- 3 tablespoons shredded Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 1 tablespoon olive oil

1. Heat oven to 375°F. Spray 13x9-inch baking dish with cooking spray. Cook pasta as directed on package — except omit salt and add bell pepper last 3 minutes of cook time. Drain; return to saucepan.

### Triple-Berry Granola Crisp

Prep Time: 10 Minutes  
Start to Finish: 1 Hour

- 1 bag (10 oz) Cascadian Farm® frozen organic blueberries
- 1 bag (10 oz) Cascadian Farm® frozen organic strawberries
- 1 bag (10 oz) Cascadian Farm® frozen organic raspberries
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup Cascadian Farm® organic oats & honey granola
- Vanilla reduced-fat ice cream or vanilla yogurt, if desired

1. Heat oven to 375°F. In ungreased 8-inch square (2-quart) glass baking dish, stir together frozen berries, sugar and flour until fruit is coated.

### Nutritious Options, and Quick!

Want to turn to a Best Life food, and fast? Some foods approved for the diet conveniently stand on their own when it comes to satisfying taste and nutrient needs to help support weight loss efforts.

#### Get Your Calcium Fix

- Calcium for bone health is critical during weight loss.
- Vitamin D is essential for the body to absorb calcium, and all Yoplait and 8th Continent varieties have vitamin D. In fact, Yoplait is the only leading yogurt with vitamin D in every cup.
- Try the Best Life Diet Berry Smoothies recipe by blending 1 cup frozen Cascadian Farm frozen organic blueberries with 1 container (6 oz) Yoplait Original French vanilla yogurt and 1 and 1/4 cups 8th Continent vanilla soy milk until smooth. Serves two.

#### Go for Soup-er Taste

- Eat water-rich foods such as soup for lunch or a first course to help you feel full on fewer calories, and sneak some veggies in your diet, too.
- Many Progresso soups bear the Best Life seal, and more than 25 Progresso soups are 100 calories or less per serving.

### Fire Roasted Tomato-Shrimp Veracruz

Prep Time: 15 Minutes  
Start to Finish: 15 Minutes

- 1 tablespoon peeled deveined medium shrimp, tails removed (if desired)
- 4 medium green onions, sliced (1/4 cup)
- 1 medium fresh jalapeño or serrano chile, seeded, finely chopped
- 1 teaspoon dried orange peel
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh thyme leaves or 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme leaves
- 1 can (14.5 oz) Muir Glen® organic fire roasted sliced tomatoes, undrained

1. In 12-inch skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Cook shrimp, green onions, chile, orange peel and thyme in oil 1 minute, stirring frequently. 2. Stir in tomatoes. Heat to boiling. Reduce heat; simmer uncovered about 5 minutes or until shrimp are pink and firm and sauce is slightly thickened, stirring occasionally.



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## Shoes fit right at For Feets Sake



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New Balance, Merrell, Brooks, Stride Rite, Keen, Crocs and Heelys are some of the comfortable and fun brands Aaron and Tracy Goodnough provide as owners of For Feets Sake in downtown Milford. Aaron Goodnough is a board-certified podiatrist and can fill prescriptions for custom orthotics and other foot needs.

By Kate Phillips  
SPECIAL WRITER

Comfort, quality shoes, a good fit and custom orthotics are the most important aspects of For Feets Sake in downtown Milford.

But since the store opened last summer, For Feets Sake has become known as a place to get really cool shoes.

It's a comfort-shoe store, but the shoes look so good, at first glance many customers think the focus is on style.

"We've got a lot of really nice looking shoes," said Tracy Goodnough of Milford who owns the store with her husband, Aaron. "A lot of our customers come in because they see shoes they like. Then once they put them on, they love the way they feel."

### SHOES FOR EVERYONE

At For Feets Sake, Aaron and Tracy Goodnough personally help each customer find the right shoe.

There is something for every size foot, from narrow to extra wide, plus small and large sizes that aren't normally stocked in stores.

"We'll help you find what you are looking for," said Aaron Goodnough.

There are athletic shoes, walking shoes, casual shoes, hikers, work shoes, sandals, and all sorts of brightly colored kids shoes.

It's a selection that appeals to people of all ages — from infants to senior citizens.

All the top brands in athletic and comfort footwear are included. Customers can find the shoes they are looking for, like New Balance, Merrell, Brooks, Stride Rite, Keen, Clarks, Privo, Ecco and Dansko.

The store even stocks fun shoes like the popular Heelys wheeled sneakers and brightly colored rubber clogs by Crocs.

### COMFORT

The Goodnoughs have noticed that more and more people are wearing comfortable, supportive shoes.

"People are more active now, so they are choosing shoes that work with their active lifestyle," said Tracy. "They need shoes that can keep up with their busy schedules."

"When you are wearing comfortable

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shoes you have more energy and feel good even after a long day. You don't want your shoes to slow you down."

Comfort is now popular. Seniors citizens are choosing supportive shoes instead of discount-store bargains. Working professionals are choosing dress shoes that keep the foot comfortable instead of pinching the toes. Even parents who are at home with the kids are going for shoes that look good but are comfortable enough to spend all day on the go.

"We have a lot of busy moms come in who want to look nice but have to have shoes that are comfortable," said Tracy.

### RIGHT FIT

But wearing the best shoe doesn't help if it fits wrong. Aaron and Tracy actually measure each pair of feet that walks in the store, to get just the right size shoe.

Feet grow, get wider or change over time. Experts say that adult feet actually change size three times.

Many adults are wearing shoes that are too small or poor fitting, because they stick with the same size they've always worn.

"People are shocked when we measure their feet," said Aaron. "But it's crucial to get the right size in order to get a comfortable shoe."

The store is actually a Medicare-approved shoe store, because the owners are qualified to fit Medicare patients with concerns, such as diabetes.

The Goodnoughs will actually examine feet and make sure that not only the size is right, but the type of shoe and the type of orthotic device is right.

Issues with feet can be minimized with the right type of shoe and exasperated with the wrong shoe.

Many customers are happy to find out that



The Goodnoughs will actually examine feet and make sure that not only the size is right, but the shoe and orthotic device is right, too.

shoes that fit right, and are the proper type for their feet, will actually last much longer because the arch won't break-down or heels wear quickly.

"When you get people in the right shoes they love you for it!" said Tracy.

### PHARMICISTS FOR FEET

Aaron Goodnough is a board-certified podiatrist and can fill prescriptions for custom orthotics and other foot needs.

Before opening For Feets Sake last summer, the family operated an orthotics lab inside a comfort-shoe store.

The experienced podiatrist is well-trained in carefully crafting orthotics that will cradle the foot and actually correct issues of the feet that may lead to knee, hip and back problems. The orthotics are commonly prescribed by podiatrists, chiropractors and medical doctors to relieve pain in the feet and various parts of the body.

Aaron also makes custom molded insoles

for Birkenstocks and other popular shoes.

### PERSONALIZED SERVICE

For Feets Sake is a family shoe store with old-fashioned personalized service.

It makes a big difference when the owner of the store helps with shoe fit or takes a special order.

"Those who shop at For Feets Sake will soon get to know Aaron, Tracy and their two daughters, who "help" their parents at the family store.

"It's wonderful having our kids with us and spending our days together as a family," said Tracy.

The couple moved to Milford from Chicago last summer, in order to raise their growing family in a peaceful small-town environment.

"We love it here in Milford because it is a family-friendly place," said Aaron. "We've enjoyed getting to know the families who come into our store."

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