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# AT&T rivals **Bright** House

By Kelly Murad

Bright House Networks of Michigan, formerly the only cable provider for Novi residents, has

STORY CHAT confident. "Competition is fair," said you think? ell us at WWW.NOVI

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is fair," said Bob McCann, president of Bright House Networks of

Michigan.
"We're not concerned about AT&T, Dish Network or anyone

etse."

According to Jennifer Jones, vice president and general manager for AT&T Michigan, AT&T began its "rolf-out" of U-verse, television and high-speed Internet service, for the Detroit-area in late Man.

May.
"It is not available in 100 per-cent of the areas," Jones said. "But it is available in parts of Northville and in many of the households in Novi."

It is difficult to determine what areas AT&T service is offered, but those interested can enter their phone number and address at www.uverse.att.com to find out if they are eligible.
U-verse offers consumers a

variety of television and Internet packages, ranging from \$44-\$129 a month.

Any of the packages with high-speed Internet include wireless

home-networking at no additional

charge.
"We've found that the only consumers that do not use the Internet packages are those without com-puters," lones said. "Ninely-three-95 percent definitely have the high-speed component also." Unlike Bright House, AT&T cur-

rently does not provide customers access to local government channels, such as channel 13 in Novi.

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# Roadway update

**Upcoming Road Construction** 



# Orange barrel alerts-

By Chris Jackett

With the warm weather comes a swarm of orange construction

working on road projects, white planning for construction in 2008 and 2009, according to a release from the Novi Community Relations Office and Engineering

Currently, southbound Taft Road from Nine Mile Road south to the city limits is closed for

surfacing.
The northbound lane of Taft Road remains open, but requires navigation around both construc-

navigation around both construc-tion cones and rucks. The mid-luty project is expected to be complete in late September. The City of Northville is also planning on Taft Road resurfac-ing near Eight Mile Road later this summer.

Neighborhood

Rehabilitation Program has been under way since early hily, when Phase I began using a \$2.5 million investment on improving neighborhood roads. The first Phase is scheduled completion this month and the second Phase, which will include parts of this month and the second Phase, which will include parts of Galway Drive, Galway Drive, Circle, Sullivan Lane, Chase Drive, White Plains Drive and Falmouth Avenue, will run from late August to early October.

The final cone creator of 2007. Is likely to cause heavy traffic congestion along Haggerty Road between Hight Mile and Nine. Mile rands as Haggerty's one.

between Hight Mile and Aline Mile roads as Haggerty's one lane areas will be widened to a full two lanes. The "pinch point" elimination is scheduled to last from early September to early October, lasting about five weeks.

Next year will bring an over-haul of the Wixom Road and interstate 96 interchange to resemble the Beck Road inter-

change. The changes will also affect Grand River Avenue at Wixom Road and is expected to be complete by fall 2008.

Recent announcements for 2009 construction include two

construction include two major projects.

The first project will include safety improvements and rehabilitation to the "spaghetti bowl" region that includes Interstates 96, 696 and 275, along with improvements to the 1-96 and Novi Road rams.

Novi Road ramps.

The second major project will widen Novi Road between Grand River Avenue and 10 Mile Road to five lanes and construct a bridge over the CSX Railroad tracks, which were repaired earli-er this summer. This project is planned for early spring through late fall 2009.

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A visitor to Novi's Paw Print Inn takes a sniff and checks out a photographer's camera

# **Pampered Pooches**

By Chris Jackett

It seemed only natural for ani-mal lovers Kirk and Laurel Nicola to open their own Novi pet spa and resort.

The pet care industry is grow-

The pet care industry is growing in every way imaginable.

More people own pets than ever before, resulting in more spending and a new level of pet care.

Nearly 71.1 million (63 percent) U.S. homes contain pets, according to the American Pet Products Manufacturers

Association Association.

# Humble beginnings

"It started with us boarding our pet, Scooter (an 8-year-old bichon-frise). We had a nice place but not a good experience," said Laurel, an interior designer and co-owner of Paw Print Inn. "I had talked with my husband about starting our own business and we decided this was something we wanted to pursue."

wanted to pursue."
After two years of research and four months of interior design, Paw Print Inn opened last month in Vincenti Industrial Park, off Meadowbrook Road near 11 Mile

"It's a state-of-the-art facility." Laurel said. "We've taken ideas from other facilities and put them "We treat all our guests like our

own pets. If there's a guest that needs extra attention or play time, we'll give that to them free of charge to the owner."

charge to the owner."

Kirk, a mechanical engineer, said their boarding facility is the first kennel in Novi and includes all of the amenities he and his viscosity to the amenities the and his wife think a pet should have.

The walls and floors of the Paw

The walls and floors of the Paw Print Inn are specially made to protect each animal's health. And the front sidewalk, as well as the outdoor play pens, are heat-ed by underground coils, aiming to avoid the use of salt, which damages paw pads in the winter, Kirk said.

The facility features 24- to 72-The facility reatures 24- 10 12-foot club suites and 36- to 60-foot signature suites, which both have sheepskin blankets and raised bedding for orthopedic benefits. "We have raised feeders, which

"We have raised feeders, which is especially good for older pets because it helps them to hold their neck up high as opposed to bending down," Lauret said.

The club suites have protective walls to avoid too much contact between neighboring units, while the signature suites are set behind countries of walls and desented.

soundproof walls and glass, and include televisions playing pro-grams on Animal Planet and movies like "Air Bud."

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endar for the final "encore" showing at the Novi Civic Center, 45175. W. 10 Mile Rd., starring youths 7-18. Listen to an hourlong display showcasing tunes from "Sound of Music," "Annie" and "Peter Pan." The show features children from Novi and surrounding areas who completed a two-week theater camp. All tickets cost \$5 and are available at the Novi Civic Center in the does not a the does. Decly mis out to this last advance or at the door. Don't miss out on this last chance to check out the community's young talent. Call (248) 347-0400 for more information.



347-0780 for more information.

# SATURDAY

Fans of High School Musical will want to be at one location moon on Saturday: Borders Books & Music, 43075 Crescent Blvd. The store is hosting a High School Musical Pep Rally for kids to sing, dance and sing, dance and cheer along with tunes from the movie. Call (248)

# SUNDAY

Enjoy taking a jog on a Sunday morning? How about a swim or a bike ride? Are you competitive at everything you do? You can combine all of these things 8 a.m. in the fifth annual Island Lake of Novi Triathlon at Toll Brothers Island Lake Community at 10 Mile and Wixom roads. Parking is at Catholic Central High School, 27225 Wixom is at Cattolec central High school, 2225 without Rd. Buses will transport participants to the site. Call Rich Shearing at (503) 432-1150 or visit http://www.swimfasttrifast.com for details. There is no race day registration and space is limited to 350 participants, so sign up quickly. Registration costs: \$57.

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# Novi Theatres' summer performance finale takes the stage

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Emperor's New Clothes" Aug. 23-25

By Kelly Murad

Say farewell to summer vacation by attending The Novi Theatres production of "The Emperor's New Clothes." Atthough The Novi Theatres,

part of the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department, held performing arts camps throughout the summer, "The Emperor's New Clothes" is the only full production about

tion play.
"This is actually full scenery and costumes. It's a regular play, said Debbie Lannen, performing

Normally, The Novi Theatres doesn't do a summer production. But after the completion of "Charlie and The Chocolate Factory" in May, the theatre's dedicated cast members inspired Lannen to direct another play.

"The show was not supposed to happen, but it gives them (the cast nembers) the opportunity to do another performance," Lannen "You can see the difference in

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"THE EMPEROR'S What better place to hang around during the summer than the the-Thursday, Aug. 23, 2007 10:00 AM & 7:30 PM

Lannen, who directed and wrote this version of "The Emperor's New Clothes," held Even though it has been twice as much work for her, Lannen

directed the play with two casts. "Double easting gives the younger cast more opportunity for bigger roles," she said. "It's nice the back chorus person' to the

The two casts also have the opportunity to perform in an equal number of shows.

"This way, they put in the work

and they get to do the shows," Lannen said. "They also get used to working with all different kinds of actors. I think it's a real good learning tool."

There are more than 20 cast members from Novi, Northville, Farmington Hills and South Lyon,

performing in the final summer

, ages 9 to 19.
o "I love working with this age

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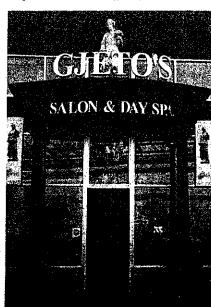
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silent) Vushaj, Gjeto's Salon & Day Spa improvements in the quality of hair extencaters to the individual needs of their customers by creating packages designed to personally guide you on your journey of cleansing, relaxation, rejuvenation and balance. A knowledgeable and professional staff, with a reputation for attention to detail as well as for their whimsical personalities, ensures that your trip to Gjeto's will be an unforgettable experience.

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Detroiters. Present since the opening of In addition to complete spa packages, Novi's Fountain Walk, Gjeto's continues to Gjeto's also offers a number of other servictheir clients. live up to its well-established reputation for es. The teen facial serves as an introduction providing its customers with an inviting, to the importance of proper skin care while an order to meet the growing demand for airbrush tanning provides a weeks' worth of their spa and salon services Gieto's will be radiant, bronzed skin safe from the damage moving to a larger venue within Fountain Founded by Eva and Gjeto (the "G" is of tanning beds and the sun. Recent Walk. Yet, despite the increased interest in



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> (John) insist that none of the ambience and high-quality services that their customers have come to appreciate over the years will be affected by the move. After all, they point out, Gjeto's is not a corporation; it's a family run business dedicated to serving the community with quality, consistency and most of all, personalized care.

> While most would think they would have to go to a destination spa to get such luxurious service, those familiar with Gjeto's know that the farthest anyone need travel is

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Intersection reconfiguration

Plans to reconfigure the traffic signal mast arms at the inter-section of Beck Road and Grand River Avenue are in the works for spring 2008.

The intersection, which was completed in 2004, was config-ured with the mast arms on the

opposite sides of the streets, which is unlike any other intersection in the City.

The original construction was done under the Michigan Department of Transportation, but will be reconfigured by the

County with little effect on the flow of traffic, said City Engineer Rob Hayes.

The City of Novi is only responsible for one-quarter of the intersection, making its share for the noticet about. for the project about

Councilwoman Lynne Paul, who has been complaining about the intersection being unsafe for the past year, is look-

ing forward to the change.
"I am thrilled," she said. "I section. I don't want anyone to

According to data from the Novi Police Department, there were 55 reported accidents at the intersection in 2006, and 37 reported accidents since January of this year,

Along with the mast arms on opposite corners, Paul believes the intersection is dangerous because the left-turn signal on Beck Road comes first, as opposed to most other signals in the city where the left-turn signal comes second.

According to Hayes, that is called a protected left and is like Although Hayes is not sure

why the intersection was configured differently, he believes t was due to the size of the intersection. Paul has a different

opinion.

"My understanding is that it was done in error," she said. "But it's still in speculation." The City has not said this was an error of the Michigan Department of Transportation or

that it is a safety hazard. "From a safety perspective, we would like people to antici-pate what's coming," Hayes said: "It's not an error, it's

The stop lights at the intersection of Beck and Grand River are scheduled to be repositioned so that they're easier to see for motorists and provide safety for all who pass through the busy intersection

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c, of the rest of the City."

Along with moving the mast arms, street lighting will also be added to the traffic signal.

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## AT&T rivals **Bright House**

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According to Joe Steele, spokesman for AT&T, the company is working with communities throughout the state to make the necessary conversions in order to provide AT&T customers access to

Although Bright House is not making drastic changes to its service, the company remains competi-

"The most important thing for us is to maintain our excellent cus-tomer service," McCann said. Last month, Bright House intro-duced new additions for Internet

subscribers, along with enhanced Internet security. Road Runner Travel and Road Runner Career, in partnership with Kayak.com and Careerbuilder.com, are choices added to the customer's homepage. "It's an addition to the features

we've already included," said Cynthia Severts, vice president of broadband Internet services for Bright House Networks of Michigan, "We keep moving forward to better serve our cus-

# New government shows

## Channel 13, adds four new shows to its line-up

• The Briefing Room - A half-hour show, highlighting the Novi Police Department, that will bring folks up close and personal with the many sides of law enforcement. Hosted by Police Chief David

Corporate Review - A spotlight show on corporate business in Novi. Hosted by Novi's Economic Development Director Ara Topouzian.

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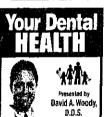


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## Pampered Pooches

The Inn also offers Web cam nce for owners on vacation, wanting to check on their

Costs range from \$33-65 a night.
The "cat-cry" condos are 3x3x7

art ventilation systems costing \$25-30 a night. "We have a very big facility with a lot of space. It cuts down of stress for owners and pets as well."
Laurel said. "(With the 14,400-square-foot space), other (kennels would) board 250 dogs and cram them in. We can take up to 98 dogs and 16 cats in our cat-ery."

### Pampered trend

Americans spent \$38.5 billion on pets in 2006, which is estimated to rise to \$40.8 billion this year, according to the American Pet Products Manufacturers

ssociation.
And according to the American Pet Products Manufacturers Association, rooming and board-ing is a \$2.9 billion industry while \$9.9 billion is spent annually on pet supplies and over-the-counter

Laurel said the reason some people pamper pets is because their children are grown so they carry the care on to their pets.
"There's a definite trend. There's not many pet resorts in Michigan that offer those kind of services. People treat their pets

Jackett can be reached at (248)



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi New Kristen Hayden, a worker at Novi's Paw Print Inn. monitors "Morgan" in one of their facilities' Signature

# **Paw Print Ion**

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n a different direction, particular y in the Hollywood scene. It is becoming more common that celebrities are seen with their pets not only in public, but on the red carpet.
"(Some celebrities) use their

love them to death... it's not good Novi News staff writer Chris

Library building authority approved

Range



Laurel Nicola, co-owner of Novi's Paw Print Inn, cuddles with some of her four-footed guests.

# **City Council Briefs**

Council was still in disagreement regarding the library build-ing authority at Monday's City Council meeting, but the resolution passed by a 4-2 vote

There are two parts to the resolution, which was previously discussed at the July 23 meeting.
 The first part of the resolution

identifies the authority as a seven-member body composed of interim library director Mary Ellen Mulcrone, city maniperi Clay Pearson, community devel-opment director Steve Rumple, finance director Kathy Smith-Roy, city engineer Rob Hayes and two council appointed mem-bers from the library board, Larry Czekaj and Mark Sturing.

blazer, \$60. Long-sleeved black print t-shirt, \$28. Denin

Adopting the resolution enti-tles the building authority to make decisions regarding the construction, design and funding of the proposed library project. Councilwoman Terry Margolis, councilman Bob Gatt, Mayor Pro Tem Kim Capello and Mayor David Landry were all in support

# Gold's Gym site plan

approved Council unanimously approved the preliminary site plan of Hobbs and Black for a Gold's Gym in Fountain Walk Shopping

Hobbs and Black are request-Councilmembers Lynne Paul and Andrew Mutch were still opposed to the resolution.

The second part of the resolution delegates responsibility in connection with the proposed library construction, pending the proposed of the \$16 million November ballot issue.

Hobbs and Black are requested and the proposed gym to be about a 10,500 square-foot addition and facade modification to the existence of the connection with the proposed Drive in the Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk development.

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natives were added back to the construction of the project.

The gun range will be located at the Department of Public Works Field Services Complex

Action Target Inc. awarded centract for Indoor Gun

gun range equipment and control

not-to-exceed amount of \$437,000, which is less than

approved to amend the contract with Garrison Company, the general contractor for the gun

what was estimated. Council also unanimously

vote, to award Action Target Inc.
a contract for the city's indoor
gun range equipment and control
joint meeting Aug. 27
Mayor David Landry set a
joint meeting with the Planning

The company was awarded a 27, with the City Council meet

amount of \$74,600 for brick veneer and bio-swale project alternatives.

Since the contract for the indoor equipment and control system was under budget, the brick veneer and bio-swale afternatives were added back to the Novi Civic Center, 421/3 m. 10
Mile Rd.
Meeting minutes along with
agendas and background information may be found by visiting
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discuss and provide initial ques

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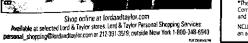
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# MY NOVI PEOPLE



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# ENGAGEMENTS



Saari - Andrus

announce the engagement of their daughter, Jenny Barry, to Kaveh Mohmand, son of Patricia

The bride-elect is a 2004 graduate of Novi High School and will earn a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Supply Chain Management from Michigan State University in May 2008. She is presently employed as a purchasing intern at Federal-Mogul in Southfield. The groom-elect is a 2002

graduate of Parchment High School and carned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Marketing from Michigan State University in December 2006. He is employed

as a mortgage banker at Quicken A July 2008 wedding is

son of Duane and the late

Andrus

envagement of their daughter, Abigail Louise Saari to Benjamin Matthew Andrus,



Kelly & Steele

John and Michele Kelly of Northville announce the engage-ment of their daughter, Ryan Mae

of William and Ann Steele of

graduate of Mercy High School and 2005 graduate of Michigan State University.
Ryan Mae is currently a third
year law student at
University of Detroit Mercy School of Law and will take

the bar exam in July 2008.

The groom-elect is a 2002 graduate of Catholic Central High School and a 2006 graduate of Michigan State University. Currently Bryant is employed with Liberty Mutual Insurance as an account representative.

A December 21, 2007, wedding is planned with the mass

and reception at the lnn at St. The couple will reside together Adcock and the late Robert Adeock of Dix Hills, New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew He graduated from Stonybrook College in 1994 with a bachelor's

WEDDING

degree in Astronomy and received Maria Wen and Matthew Scott Addock were married May 12 at a computer science certification from Hoffstra University, Long Island in 1997. Currently Matthew St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Ann Arbor. Father Jeffery Njus officiated. A traditional Chinese wedding banquet followed, at Moonlight Dance Studios. works as an IT consultant at RTTS, a private firm in New York City.
The maid of honor was Teresa
Kuo, sister of the bride. Bonnie

The bride is the daughter of William and Agnes Wen of Ann Arbor. She graduated from Northville High School in 1990 and from the University of Michigan in 1994. Muria received a master's degree in Marketing the flower girl.

The best man was Robert from Indiana University in 2000. Currently she is employed as an

associate marketing director at Conde Nast, Golf Digest Publications, New York City, The groom is the son of Barbara Hawaii and have made their home

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# Wolverine Lake, recently reported for duty aboard the Precommissioning Unit George H. W. Bush, based at Newport News, Va. Diedrich is a 1997 graduate of Walled Lake Central High School and joined the Navy in August 1999.

Debra and Kenneth Saari. A march 27, 2007 formerly of Novi, announce the planned in Phoenix.

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 18.218

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 18.218 to amend Appendix A of the City of Novi Code of Ordinances, Ordinance 97-18, as emended, known as the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance, at Article 10, EXPO, Exposition Olstrict, to clairly the intent and permitted uses within the District. The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, July 23, 2007 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clork, 45178 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.





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home and heard their dog bark-

ing at about 4:30 p.m., but didn't see anyone outside, reports

According to the police report, the multi-colored umbrella is worth \$75.

# Ice arena closes temporarily **Police Briefs**

By Kelly Murad

"Due to the extent of the dam-Adcock, sister of the groom, Kavitha Sriraman and Theresa

Anthony Wen, brother of the bride,

in Port Washington, New York

The Novi Ice Arena closed last Wednesday after a zamboni caught fire and will not reopen with limited operations as origi-

age, it will remain closed for the aext few weeks." said Sheryl the zamboni was cleaning the ice. Walsh, Novi community relations

when the ice resurfacing machine ignited.

The Novi Fire Department

responded to the call for 42400 Arena Drive at 7:55 p.m. and was on the scene within six minutes. As officials arrived on the scene they assisted in the evacuation and about 150 people exited the build-ing safely with no injuries.

A hydraulic leak ignited while

Since the hockey team was on a manage." "There was extensive smoke damage."

According to Walsh, the initial estimate for damages to the ice arms was on a source than \$250,000.

arena was more than \$220,000. er.
The zamboni, which was purchased in August 2004, was a total loss and replacing it will cost between \$50,000-\$60,000.

Suburban Sports Group, who manages and operates the Novi lee Arena, is working with other arenas to help individuals and the fire department was on the params find its times.

teams trind ice times.

The Novi High School lockey learn was at the arena practicing

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Sports Group at (248) 478-1600. "It was handled well," Smith

said. "It's always dangerous wher compressed gas is used as a fuel-The fire department was able to extinguish the blaze and clear the scene within one half hour. "Accidents are going to happen

and hydraulic lines are going to break," Smith said. "It went as reports said. According to the report, the well as it could. They did a terrifice job of getting that fire out."

Novi News staff writer Kelly Murad can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext 103.

# mail to residents to find out if

reports said.

Mallboxes destroyed in Park Place subdivision

Who keeps stealing from us? between 4 p.m. July 3 and 9

Residents The black mailboxes, which were located on the northwest corner of Park Place Drive and Park Place Court, were each \$500 in value, reports said.

There were tire marks beginning on Park Place Drive west

of Park Place Court that continued onto the grass, where the mailboxes were struck. The marks lead back onto Park Place Drive heading west,

tial driveways and smashed into The Park Place Home

Nantucket Drive, near Lynwood Drive and Holyoke Lane, experienced two instances of larceny within one Careful thief À car digital versatile disc week, reports said. In the first instance, which occurred between 6 p.m. Aug. 4 and 11 a.m. Aug. 5, a resident's Aug. 2, reports said.
According to the police

silver Buick was parked outside when the Sirius satellite receiver was stolen from inside the vehicle, reports said. According to the police 6:30 a.m.

anyone knows or saw anything,

report, the receiver is worth

report, the player and two mon-itor headset systems were stolen from the Chevrolet Malibu between midnight and The suspect(s) stole a system that is worth \$300, but made

reports said.

According to the report, 5 p.m. Aug. 8, a garden/barbe-cue umbrella was stolen from there are no suspect(s), wit-







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# MY BUSINESS



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# Mango offers free language lessons, real world diversity

By Chris Jackett STAFF WRITER

As a city full of diversity and growth, Novi was the perfect choice for Mango Languages when they were searching for a

when they were searching for a place to call home.

"It was kind of central to everyone. It's somewhat of a cultural hub and there's a tot of economic growth," said Ryan Whalen, Mango's chief market-ing officer and creative direc-tor, who lives in Novi.

Mango Languages is a Web-

Mango Languages is a Web-based business that tutors users

in various languages.
It launches on Aug. 31 at http://www.mangolanguages.co m with the potential to help alleviate communication prob

lems.
"As we're going into a more globalized world, there's more need for learning. English is the main language, but that may change. There's a lot of merg-ing going on in the world," Whalen said.

Whalen said.

Mango is set to offer free
online lessons in more than a
dozen different languages,
starting with 100 lessons in each of the 11 initial programs made available on the 31st. The first batch of languages

includes Spanish, French, Italian, Brazilian Portuguese. German, Russian, Mandarin Chinese, Japanese, Greek and English as a Second Language for Polish and Spanish.

"(Languages were decided) based on demand. We wanted to come out with larger languages, but we also want to get into niche programs," Whalen

gateways to language education on Aug. 31 with the acceptance, and hope, things will continue to change and develop as they receive feedback from users. That was one of the goals

behind the idea for the compa-ny when Whalen, Jason Teshuba, Michael Goulas and Mike Teshuba brainstormed Mango while working at iLevel Internet, a database design, Internet software development and e-commerce firm that sold

frustration we saw our cus-tomers had with products on the market. There were a lot of

sons Sign up at guages.com for notifications of when language pro-grams become available.

good products, and we started looking at their deficiencies and making them more well rounded," Whalen said, "Aug. 31 is a public beta launch, It's not 100 percent designed, but it'll be introduced to the public so we can get feedback and iron

out the bugs."

Mango will teach various languages through a conversational methodology including a timer and quizzes.

"A conversation is presented you begin, but it gets easier."

As a completely free service to users, Mango is funded through sponsors and potential product placement deals "We will eventually make

Tarcha, public relations manager for Mango Languages.
Whaten said making the serv-

Mango.
"Everyone should get to learn the door finanlanguages despite their finan-cial ability. Casually, they may want to learn a little bit to

New program availability notifications will also be sent based on languages users express interest in.

line by line with two speakers, usually male and female. Then it breaks down each sentence, and breaks that down to the words, while quizzing the user along the way." Whalen said. "It seems intimidating when

money through product place-ment within the dialogue. Something like 'I will drink a Pepsi Cola.' It will always be free to the user," said Jeanette

ice free was one of the main goals he, Goulas and the Teshubas had in mind when forming the business plan for

impress friends or tap into their own culture or one they may have married into," said Whalen, who learned a little bit language learning products. Whalen, who learned a little bit of Slovakian himself to better

Mango Languages' Ryan Whalen, Michael Goulas and Jason and Mike Teshuba take a look at some of their company's online language-learning software. Mango Languages is based in Novi.

"As we're going into a more globalized world, there's more need for learning. English is the main language, but that may change. There's a lot of merging going on in the world."

Ryan Whalen Mango Languages chief marketing officer and creative director.

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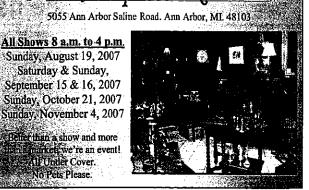
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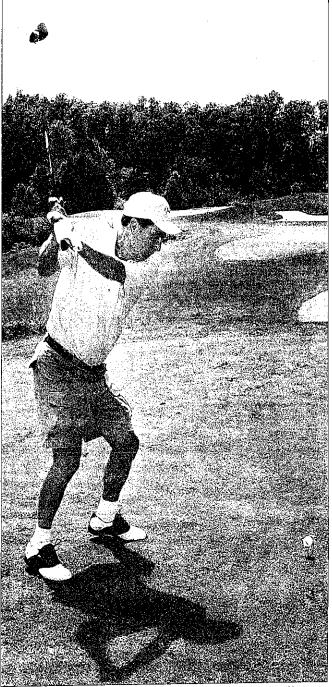


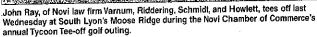
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Sheryl Walker (left) and Don Walker along with Terri Taylor and Guy Gordon stop for a photo during the annual Novi Lions Club golf tournament. The event raised about \$8,000 for Penrickton Center for Blind Children.



Connie Porembo, left, and Diane Kenny enjoy day on the links of South Lyon's Moase Ridge golf course during last Wednesday's Novi Chamber of Commerce Annual Tycoon Tee-off. The pair were part of a group from Novi's Community Financial. The golfers enjoyed nice weather and good times.

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# NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS: First day of classes is Monday, August 27

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p.m. through half-time, Friday, Sept. 21 at the Novi Athletic Park (10 Mile and Taft Roads). Transportation Contact Marianne Mikkelsen at (248) 921-9163 for further Consolidated School district

great way to raise funds for programs and equipment not covered by the school budget.

This year, Novi students are asked to "Pay to Play." Parents

M.S.P. inspected more than 200

# Novi Athletic Booster's All Now is the time to purchase an

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At 9 p.m. the event will feature be ackgrounds regardless of where the voices of Owen Wilson, Paul

Mark your calcular havde your Newman, Sheryl Crow and many Each week Oak Pointe attracts mor

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Trobay Aug. 23 wall be a night to instrument as Cak Pointe Church from rubber and peels out into fall. Islands to play, jump, bounce, dunk, slide and climb. This party

may as OPC delivers. Michigan's first can show, drive in movie and

are looking for ways to raise money for athletics and the Tastefest offers an exciting way to do that.

The Wildcat Tastefest is 5

The Wildcat Tastefest is 5 grounds and television station.

Transportation mechanics from the Walled Lake

include: Dale Woodgate, Jack Ellerholtz, Mark Coddington, Matthew Zelyez and Russ Galorneau. They are all under the leadership of Tim Stage, head mechanic.

### Walfed Lake Central sports in the news

Walled Lake Central's base ball team was recently named Academic All State. This makes back-to-back wins for the team letic director, recently complet-ed the process to become a "Certified Athletic Administrator." The CAA pro-gram, administered by the Interscholastic Athletic Administrators

bies can also zoom over to Oak Pointe Church any Sunday for the

service and complimentary hagels,

Christianity or grow in their faith

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## Blanchard, Varsha Raju and coach Scott Blanchard pose with their medals after placing second out of 71 teams in the Card-DI-clogy Middle Level competition at the Destination imagiNation® (DI) Global Finals.

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The Novi Wildeats Imagineers

teams in the Card-DI-ology Middle Imagineers Win Global Finals held May 23 - 26 at Megan Parikh, Anna Moses, the University of Tennessee.

Novi Wildcats Imagineers team members (front row left) Megan Parikh, Anna Moses,

Callie Collins, (back row) coach George Zhu, Jason Leung, Felix Zhu, Jord

Using your imagination

The Novi Wildcats Imagineers from across the country and other 12 countries and provinces, including teams from the UK, Turkey, Brazil, Poland, China, Mexico and

Callie Collins, Jason Leung, Felix Zhu, Jordan Blanchard and

Blanchard and George Zhu

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# MY SENIOR LIFE



# Taking hold of the Silver Lining

Elizabeth Coleman has always And though she has 13 great

grandchildren, she saw the need fo Commons, in Novi, signed up to be a mentor in the Silver Lining Program through the Novi Youth

"She tells her mother, 'Elizabeth and 1 hang out,'" Coleman said.

Kim Ziegler,

"We read together and draw togeth-

said. "I even have a couple draw-

tional program that brings together seniors with elementary aged chil-dren in Novi. During weekly ses-sions, seniors interact with the chil-

in the future

dren doing crafts, games and puz-zles and engaging in conversation. As collaboration between the Novi School District, Novi Senior interested in making more of a quality program over size." Ziegler said students are referred Center and Novi Youth Assistance. the Silver Lining Program is one of many programs offered in the city to help children become successful

citizens of the community. For the past two years, Coleman has mentored the same child, Mallory, 9, for the Novi School District.

"She tells her mother, 'Elizabeth entary schools

Kim Ziegler, of Novi Youth Assistance, said the program thus far has been very successful. "We currently have about seven

ing her to draw, something she never could do before the Silver stining Program.

"She's a wonderful artist," she meaningful relationships and the ings she made me framed and hung kids and seniors seem to really enjoy it,"

Ziegler said she would love to see more seniors join the program

"It would be great to have at least four to five mentors at each school within the next couple of years," she said. " But we're mor

to the program by their teachers and school principal, "We try to make the seniors and children the best we can," she said. "Once matched, the minimum

match lasts one year." She said in order to volunteer fors are required to complete an application and agreement form, and consent to a criminal history and reference check, which is available through the Novi Youth

"It's a wonderful program," Coleman said. "I tell everyone all about it; and I do think more seniors should get involved."

Coleman said the program

Assistance office.

mentor For more information on the Silver Lining Program, contact Kim Ziegler at (248)

grades kindergatten through fourth, but she hopes she can still mee with Mallory though she'll be returning to school as a fifth grader this fall.

and I looked forward to seeing her every week," she said. "I don't see so it's nice to spend time with

Mallory."
The Novi Youth Assistance offers several programs for child-hood development including free ational scholarships, the summer teen center, youth recognition and drug and alcohol awareness and

prevention.

"The Silver Lining Program is may indirectly result in increases in



Caroline Geise and Brandon make crafts together during their time spent in Novi Youth Assistance's Silver Lining Program. Geise volunteers in the program along

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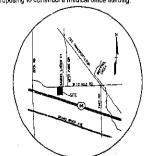
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# Summer carnival opens today, fun begins

# available for adults, youth

By Pam Fleming

Who needs to drive to Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio? Northville and other area residents can enjoy several different types of rides when the Northville Summer Carnival opens next to the Northville Downs race track

today.
The event, which celebrates its ake place in the race track's park-

ing area. The Aug. 16-19 carnival is sponsored by the Northville Chamber of Commerce, Northville Downs and the

Wade Shows, which also provided rides at the Michigan 50s Festival in Novi last month, will bring their carnival rides to Northville.

This year's rides will include

bumper cars; the Himalayan; the Yo-Yo, which is a big swing ride; the Sky Rider, known as a saltand-pepper ride; the Tilt-A-Whirl; the Wipcout; a big slide; and eight "kiddie" rides, such as a merry-go-round, little cars, bears, bees, elephants, bugs and more. Individual ride tickets are \$1.

Pay-one-price wristbands are available each day for \$18. Discount coupons are available at several Northville area business or at the chamber office at 195 S. Main Street, Office hours are from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-

Haggerty roads by a passing motorist. Police believe Boeskool was killed in Garden City and trans-

has determined that she died of

Nonhville Township detectives obtained a confession from Roe with the assistance of Garden City

Police detectives. Police also found

what they believe to be the murder

capon in the Garden City home.

Roe was taken into custody on Wednesday evening along with another suspect, who has not been charged, but police believe may know something about Boeskool's death.

Township Police Department.

t was a cooperative effort," said Lt. Greg Rhodes of the Northville

blunt force trauma to the head.

Friday.

For more information, visit

Free photo fun for children

"Children will have the oppor-tunity to have their photo taken and have it look like they are on the cover of an issue of Metro

photo to friends and family mem-bers or download it for a keepsake," Herdus said.

Staff from the local Metro Parent magazine will be on site Saturday and Sunday to provide a free photo activity for children.

Parent magazine," said Dayna Herdus, events coordinator for Metro Parent.

"This is a chance for a child to be a "Cover Kid,"" an annual event that the magazine produces

every April.

Motro Parent staff members will take their photo, which can be accessed later on a Web site.

"Children can be creative on these make-it, take-it projects," which can be accessed later on a Web site.

"They can either e-mail the Plasterworks' events will take the hope that temperatures will be Sunday.

Friday.

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Commerce at (248) 349-7640.

Sake," Herdus said.

The magazine will also have a 
free children's activity in which 
youngsters can place their handprint next to a keepsake poem.

Sunday.

Last year, the event was scheduled in July, with the crowds having to contend with nearly tripledigit temperatures.

### Creative activities for young

Kathryn Plasterworks will also have children's activities costing from \$2-

place from noon-7 p.m. on Saturday and noon-5 p.m. on

Carnival hours

The second Northville Summer Carnival will take place from:

4-10 p.m. today,
4-11 p.m. Friday,

• noon-11 p.m. Saturday and • noon-5 p.m. Sunday. Free parking is available on the Northville Downs grounds.

Individual ride prices are \$1; pay-one-price wristbands are

Commerce, "We're hoping to Northville classes start Tuesday,

later in the season this year with great way for local families to the hope that temperatures will be spend some memorable time

encourage more community par-ticipation by having it a little later

# Man charged with murder of woman in Garden City

■ Relatives say he tried to help down-and-out; body found in Northville Twp.

A 62-year-old Garden City man has been charged with first-degree murder in the death of 44-year-old Cheryl Lynn Boeskool, also of

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money...if you call now!

A romantic relationship

A not guilty plea was entered and a preliminary exam set for 8:30 had some sort of romantic relationam. Aug. 24. If convicted, he faces Garden City home occasionally. Roe is being held without bond in the Wayne County Jail.

Boeskool's body was found on Boeskool was found on B Aug. 7 face down in the pond near the intersection of Six Mile and his brother and sister-in-law, who

attended the arraignment. many to lt was the first time Short had person." seen Roe, but he knew that his sister had lived with him off and on,

Boeskool's brother. Ronnie

Short, and sister-in-law, April, also

'She always came back to

when she needed help, and he always helped her as best he could, even taking her to hospitals and stuff, which was good," Short told reporters following the hearing.
"Then it turned out tragic." Roe's relatives said he was a

widower. His wife, Maxine, who needed a heart transplant, died in They also described Roe as a church-going man who tried to assist down-and-out individuals in the Detroit area. They said Boeskool was homeless when he

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were at the arraignment and asked not to be identified.

bring her back to Roe's residence.

"The Lord told him to help her, was "not mentally right."
"She was the type of person that and he did," said Roe's brother. many times. He really is a good

Boeskool's relationship, saying that she was troubled mentally and

April Short said her sister-in-law

"She was the type of person that if someone said go jump off of a bridge, she would," she told she's still a person," Ronnie Short Both families agreed on Roe and reporters, "She did not have the

tally killed her and dumped her half-naked body in a pond.

said, "She had a heart and would? criminally, and Roe tried to many dered why a man who had tried to pened."



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# Novi News

Richard Periberg EXECUTIVE EDITOR

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.

# Medical advances in Novi

Life just keeps getting better. Yes, politics has its ups and lowns, and the economy swings to and fro, but on the whole,

society progresses and life improves. All you need to do is think about how people lived 50 years ago. How they lived 100 years ago. So much more is available to us today. Our standard of living is so much higher. We're better fed, better housed. Progress appears slow, so sometimes we can over-

Nowhere is progress more in evident than in the fields of med teine and emergency services. People who wind up at the hospital these days, whether due to illness or injury, have a much better chance of surviving than even a few years ago. And they not only survive more often. they recover more fully. They get not just added years of life, but added quality, too.

It is all due to the efforts of medical researchers, doctors, nurs es and emergency personnel who continue to improve their systems, techniques and processes.

And evidence of our improved medical times may be found in abundance in Novi. Just weeks ago, Novi Police Officer Paul Stuligross was on

patrol when he received a call of a collapsed man at a nearby golf Upon arrival, Stuligross immediately attached an Automatic

External Defibrillator (AED), which is a portable device used to restore normal rhythm to a patient's heart, to the man's chest. Although Stuligross had never administered an AED, he said knowing what to do came naturally.

"Our department is very pro-training, it's nice to know that the training pays off," he said after the incident. Stuligross shocked the man once and the chest compressions

were continued until the Novi Fire Department and Community Emergency Medical Service arrived. The victim was then transported to Providence Park Hospital in

Novi and later to Providence Hospital in Southfield where he was reported to be awake and in stable condition. And soon, such a man, will be able to stay in Novi as

Providence Park Hospital St. John expands to a full-care facility.
The new 200-bed Providence Park Hospital in Novi is taking shape and slated to open next year.

The main entrance to the hospital will be off Beck Road, with a ring road around the campus. The west side of the property will feature a 70,000-square-foot surgery center, a 200,000-square-foot office building and a hotel—Staybridge Suites.

And recently, Henry Ford Health System also announced its

expansion in the Novi area. Henry Ford leased more than 130,000 square feet at the cur-

rent Columbus Corporate Office Centre from Northern Equities Group to soon be the second medical center in Novi. The center will aide the growing Henry Ford Hospital on Maple Road in West

The new Novi location will open in three six-month phases. beginning at the end of the year with adolescent/adult outpatien psychiatry, occupational/physical therapy, athletic medicine gastroenterology and pediatric services filling in 40,000 square

In 2008, a sleep disorder clinic and specialty services in allergy and pulmonary care will move in, followed by the final phase in 2009 of orthopedic, obstetric and gynecology departments. Early 2009 will also mark the opening of the West Bloomfield

hospital wing, which will connect with the current medical center on Maple Road. And these are just a few of the examples of how Novi continues to progress in the field of medicine.

We applaud the community for remaining and continuing to head toward the future.

# What do you think?

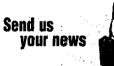


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Have Pail will Play!

Novi toddler Ryder Speirs is ready for just about anything while enjoying the cool waters of Kent Lake at

# New Library Help Novi Get a New Library.

# Help MDA

By now, you've likely heard about the critical need for a new library. Novi's population con-tinues to grow (54,000 residents library. Novi's population con-tinues to grow (54,000 residents and counting), library usage con-tinues to grow (in the last 12 Association (MDA). Year after months alone over 544,000 items were circulated), but the library building has not grown since it was built 30 years ago. Recognizing this need, the City the Library Board's request for a efforts of the fire fighter's, who mileage to be placed on the risk their lives daily so that we

November ballot. running should the mileage pass in November. The Board is showing its commitment. Now it's time for Novi residents to show

Laura Marie Casey

# Fire Fighters

In the upcoming weeks, dediyear, these life-saving heroes show their unwavering commit-ment to "Jerry's kids" by standing to receive the treatment, support, on streets during the summer months, devoted to finding a cure. it is important to credit the can be safe and it is hard to imag-

fight against muscular dystrophy.

Therefore, when you see fire

you are driving in the upcoming weeks, remember to be aware of

November ballot.

The Library Board is continuing to take action, doing as many of the early planning tasks as possible to be ready to hit the ground munity without fire fighters, it is no such heroes to come to our aid.

As it is hard to imagine a community without fire lighters, it is equally as difficult to imagine MDA without the fire fighter's support. For more than 52 years, fire fighters have come to the aid of "Jerry's kids" providing support services, treatment, and pro-

theirs.

Recently, a group of citizens formed the Novi Library 2007

Committee. This group strongly believes that a good public

to friends and neighbors. Visit incredible difference that the www.novilibrary2007.org and Michigan fire fighters make in the ow you can contribute.

fighters out in the community. Novi Library 2007 Committee

the fire fighters presence on the what we sent them there to do streets and support them in their fight for a cure. (this "down the road" syndrome) On behalf of the 1,800 families of longer need them.

no longer need them.

The difference in construction in Southeastern Michigan effectis that if we don't do our jobs we ed by a neuromuscular disease and served by MDA, thank you for your support of the fire fight-ers. It is because of their passion the next election for them. and your contribution that we are

equipment, and care we need.

# The Muscular Dystrophy Associati Destruction

# Neediness Slows Production

After reading yet another commentary about our state Legislatures reluctance to do their grams, Last year, members of the Michigan Professional Would liferighters Union (MPFFU) answer.

library is vital to the quality of raised \$370,990 for MDA statewide providing hope to committee is working hard to educate residents on the benefits of a new bibrary and encouraging residents to vote 'yes' on November 6.

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long time.

A possible reason for this is that in our paying jobs as construction workers we know that when the iob is finished we must remember to thank them for their constant dedication to your community and their incredible c

Kate Day Weapons of Self

> The newspapers report that our government cannot account for 190,000 AK-47 rifles and pistols that have been given to Iraqi security forces. More than 100,000 of body armor and more than 115,000 helmets cannot be accounted for by the Defense

> There are ongoing fears that weapons this country has provided the tragi forces have fallen into the hands of Iraqi insurgents and are being used against U.S. troops.

We have provided an estimated \$19.2 billion to develop the security forces in Iraq. The Defense Department wants \$2 billion more for a program that will continue to the security of the security of the security of the sec tinue to train and equip the Iraqis As taxpayers, this is our r

Doreen Lawton

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# OMMENTARY

# TOM WATKINS: Michigan – I Have A Dream

"The American, by less other discoveries nature, is optimistic. He that have enriched our is experimental, and lives and created new inventor and a builder who builds best when greatly

it right when he made the above statement. We when our nation's capitol was a sleepy little southhave certainly reached a ern town, the equality of time in Michigan where we need to reinvent our- Declaration selves and build something new, something from the reality for my even greater than what young eyes. Black people was built in the past. We

inspire us to greatness, words to voice what I saw kennedy first spoke of - but I knew in my heart the goal for landing a it was wrong, man on the moon when On the steps of the speaking to a joint ses-sion of Congress on May

Aug. 28, 1963, when 1

25, 1961, saying: was just a 10-year-old First, 1 believe that little boy, Rev. King this nation should com- evoked the name of mit itself to achieving the goal, before this decade Have a Dream" speech. s out, of landing a man. His words not on the moon and returning him safely to the ears - but also in our Earth. No single space souls. project in this period will more impressive to friends, so even though mankind, or more impor- we face the difficulties of tant for the long-range exploration of space; and still have a dream. It is a none will be so difficult or expensive to accom- the American dream.

lish."

I have a dream that one
With his words and the
day this nation will rise power, creativity, innova- up and live out the true tion, determination and moon but made count- are created equal."

jobs and countless Americans called upon to build Ideas do have power and John F. consequences. Kennedy During my early life in President Kennedy had the 1950's and 60's,

man envisioned by the Independence was far were discriminated

need leaders who, like against in many ways. I President Kennedy, can did not know the adult's brotherhood... I have a dream that my

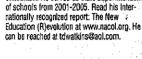
> I have a dream today." playing out today. Yet, leadership is not innovative nature to cre-rapped in a time warp or ate it. Who will rally us to echoed in the nation's trapped in a time warp or

"I say to you today, my today and tomorrow, 12. dream deeply rooted in

you seek peace, if you seek prosperity for the Soviet Union and Soviet Union and By looking back at Eastern Europe, if you our history, I am opti-seek liberalization Come mistic that we will rise meaning of its creed: 'We persistence we not only hold these truths to be landed a man on the self-evident: that all men here to this gate! Mr. here to this gate! Mr. up and build a future Gorbachev, open this that is better than today.

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**About Tom Watkins** 

Tom Watkins is a business and education

consultant. He served as state superintendent

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of for-mer slaves and the sons of former slave owners together at the table of resolve he helped not

four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their charac-

Dr. King's dream, our a people we have the cre-American dream, is still

captured by one political party. President Ronald Reagan rocked the world with his remarks at the Brandenburg Gate, West 1987 when he declared, "General freedom? And will use Secretary Gorbachev, if our adversity to build a

gate! Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!" uown this walli' (www.reaganfounda-

tion.org) With his words, lead ership, toughness and only see a wall torn down but freedom come rush

ing in to wash over millions of people. Michigan's America's greatness tomorrow is lingering in someone's dream today If we can imagine a bet ter future, collectively as

ativity, knowledge, determination, spirit and put a woman or person of color on the moon? In

the Oval Office? See the www.northvillephysicalrehab.com day where our American ideals will be real for all Americans? Tear down the walls that hold back

better tomorrow for us



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# X Physical Therapy Rehabilitation Update

# by Dennis Engerer, P.T.

RUNNING ON SAND NO DAY AT THE BEACH RUNNING ON SAND NO DAY AT THE BEACH
The beach may seem to be an idyllic
setting for taking a jog in the sand. The
P.C, we provide rehabilitative care for a
common perception is the sand is a forvariety of post surgical procedures and
giving surface compared with asphalt
streets, and it is kinder to joints and highest level of care possible and we will
muscles. The fact is, however, that sand
devote our complete attention and conis an irregular, inconsistent running surface that transmits irregular forces
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result, any one of these body care is und.
call us parties at 348 439 4319 Way see

through the fret, ankles, and hips. As a of physical therapy, please feel free to result, any one of these body parts is vulnerable to linjury while running on sand.

People who run on sandy beaches are also prone to sprains and tendonitis because beaches slope. And sudden changes from firm, wet, hard-packed sand to loose, dry sand make running on the beach particularly dangerous. It also commonly leads to strains and fractures.







Michael S. Rowe, M.D., E.A.C.P., C.P.I PREPARING CHILDREN WITH ASTHMA FOR SCHOOL The words "back to school" are music of for asthma or allegies. Dr. Rowe and to the ears of parents with school-aged the staff at ALLERGY & ASTHMA children, but if your child has athma, it CENTER are carriag and professions can be stressful to make sure that he or and offer knowledgeable advice. For a share and on what is necessary to help consoliation, contact us al: (248) 473-manage the contidion at school without 640. Our office is located at 2410. ou. When you talk to your child about Meadowbrook Road, STE 201, Noviceding back to school, pictures and New patients are welcome. Let us help

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your child knows what triggers to avoid
and when to alert teachers to problems.

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Review using peak flow metres and rescue inhalers, and be sure your child has
an asthma action plan. Factor how
activities such as recess and physical
education will affect your child's asthma





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# MY BULLETIN BOARD

Thursday, August 16, 2007 fax: (248) 349-9832

## **EVENTS**

## Homebuvina Seminars for DATE: Today

TIME: 7-8 n m LOCATION: ReMax 100, 26870 Beck Road, Novi DETAILS: The seminar is titled "Taking Advantage of the

Michigan Market" and will provide information for women who nay be thinking of becoming homeowners for the first time; ideal for women who are thinking about downsizing; snacks and beverages provided; reservations

CONTACT: (866) 910-8600.

### 2008 Novi Heat Travel Baseball Tryouts

TIME: 9-11 a.m. DATE: Saturday (inclement weather date Sunday) LOCATION: Community Sports Park (8 Mile and Napier)

CONTACT: www.noviyouth baseball.org or tome@palmer movina.com

## Girls Fastpitch Softball

DATE: Monday, Aug. 20 and Tuesday, Aug. 21 TIME: 5 p.m. registration, 5:30-B p.m. clinic LOCATION: Power Park, behind the Novi Civic Center, off

DETAILS: For girls 8-14 years of age; Defensive Clinic for throwing, catching and fielding is Aug. 20; Offensive Clinic for hitting, and bunting in Aug. 21; clinics are good practice for the 2008 tryouts held Sept. 9 and 16; cost is \$25 for one clinic or \$40. for both sessions; \$5 late fee if registering after Aug. 18; hosted v the Motor City Madness. CONTACT: To register contact

Jacqui at (248) 374-9343 or email to ischulte@gozsworld.com

## Midsummer Night's Flight TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. each Wednesday through Aug. 22 LOCATION: Mezza

Mediterranean Grille, 42050 Grand River DETAILS: Sample a set of 5

wines with hors d'oeuvres; new selection each week; \$20 per person: See list at www.bythebottlenovi.com. CONTACT: By the Bottle (248)

344-8992

### Oak Pointe Church DriveFest '07

DATE: Friday, Aug. 24 TIME: 5:30 p.m. LOCATION: Oak Pointe Church (between Napier and Wixom

DETAILS: Outdoor festival featuring kids games, entertainment and food; car show with classic and custom cars; and drive-in movie "Cars" at 9 p.m.; fun for the whole family; no cost. CONTACT: (248) 912-0043

## Gardeners of Novi and TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. second

Monday of each month, Sept.-LOCATION: Rotate between Novi Civic Center and Northville

DETAILS: Visitors welcome CONTACT: (248) 231-2334 or www.gardenersnorthville-

## **Farmers Market** DATE: Every Wednesday through the end of October

TIME: 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Hall Field (between Decker and Pontiac Trail), Walled Lake DETAILS: Vendor application rently accepted: cost of booth is \$12 per day, special discounts

re offered. CONTACTS: Call Janeli Joyce 5K, 10K, 15K; money mile run; ceremony, space available for (248) 624-4847 for application into above.

# Livonia Youth Philharms

Auditions TIME/DATE: 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 15 LOCATION: Churchill High

years of business, representing over 500 members. Our mission is to be a responsible, proactive advocate of business interests in DETAILS: Auditions for six the greater Novi area. We are concert groups; openings in

novice, intermediate and advanced orchestras, even flute and saxophone choirs: appointments required by calling (734) auditions@LYPM.org.

Wildcat Tastefest TIME/DATE: 5 p.m. until halftime Friday, Sept. 21

LOCATION: Novi Athletic Park (Ten Mile and Taft roads) DETAILS: During the Novi vs. Lakeland footbalf game, Novi Athletic Boosters are hosting the Wildcat Tastefest; includes eight local restaurants.

CONTACT: For more information, contact Lynda at lyndafav@aol.com or Kara at voga3@aol.com

## Right to Life Open Public

Meeting TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, September 27 LOCATION: Novi Public

Library, 45245 W. Ten Mile Road DETAILS: For prolife residents of Novi. Northville, Wixom, Walled Lake, Farmington and Farminoton Hills: will discuss forming a new Right to Life o Michigan (RLM) affiliate: Field Rep. Christopher Zielinski wi speak about importance of having active RLM affiliate in com-

## **CHAMBERS** OF COMMERCE

# Greater Novi Chamber of

The Greater Novi Chamber is a nonprofit pusiness association. We provide enjoyable net working apportunities for our members; act as a bridge between local business and government; help businesses stay aware of other member's services and products and the activities of their community. For more information, contact: Whitney McClellan, executive director (248) 347-4622 or mgncc@yahoo.com. For event listings: www.greaternovicham-

Sales Leads Group TIME/DATE: 8:30-9:30 a.m. second and fourth Thursday of the month

LOCATION: Hooter's of Novi DETAILS: Serious network-

CONTACT: Michelle Winn at (248) 835-3754

Ambassadors TIME/DATE: noon Tuesday LOCATION: Gus O'Connor's, Grand River Ave. DETAILS: Come help us grow

the chamber: a great groupis arted and a blitz is planned for GNCC Office After Hours BBO TIME/DATE: 4-6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 23 LOCATION: Eaton Center Complex, 43390 W. Ten Mile DETAILS: Financial Planning

and Investments hosted by Novi Family Dental, The Diederich Agency and GNCC; outdoor barbecue, refreshments and raffle:

### Fit Novi Sprint Triathion/Duathion

DATE: Saturday, Sept. 8 DETAILS: A partnership with The City of Novi Parks Department and 3-Discipline Racing, participants swim 800 meters in Walled Lake, bike 15 miles around Walled Lake, run cross-country 5k through Lakeshore Park: 300 or more racers expected; top prize is \$10,000; four aid stations at

\$250 each; events continue p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 28 Fit Novi Festival & Run Fest DATE: Sunday, Sept. 9 LOCATION: Town Center DETAILS: A run for everyone:

DETAILS: Grow your business endors and restaurants, contact Novi Chamber of Commerce The chamber is celebrating 40

Chamber (248) 624-2826 or Novi Chamber (248) 349-3743 Keliey-Fisk Farm Festival TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.



## What's all the Racket?

instructor Cameron Greig works with some kids learning the game of tennis at the Sports Club of Novi. Students included Lizzy Randal, 7, left.

business and professional people working together to enhance the life of our community and the businesses in it. For more information, visit

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Commerce Township, Union

proudly served as West

Commerce

antique cars, and more; \$1 dona tact the chamber office at (248) tion includes door prize ticket, LACC Fall Golf Outing DATE: Friday, September 14 Lakes Area Chamber of DETAILS: See "Golf Outing"

# **BUSINESS**

Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 8-9

DETAILS: Fun for everyone;

entertainment, crafts (booths)

open 9 a.m.), com roast, bak

sale, rummage sale, pony rides

Females in the Family **Business Affinity Group** TIME/DATE: 8-9:30 a.m.

Registration is required.

CONTACT: Jan Hubbard

ihubbard@walshcollege.edu

Providence Center for the

Center, 47601 Grand River

LOCATION: Assarian Cancer

CONTACT: (248) 465-5455

Wanted: One-Time Art

Workshop Instructors

people who have an art or

workshops; call (248) 465-

Colored Pancil Workshop

TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m., sec

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

ond Tuesday of every month

beginners welcome.

Knittin' Yarns

TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m

Healing Arts

om, Wolverine Lake and White Lake, Our purpose is to Third Thursday of every month LOCATION: Walsh College businesses and residents in the Lakes area. We act as a unified **DETAILS: Walsh Business** voice on behalf of the business Leadership Institute invites community, provide a forum to women who own, are partners discuss and review topics of or work for family business interest, serve as a source of es. Items discussed will be information and develop procommon issues, and women grams that are responsive to can share solutions in a nonthreatening, noncompetitive

we serve. CONTACT: (248) 624-2826 Wolvering Lake Fishing TIME/DATE: 6-11:30 a.m.

DETAILS: Catch and release; CLASSES age categories 1-7 years, 8-12 years, 12-17 years and 18-adult; prizes for first through third place in all categories for 17 and under: first place for age 18-

adult; awards presented at Village Festival on September 8 Michigan Starclipper Dinner TIME/DATE: 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Thursday, August 23 LOCATION: 840 North Pontiac DETAILS: Meet at depot to netshare in our series of one-time

work with local business owners; 32nd Annual Market Day TIME/DATE: 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday, August 26 LOCATION: Historic Lakefront DETAILS: Crafts, food, enter-

tainment and music; rain or Tuesday, Thursday, Friday; 1-5 mer School Series "The DETAILS: There is a \$10

ARCs to Achieving Rusiness' TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m.-1:30 LOCATION: Walled Lake Educational Center, 850 Ladd Wednesday DETAILS: Join others and Road, Building D; enter from create hats and shawls for

Your Way to \$100,000 and TIME/DATE: 10:15-11 a.m. Beyond;" August 28 "Five Keys to Retaining Clients and Getting Referrals" presented by Mark DETAILS: Ancient Chinese ercise used to improve flexi Raymond; \$30 per class or \$60

bility, balance, strength; no experience necessary; cost \$5. TIME/DATE: 11:15 a m -12:15 p.m., Thursday DETAILS: Learn prope

he used at home or on the job to help reduce stress; class held in reflection space.

Yoga Classes TIME/DATE: 12:30-1:15 p.m. Monday (for backs); 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday (strength & endurance); 11:15 a.m.-12:15 n 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; \$70 for seven-week evening session; registration

Massage TIME/DATE: Various times, onday and Thursday DETAILS: Therapeutic massage is effective for stress and tension, chronic fatigue, pain and headaches. Everyone is welcome. Patients undergoing treatment should bring physi cian's referral. Call for an

appointment: \$50 for 50-

Line Dancing DATE: Monday and Friday TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m. begin

ners; 7:30-9:30 p.m. intermedi-LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road

DETAILS: No partner needed for lessons; pay-as-you-go pro-gram; Novi residents \$5; nonresidents \$6.

Waltonwood at Twelve

Independent Living Residence. Licensed Assisted Living, Licensed Memory Care LOCATION: 27475 Huron Circle (adjacent to Twelve Oaks CONTACT: (248) 735-1500

Open House TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily or by appointment

# SCHOOL & GOVERNMENT

Navi Woods Montessori Open House

LOCATION: 42800 13 Mile DETAILS: Come observe the enriching Montessori Curriculun school kindergarten, Infant and Toddlers program; French, Spanish, Japanese and Summer programs also offered CONTACT: (248) 624-2211

**Novi City Council Meeting** DATE: Monday, Aug. 27 LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road

: Tuesday, Sept. 4 TIME: 6 p.m CONTACT: (248) 347-0410

Novi School District Board of Education Meeting TIME: 7:30 p.m.

Novi Public Library Location: 45245 W. Ten

HOURS: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday during the summer

Unless noted below, all pro-Startight Story Time TIME/DATE: 7-7:30 p.m.

DETAILS: Bedtime stories nusic and fun. Rumplestiltskin Puppet Show

Novi Knitters TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 27 DETAILS: Drop-in knitters group, informal, all levels wel-

Library Board Meeting TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5 DETAILS: Community members welcome and meetings are broadcast five on cable channel

TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. Saturday

CONTACT: (248) 347-0470

### Newl Youth Assistance General Citizens Meeting

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center

LOCATION: Educational Services Building CONTACT; (248) 449-1204

# LIBRARY LINES

Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday; closed

TIME/DATE: 7-7:45 p.m.

DETAILS: Rick Morse Puppets leading producer of professional children's theater; generously sponsored by the Friends of the Novi Public Library; free; no registration required

## **Walled Lake City Library** LOCATION: 1499 E. West CONTACT: (248) 624-3772

Friends of the Library TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. second

fuesday of month Evening Story Hour TIME/DAY: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays DETAILS: Drop-in story time

for children ages 3-5 Classical Music Series TIME/DATE: 2 p.m. first Tuesday of each month DETAILS: Enjoy recorded classics, discussions and refreshments: lasts about 90

Book Discussion Group TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m. third Tuesday of each month

DETAILS: Orop in for informal discussion; bring a bag lunch; check with library for current

Wixom Public Library LOCATION: 49015 Pontiac

Trail, Wixom HOURS: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday-Saturday. Closed

CONTACT: (248) 624-2512 TIME/DATE: 3:30 p.m.

DETAILS: Coffee and conversation-Improve your English speaking skills by speaking with ennle from other countries, tryests: free. An instructor will help the group. CONTACT: Karin at the

rmation Desk

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9 a.m.: Mixed Golf League

9-11-a.m.: Line Dance-Int.

11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.: Line

12:15 p.m.: Contract Bridge

1:30-3:30 p.m.: Writing

1-3 n m : Computer Lah

Caregiver Support Group

10 a.m.: Body Recall

Monday 8:45 a.m.: Men's Golf

10 a.m.: Body Recall

лооп: Lunch 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle

2 p.m.: Tea, \$1 at door

8:30 a.m.: Panera Bread

9-11 a.m.: Line Dance

10 a.m.: Asian Pacific

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noon: Lunch

1 p.m.: Bingo

2:30-3:30 p.m.: Line Dance

9 a.m.: Stretch & Strength

12:30 p.m.: Dupl. Bridge

9 a m : Stretch and Strength

9:30 a.m.: Travel Meeting

## SUPPORT **GROUPS**

1 p.m.: Bingo

Computer Class

1-2:30 p.m.: Beginne

9 a.m.: Stretch and Strength

9:15 a.m.: Women's Gol

10:30 a.m.: Quilting 11 a.m.: Take Off Pounds

League 10 a.m.: Body Recall

Sensibly; Blood Pressure;

Computer Lab until 2 p.m

1-3 p.m.: Game Day

6:30 p.m.: Clogging

7:30 p.m.; Club Clogging

Clogging

11:30 a.m.: Beginning

noon: Lunch 12:30 p.m.: Club Clogging

## **Adoptive Parent Networking** 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 CONTACT: Lisa Molloy (248)

Bereavement Support Group DATE: Third Tuesday of each TIME: 7:30-9 p.m.

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road DETAILS: The meeting provides the opportunity for those in grief to share their story and to learn about the phases and tasks of grief. All are welcome and there is no fee. CONTACT: Michael M. Meyer,

# Doctorate of Ministry Angela Hospice Groups

DETAILS: Grief support groups include general grie parents who have lost a child and a grief support quilters 11 a.m.-2 p.m.: Computer Lab group. All groups are led by

I OCATION: Annela Hosnice Care Center, 14100 Newburgh Road I Ivonia " CONTACT: Joan Lee (734) 953-6012

General Grief Support 10:30-11:30 a.m.: Bookmobile Groups TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. and 6:30

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### ilies to share their struggles and learn how to resolve issues after the birth of their child. Parents can discuss concerns such as sleep deprivation, coping with their new role and emotions.

DETAILS: Open to all losses Loss of Spouse/Significan TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 n.m. first CONTACT: (248) 858-7766 TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m.

fourth Monday of month Kelahborhood Baby-sitting

Services DETAILS: Individual and family services offered free for those who have lost a loved one through suicide; call (734) 464-7810 for more information. Heartstrings: Parents Who Have Lost a Child

TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. first 380-0998. Grief Support Quiller's Group TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. first and

(734) 953-6012 **DMC** Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital Support Groups

third Wednesday of month

Drive, Commerce

DETAILS: Register by calling

Men in Grief

Ai-Anon Support Group TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every (248) 851-6730, Florence Voight (248) 477-3032, Joy DETAILS: Al-Anon is similar lovaldi (248) 348-9138 or jovio Alcoholics Anonymous, but intended for the family and friends of someone with an MOMS Club of Novi alcohol problem; helps family and friends of alcoholics recov

er from the effects of living with TIME: 10 a.m. a problem drinker; no pre-regis tration required. CONTACT: (248) 706-1020 **DETAILS: Moms Offering** 

Moms Support (MOMS) is a mothers who choose to stay at TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every home with their children or work out of their homes. DETAILS: Support group to attain and maintain sobriety; no

Journeys Cancer Support roup TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m., the first and third Monday of each

pre-registration required. CONTACT: (248) 937-3314

Alcoholics Anonymous

Support Group

LOCATION: Lobby of the Charach Cancer Treatment Center, off the hospital's South DETAILS: The Charach Cancer Treatment Center hosts a support

cancer experience: intended for those with cancer and those related to or who know someone CONTACT: (248) 937-5163 TIME/DATE: 10 a.m., second

group for anyone dealing with the

LOCATION: Hospital DETAILS: The group is a

Suicide Loss Support DETAILS: Using the co-op, you and your children can mak friends and get what you need ones in tow. Also enloy a mom's

CONTACT: Sue Tracz (248)

### Friendship Circle DATE: Second Thursday of each month

LOCATION: St. James LOCATION: Witch's Hat Catholic Church, 46325 10 Mile Depot, 300 Dorothy St., South Road, between Taft and Beck DETAILS: This group provides DETAILS: Social group for all information, support and social widows and widowers. CONTACT: Norbert Monson activities for mothers of multiple birth children and their families.

each month

Mothers of multiples living in

Valley school conference are all

and around the Kensington

CONTACT: (248) 437-5496 DATE: First Thursday of each

**Breast Cancer Support** Group DATES: Second and fourth LOCATION: Novi Civic Center LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital (Classroom C) Commerc **DETAILS:** No registration

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CONTACT: CONTACT: (248) 937-5017 jensungfleming@yahoo.com

# Crohn's & Colitis Support Kensington Valley Mothers of Multiples DATES: Second Thursday of

Deadline: Must be

Group DATES: First and third Wednesday of each month Hospital and Medical Center

DETAILS: Enter facility ough southeast entrance Meeting in Conference Room A, immediately to the left. 805-7605 or Crohn's & Colitis 737-2322.

# **Heartland Hospice**

Volunteers Needed TIME: Day and evening train ing classes LOCATION: 28588 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 475,

DETAILS: Caring and comregister for Heartland Hospice

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### **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 opin ion, polish your presentations CONTACT: Amy (248) 752-

# **Take Off Pounds Sensibly**

TIME/DAYS: Wednesdays 11 a.m. weigh-in; 11:30 a.m. meet-

LOCATION: Meadowbrook Commons, 25075 Meadowbrook Boad, Novi DETAILS: \$24 per annual book; \$1 per meeting. New members welcome CONTACT: Rebecca Boyke

# FAITH

(248) 305-8646

Meadowbrook Congregational LOCATION: 21355 Willingham, Interim Minister

(248) 348-7757 or visit www.mbccc.org.or gmccc@arounddetroit.biz Sunday Worship

First Bantist Church of Novi LOCATION: 45301 W. 11 Mile

CONTACT: (248) 349-3647 or www.firstbaotistchurchofnovi.org Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.

Bible Study: 6 p.m. Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m., fourth Sunday of every

### **Episcopal Church of the** Holy Cross LOCATION: 40700 W. 10 Mile

Road CONTACT: (248) 427-1175 or www.churchoftheholycross.com Sunday Worship TIME: 7:45, 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 Youth Worship TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second and fourth Sunday of every

month DETAILS: All youth welcome. Alzheimer's Support Groun DATES: Second Saturday of

DETAILS: Offering support and open discussion for all those dealing with Alzheimer's

## Church of the Holy Family LOCATION: 24505

Meadowbrook Road CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or visit www.holytamilynovi.org Mass Schedule TIME/DAY: 7:30, 8:45,10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 9 a.m. Wednesday-Friday; 5 p.m.

"The Church and the World. Are We Listening" TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m.

Monday, September 17 DETAILS: First Catholic Update of year discussing Catholic identity, the church and the Christian community; presented by Fr. Tim Hogan; all welcome. Adoptive Parent Networking

Meeting DATE: Last Wednesday of each month TIME: 10-11 a.m.

DETAILS: This free informational meeting is open to all County. Child care is available. CONTACT: Lisa Molloy (248) 334-3595

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Sunday Worship

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LOCATION: 50200 W. 10 Mile CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 or Sunday Worship TIME: 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

## show and drive-in movie; family fun: no cost. St. James Catholic

TIME/DATE 5:30 p.m. Friday,

DETAILS: Outdoor festival, car.

LOCATION: 46325 10 Mile CONTACT: (248) 347-7778 Mass Schedule TIME/DAY: 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 CONTACT: (248) 349-2652

Sunday Worship TIME: 9.45 a.m.

# First United Methodist of

Northville LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or visit www.fumcnorthville.org

DETAILS: 9:15, 11 a.m. and 7 Blood Drive TIME/DATE: 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 26 Details: Walk-ins welcome, appointments preferred by call-

ng Janet at (248) 349-6592 Healing Service DATE: First Monday of every TIME: 4 p.m.

Sulcide Loss Support Group DATE: Monday, Aug. 27 TIME: 7 p.m. DETAILS: New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering this sup-port group to those who have lost

a loved one to suicide

Registration is not required.

CONTACT: New Hope Center for Grief Support (248) 348-0115

# Crosspointe Meadows Elementary School, 29200.

Mile Road) CONTACT: (248) 427-2700, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. or visit www.cross-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

# The Baha'l Faith TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. last Saturday of every month LOCATION: 23803 Ripple

Lutheran School.

Creek St., Novi **DETAILS: This Devotional** Gathering is focused on prayers



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LOCATION: 200 E. Main St. CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 Sunday Worship TIME: 9:30 and 11 a.m.

Single Place Ministries
DETAILS: Thursday evenings; 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m opening; 8-9 p.m. program; \$5 CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

TIME: 11:30 a.m. Saturdays LOCATION: First, second and Shop, 2334 Farmington Road Farmington; Third Saturday, Panera Bread Co., 34635 Grand River Ave., DETAILS: This is a walking/social

group. Everyone is invited.

American Red Cross Blood /IME/DATE: 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church, 22 E. Main St., Northville DETAILS: Appointments at (248) 347-1063; walk-ins also welcome.

TIME: 10:15 a.m.

## St. John Lutheran LOCATION: 23225 Gill Road,

CONTACT: (248) 474-0584 or TIME: 5:30 p.m. Sunday Worship TIME: 9, 11:15 a.m.

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Monday DETAILS: Donors must be at

Prestyterian LOCATION: 44400 W. 10 Mile CONTACT: (248) 349-2345 or visit

GracePointe Presbyterian TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Sunday

Faith Community

Sept. 16 LOCATION: Crowne Plaza Hotel, Novi (northwest comer of 1-96 and Novi Road) CONTACT: (248) 497-3178; www.gracepointepca.org; e-mail

Orchard Hills Baptist Church LOCATION: 23455 Novi Road CONTACT: Pastor Jon Hix (248)

Practical Spiritual Divorce Care Workshop Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Mondays, Sept. 24-Nov. 5 DETAILS: Register online CONTACT: Stephen E. Monette (248) 982-4558 or info@orchard-

# **DMC Huron Valley-Sinal**

Blood Drive TIME/DATE: 6:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

least 17 years of age, weigh more than 110 pounds and be in good

than one hour, walk-ins welcome but appointments are encouraged o prevent long waits; pleage a donation by going to www.give live org with the sponsor code

DMC" and choose the HVSH drive. Free Prostate Testing TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Sept. 8 DETAILS: Learn the warning

signs, receive a diagnostic test and collect other information related to prostate cancer; intended for men over 50 years of age who have not tests have shown no abnormalities registration required by calling 1-888-362-2500 by Wednesday, ~

## **CLASS** Dinner with a Doctor "Preventing a Killer - Can You Get Diabetes?"

TIME/DATE: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30 LOCATION: St. John Providence of 1972 Park Hospital, Grand River and Beck roads (use Beck Road DETAILS: Visit entrance), Conference Rooms A, B

Come home to the Blues.

DETAILS: Casual dinner, health presentation and question session presented by Dr. Kirit Tolla of the Joslin Diabetes Center, no cost but reservations required by calling 1-888-440-7325.

LOCATION: Oakland Physical

Therapy, 47601 Grand River Ave., Suite B124, in the Providence Park

DETAILS: Medical, surgical and

## Tennis Elbow TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday,

LOCATION: 59-West, Millord Road and M-59 for dinner, DJ and cash bar. CONTACT: Sue (Wasolek) Sutt at

tennis elbow with lecture and slide esentation; no fee but advance

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43075 Crescent Blvd., Novi CONTACT: (248) 347-0780 High School Musical Pen

# TIME/DATE: noon Saturday DETAILS: Sing, dance, cheer.

# Roseville High School Class

DATE: Saturday, Sept. 15 www.Roseville72.com for more

CONTACT: Gait Williams-Straughen, (586) 247-8087 or Roseville72-Reunion@yahoo.com

DATE: Saturday, Sept. 22 DETAILS: Cost is \$45 per person

CONTACT: 248-380-3550 to all 50's graduates; cost is \$90

(800) 859-9502 or Betrait Mackenzie High School Class of 1957

DATE: Friday Oct. 19 TIME: 6:30 p.m. to midnight

# **REUNIONS**

### Walled Lake High School Classes of 1967, 68 and 69

Chase Drive, Novi, MI 48375 for tickets. The deadline is Sept. 30. Note: The reunion committee is looking for classmates from the

Bebbington at

class of 1957. CONTACT: June Class-Marj Storch at marj.storch@sbcglobal.net, Mary Middleton at

mnvonglahn@aol.com, Susan (Simon) Geracl (248) 697-9429 or vincegeraci1@yahoo.com.; January Class-Eleanor Locke at

Send your calendar items to Novi News, 104 W. Main Street, Suite 101, Northville, MI 48167; fax to (248) 349-9832; or e-mail to vemitchell@gannett.com.

### **Detroit Cody High School** MDOT Class of 1957 DATE: Friday, Oct. 5 LOCATION: Embassy Suites,

DETAILS: Our 50th reunion open

per person; includes dinner, open bar, memory book, champagne

toast and more; register early as

seating is limited.

CONTACT: Loretta Nedwick at

LOCATION: Radisson, 17123 N.

DETAILS: The cost is \$75 per

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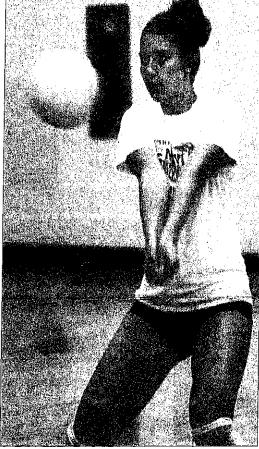
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# My Novi Sports

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# Getting started





Stephanle Cripps, Novi High School senior, works out with the varsity voileyball team during a Monday morning practice.

The Wildcat swim team had its first practice Monday at the high school.

## All high school sports now on the practice fields

By Jeff Theisen

Monday released the hounds on the rest of the fields, courts and pools. Foothall and golf got off to an early start, but the rest of the high school sports are finally underway, meaning summer is officially over for athletes.

The switch for tennis, volleyball and golf are also

officially underway. Boys and girls golf and boys and girls tennis switched seasons. Boys tennis and girls golf are now in the fall. Girls tennis and boys golf have been moved to the spring.

The biggest switch came with moving the girls backabell season to consider with moving the girls backabell season to consider with the born recome.

basketball season to coincide with the boys season in the winter. Volleyball moves to the fall for the

According to area coaches, there have been very few cases of athletes forced to choose between sports

because of the season switches Jeff Theisen can be reached at jtheisen@gan-





# Head merchants!

The Novi Motor City Madness U10 girls fastpitch softball team won the Oakland Merchants Summer Spectacular tournament in Waterford this past weekend. Novi defeated teams from Waterford, host Oakland Merchants, Grand Blanc, Howell and Jackson on its way to winning the tournament. Front row, from left: Coach Dan Troher, Lindsey Brandon, Cassandra Lawler, Sarah Lickfold, Allison Schulte and coach Dan Daschke. Back row: Samantha Troher, Mallory Daschke, Laura Oakley, head coach Kathleen Narducci, Jessica Brandon, Molly Murphy, Natalie Reilly and Kali Cordino. Not pictured: Sydney Jones, Cayla Dwyer and Faryn Salazar.

• Depending on your sport, con-sume 6-12 ounces of water or sports drink every 15-20 minutes, This equates to approximately 32

# Post-activity Guidelines

· Immediately following activity, consume at least 16 ounces of

fluid for every pound of weight lost to ensure proper rehydration.

A liquid shake with high car-bohydrate content, minimal protein and fat can maximize recovery if muscle glycogen levels have been depleted.
• Drink an additional 16 ounces

with your post workout snack and/or meal.

Weigh yourself each morning.
 A stable weight generally indicates proper fluid balance.

This column was written by fit-ness expert Chris Klebba. Chris owns and operates Planet Fitness in Northville and Waterford, and is a regular columnist and public speaker. For fitness questions, e-mail planet-fitness@sbcglobal.net and for more information call (248) 449-7634 or go to www.planetfitness.com.

# Health

# The right amount of water

# How to avoid dehydration

Tost of us have been told to drink more water since we were small children, and most of us have filed this suggestion neatly in the back of our minds with all the other seemingly non-significant suggestions. You know ... eat more veggies, cut back on caffeine, walk more etc. With the warmer, humid summer weather you may want to re-visil weather you may want to re-visit the "drink more water" idea. Dehydration is a real threat and can cause some real problems. 1. Some studies suggest 75 per-

cent of Americans are chronically

2. 37 percent of Americans have their thirst mechanism so weak that it is often mistaken for

3. Even mild dehydration will

slow down your metabo-lism as much

4. Lack for water is the number one trigger of day-

time fatigue.
5. A mere 2 percent drop in hody water



can trigger fuzzy short term memory, trouble with basic math and difficulty focusing on the computer screen

or printed page.

Below are some guidelines to help you stay hydrated and keep you feeling your very best.

# Pre-activity Guidelines

 Drink approximately 16 ounces of fluid two hours before activity, and an additional 8-16 ounces 30-60 minutes prior to training on warm and/or humid days.

Water may be adequate for activities less than an hour.

 If you are participating in endurance events, repeated bouts of exercise greater than 60 minutes, or multiple practices a day, a sports drink containing 6-8 per-cent carbohydrate (e.g. Gatorade) is recommended.

# During Activity

ounces per hour.

• For prolonged exercise greater than 4 hours, choose a sports drink with small amounts of elec-

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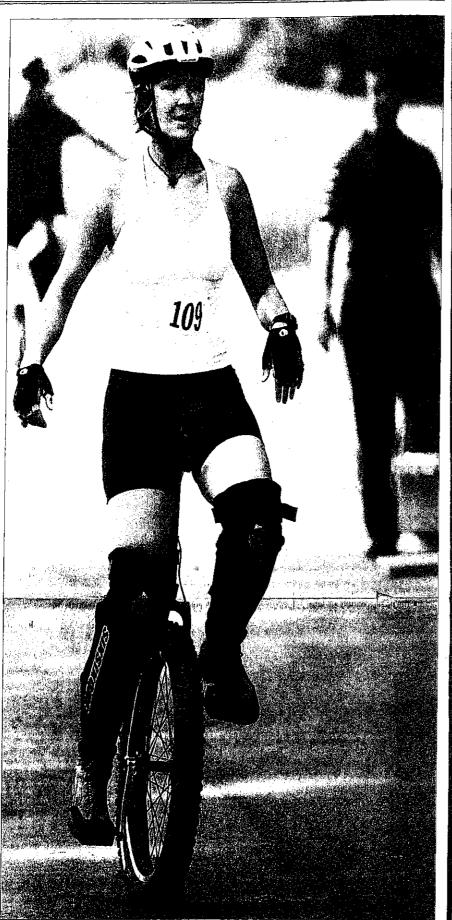


A unicyclist crosses the finish line at an August competition hosted at Novi's Lakeshore Park. Racers from all over the midwest and Canada used Novi's mountain bike trail at Lakeshore beginning at 9:30





After finishing the miles-long trail at Lakeshore Park, unicyclists leave their bikes in a pile to search for water



Irene Grenelin, 22, of Hutchinson, MN, crosses the finish line earleir this month on her unicycle at a Lakeshore Park



People came from all over the midwest to compete in the unicycle race at Novi's Lakeshore Park. This partially-covered plate from Pennsylvania, shows its owner's love for the single wheel bike.

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onieren meals.
Here's how, Take two perfect partners — beef and onions — and grill twice the amount you need for one meal. Enjoy half! — save half!
For each bonus meal, just add a few simple ingredients. Grilled burgers and onion slices become a yummy pasta supper, while steaks with red onion wardow means a mean supper. wedges make a spectacular salad each ready in

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## Beef on the Grill

Trim visible fat from steaks before grilling to help prevent flare-ups. Grill beef over medium heat. Too high heat can cause the exterior to char before the interior is cooked. Charring or overcooking beef is not recommended.

■ Use an instant-read thermometer use an instant-read inerniometer inserted horizontally into the side of steaks and burgers to check for doneness. The thermometer will register 145°F for medium mre, 160°F for medium doneness.

 Always cook burgers to medium done-ness (160°F), turning occasionally with a spatula — no pressing, please! Turn steaks occasionally with tongs.
 Forks pierce the meat, and flavorful juices are lost.

# **Tasty Onion Tips**

Onion slices and wedges are peried for grilling. Simply brush with olive oil, sprinkle with salt and pepper, a favorite herb or prepared seasoning blend, and grill over medium heat.

 For grilling, cut orders 1/2 inch thick to help keep slices together, and for casy turning with a spatula.

 Onions can be divided into two categories; fresh and stotage. Thin, light-skinned fresh onions are available March through August. Storage onions, harvested in early fall, are marketed through April. Both are available in yellow, red and white.

The higher water content in fresh onions gives them a mild taste ideal for enjoying raw or grilled.

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## Total preparation and cooking time: 35 to 40 minutes

4 boneless beef top loin (strip) steaks, cut 1 inch thick (about 8 ounces each) 1/2 cup balsamic vinegar

12 wedges

 Press 2 teaspoons garlie-pepper seasoning evenly onto beef steaks.
 Soak four 10-inch bamboo skewers in water 10 minutes; drain. Thread ontion wedges onto skewers. Brish onions and cut sides of squash with oil; sprinkle with remaining 2 teaspoons garlie-pepper

1. Prace steaks to center of grid over fredum, assistance covered cols; arrange opinos and squash around steaks. Grill steaks, uncovered, 15 to 18 minutes for medium rare to medium demenss, turning occasionally. Grill squash 8 to 12 minutes and onions 12 to 15 minutes or until tender, turning

onaoins 12 to 15 minutes or anni tender, turning occasionally,

5. Remove onions from skewers; toss 1/2 of onions with 2 tablespoons refluced vinegar, oregano and sall, as desired. Carve 2 steaks into slices. Servewith onion mixture and 1/2 of squash; season steak and squash with sall, as desired. Cover and refrigence personium. 2 metals, nations considered on the state of the sale of the state of the sale of t erate remaining 2 steaks, onions, squash and reduced vinegar to use in Grilled Beef & Onion

Makes 4 servings.

# Beef Top Loin Steaks With Balsamic Red Onion Relish

in half

medium zucchini, cut lengthwise in half

lableggegneglive oil rather of the label of the peoper set standing to tempoon chipped fresh oregano or thyme

Salt

1. Bring vineger to a boil in small saucepan. Reduce heat; simmer 6 to 8 minutes or until reduced by

half, Set aside.

seasoning.
4. Place steaks in center of grid over medium, ash-

Cook's Tip: To prepare on gas grill, preheat grill according to manufac-turer's directions for medium heat. Place steaks and vegetables on grid as directed above, Grill steaks, covered, 11 to 15 minutes for medium rare to medium doneness, turning occasion ally. Grill onions, covered, 13 to 16 ninutes and squash, covered, 7 to 11

Grilled Beef & Onion Salad Total preparation and cooking time: about 15 minutes

2 teftover grilled boneless beef

top loin (strip) steaks
1/4 cup olive oil
2 tablespoons leftover reduced halsanie

vinegar I Jarge clove gariic, minced 1/4 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon pepper
4 teftover grilled squash halves, cut into

3/4-inch pieces
Leftover grilled red onion wedges
8 cups mixed salad greens
Salt and pepper

Whisk off, vinegar, garlie, salt and pepper in small bowl until blended. Set aside.
 Arrange squash and onions over greens. Carve

steaks into slices; season with salt and pepper, as desired. Arrange over salad. Drizzle vinairette over salad; toss. Makes 4 servings.

Cook's Tip: Garnish with shaved or shredded Parmesan cheese, crimbled blue cheese or

# **Grilled Onion Cheeseburgers**

Total preparation and cooking time: 35 to 45 minutes

2 pounds ground beef
2 tablespoons chopped fresh thyme
1 tablespoon mineced garlie
1 large yellow or white onions, cut into
1/2-luch thick slices
1 to 2 tablespoons vegetable or olive oil
Sul and negator.

Salt and pepper 4 white or whole wheat hamburger buns,

or Kaiser rolls, split
3 ounces crambled or shredded cheese (such as blue cheese, smoked mbzzarella,

Combine ground beef, thyme and garlic in medium bowl, mixing lightly but thoroughly. Lightly shape into eight 1/2-inch thick patties. Brush both sides of onion slices

2. Place patties and onion slices on grid over medium, ash-2. Prace patters and conformation on grad over interacting states of covered coals. Grill patties, uncovered, 11 to 13 minutes to medium (160°F) doneness until no longer pink in center and juices show no pink color, turning occasionally. Grill content is to 20 minutes or until tender, turning occasionally and brushing with oil. Season patties with salt and content and chaired.

pepper, us desired. 3. Top burgers with desired cheese about I minute before remaying from grill. Place cheese-topped burgers on bottom of each bun and top with 1/2 of grilled onions. Close sandwiches. Cover and refrigerate remaining 4 burgers and onions to use in "Meatballs" & With Grilled Onions & Fresh Tomato Sauce.

Makes 4 servings.

Cook's Tip: Any type of sliced cheese may also be used to top burgers, including Cheddar, Swiss, provolone or Gouda.

### "Meatballs" & Pasta With Grilled Onions & Fresh Tomato Sauce

Total preparation and cooking time: 20 to 25 minutes

4 leftover grilled burgers 3 tablespoons office oil Leftover grilled onion slices,

cut in half

cut in half
3 cups chopped fresh tomatoes
1/2 cup chopped fresh basil
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
4-1/2 cups uncooked regular or
whole wheat penne pasta
Selt and anner. Salt and pepper Shredded Parmesan cheese

Shredded Parmesan cheese

1. Cut each burger into 6 equal pieces. Heat oil in large nonstick skillet over medium heat; add burger pieces, onions
and tomatoes. Cook 8 to 10 minutes or until burgers are
heated through, stirring frequently, Stir in basil, salt and
pepper. Set aside.

2. Meanwhile cook pasta according to package directions;
drain and return to pot, Add beef mixture; toss to coat.
Season with salt and pepper, as desired, Sprinkle with
choose a desired.

cheese as desired

Makes 4 servings.

Cook's Tip: Eight cups cooked corkscrew (rotini) pasta may be substituted for penne.







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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

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Remember that picturesque Norman Receiver portrait of a family sitting and enjoying a hot meal together? It's all but a distant memory now. In fact, the Burcau of Labor emember that picturesque Norman Rockwell portrait of Statistics reports that the typical American family spends over \$2000 a year on dinners in restaurants with 10 percent of those dinners eaten at fast food establishments. What's more, over 50 percent of the dinners eaten by overweight American children are consumed in front of the television. Further research has also shown that children who cat dinner with their parents have higher intakes of essential nutrients and vitamins. The same study showed

that a family dinner is possible even if both parents work,
What's the solution? Turning off the TV is one and involving kids in the meal preparation may be another. Parents may find that kids take pride in a meal they helped to create. It's also a good opportunity for parents to talk to kids about the importance of having a good diet.

with kids is to incorporate herbs and spices into food preparation From drinks, soups and salads to pastas and main dishes, herbs and spices add flavor and aroma without fat, sugar or salt. It's simple to freshen up the dishes your family already loves with the judicious use of herbs and spices — and you'll be giving them a boost of antioxidants at the same time. Instead of creat

in a tomate soup, stir in Italian parsley, basil and cilantro, Whisk in a tomate soup, sur in tuning parsey, best and channe, whise a fresh herb or herb paste with olive oil and femon juice for a tangy vinaigrette over salads — no one will miss the salt. Banish that beavy, cream-based Alfredo sauce for pasta by switching it o'live oil flavored with finely chopped gardie or garlie paste, Italian parsley and basil. Add finely grated lemon grass or lemon grass paste to tea, along with a spoonful of honey, and you can omit the sugar.

new innovations have made it possible to enjoy them year round and make the cooking of a meal fast, easy and fun. A relatively new product on store shelves. Gournet Garden Squeezable Herbs and Spices, comes in a variety of choices like Garlie, Basil, Chili Pepper and many more. These herbs and spices are picked fresh, chapped, blended and sealed in the easy-to-squeeze tubes so they are always in season — and there's no chopping, no mess and most importantly, no waste. The process of producing the

omit the sugar.

While fresh herbs and spices are available only seasonally,

squeezable fresh herbs and spices gives them a shelf life of three to six months when stored in the freezer. Kids and parents can enjoy creating many meals

together with these fun and easy-to-squeeze

# herbs&spices: a healthy harvest

- Herbs and spices have a long history of medicinal use since at least 5,000 B.C. Herbs and spices are among the richest sources of antioxidants. On a weight basis, they're higher than many fruits and vegetables.
- Herbs and spices can help reduce fat and sugar in the diet by adding flavor without unwanted calories.
- Herbs and spices add vibrant color and a fresh flavor to most recipes
- Herbs and spices taste best when added to a recipe toward the end

For more information, tips and recipes, visit www.gourmetearden.com Gournet Garden products are available in the fresh produce section of leading supermarkets in 4-ounce easy-to-squeeze tubes or single-serve nacks (three 1/2-ounce tubes).





- cup chopped celery
- iarge onion, diced (28-ounce) can tomatoes
- cups vegetable stock Single-Serve Gourmet Garden Herb Medley Pack (1/2 ounce Cilantro, 1/2 ounce Basil and 1/2 ounce Parsley)
- large saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Add celery, onion and cilantro: cook until celery
- 2. Add tomatoes, stock, basit and parsley: bring to boil. Simmer about 30 minutes. 3. Remove from heat, cool and puree with food
- processor.

  4. Reheat and serve with toasted croutons.

- 1 lemon, juiced
  2 tablespoons pine nuts
  1/4 cup flucly grated parmesan cheese

tablespoon olive oil

pound ground beef tablespoons tomato paste (14-ounce) can diced tomatoes

1 pound spaghetti, cooked Parmesan cheese, for topping

4. Serve with spagnetti and sprinkling of parmesan

3. Stir in basil and parsley

(14-ounce) jar tomato pasta sauce Single-Serve Gourmet Garden Herb Medley Pack (1/2 ounce Basil and 1/2 ounce Parsley)

. Heat olive oil and pan fry onion and ground beef until beef is browned.

- 1 Single-Serve Gourmet Garden Italian Pack (1/2 ounce Garlic, i/2 ounce Basil and 1/2 ounce Parsley)
  1/3 cup light olive oil
  1/4 ounces chicken breasts

  - 12 ounces fettuccine 8 ounces grape tomatoes, halved
  - Parmesan cheese, for topping (optional)
  - 1. Combine lemon juice, pine nuts, cheese, garlic, basil and parsley in food processor. Process until roughly chopped. With motor running, add olive oil and blend mixture into smooth paste.

    2. Brush chicken with olive oil and season to taste. In large frying pan cook chicken with olive oil and season to taste. In large frying pan cook chicken about 8 minutes on each side, until brown and cooked

  - through. Set aside to rest before slicing.

    3. Meanwhile, cook fettuccine according to package directions. Drain Meanwhile, cook intractine according to pechage an economic and toss with sliced chicken, grape tomatoes and enough herb-cheese sauce to coat pasta. Serve sprinkled with parmesan, if desired.

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# Add a little dance

Dance is a fun, positive activity for children and adults

By John R. Hall SPECIAL WRITER

For the last 10 years, the young people of South Lyon have turned to the American Dance Academy for dance instruction, personal growth, and goal achievements:

In return, the school has devoted itself to

in return, the school has/devoted itself to giving each student a positive learning experience that they can use for any endeavors in their lives.

Learning the various disciplines of dance are important, and the American Dance Academy offers a complete sched-died of classes for boys and girls from age 3 through adult in both performing arts and executional yours. recreational venues.

But just as important are the lessons that each student learns about their own per-sonal growth and development. Many former students have gone on to successful careers in professions including

successful careers in judicissions minimum, medicine and business.

"Dance is very good as long as it is put into perspective," said owner Melva Zavisa, "What matters is how you present yourself and improve yourself while having fun."

There are many ways that American
Dance Academy students have fun.

Of the approximately 280 students

"Dance gives the kids something positive to do ... It also teaches kids to learn time management —

one of life's lessons."

- Melva Zavisa American Dance Academy

# AMERICAN DANCE ACADEMY

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enrolled in the classes, 40 students are part

Youth Festival in Russia in 1986," Melva said. "It was quite a learning experience. Our kids came back with a new appreciation for the freedoms we enjoy in the United States."

Insists that her instructors up to less the.

Some of the programs taught at the American Dance Academy include Thy Tots, Pre-Dance, and KinderDance for 3-5 year olds; ballet and pointe; Russian and Cecchetti, Jazz and musical theatre; tap, his bear need agen, but to maps a few. hip hop, and acro, just to name a few.

and Youth Assistance programs.

The key word is learning.
The staff of instructors are certified Dance Master and Cecchetti teachers and must attend continuing education pro-grams. Not only is it important for students to continue learning and growing, Melva insists that her instructors do the same.

acting and singing.
"Theatre and dance go together," said Melva. "This type of training rounds out

in helping young people achieve their goals who would not normally be able to finan-

children of parents currently serving in ple will bring in toys that they wish to www.theamericandanceacademy.com.



The young students of the American Dance Academy combine an

active duty for the armed forces. The care for the community stretches beyond helping young people in need—it also extends to the community itself and

and occurrence to the continuous passes and the people who support the school. This holiday season, in early December, the American Dance Academy will sponsor a special holiday performance to benefit the Active Faith charity and to celebrate A.D.A.'s 10th year in South Lyon. Melva is inviting all children and adults to come out and perform in the show, free of

"Anyone can sign up to be in the pro-gram," she said. "We will supply the cho-reography and the costumes. The practices will take place at the studio in 5-6 lessons in August and once monthly practices on weekends after that,"

"When we have extra spaces in our classes, we invite needy children to participate," she added.

Melva also gives special discounts to inv for kids lessons

donate to the Toys for Tots program philosophy of making dance a positive learning experience, which emphasizes skill, teamwork, and dedication. Every experience is an education, which Melva believes is a key to success.

"Education is just as important dance," she added. She rewards her graduating seniors with college scholarships, which are derived from the many fund-raisers that the school

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Some of the younger members of the competitive team at Sheryl's School of Dance show off their skills.



Award winning dancers Nicole Blaszczyk and Fred Diaz practice a dance routine.

# Dance, dance, dance

Dance is fun way to get in shape, learn goal setting, discipline

By John R. Halt

heryl Sulek has one goal in mind for the hundreds of students enrolled in her dance classes at Sheryl's School of Dance in Novi: to teach people how to set goals and attain them through the disciplines

Many of her former students have gone on to successful careers in all walks of life and Sheryl is proud to know that the lessons they learned

know that the lessons they learned through instruction by her experienced staff have played a big role in their lives. Along with her mother, Arline Hahn, co-owner of the dance school, the women have devoted 47 years of their lives to teaching dance, the last 14 in their location on Grand River Avenue in Novi

"Dancing is good training for the future," said Sheryl, "It gives you focus on your goals and your achievements. Dance isn't necessarily a career choice.

It is all about attaining goals."

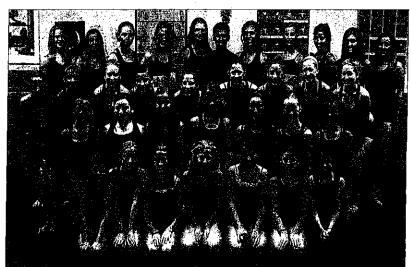
In fact, Sheryl does not encourage students to go on to college and pursue a dance career. It is important to her that

young people attain their scholastic goals and then make career choices. "I promote scholastic competition for our young women," she added, "We have hosted contestants for the Miss Oakland County pageant before, a competition which is a good opportunity for students to win money for their education."

to win money for their education."
Students of all ages, from 3 to adult, are encouraged to choose from several different disciplines and what level of involvement they want. Most of the 300-350 students at Sheryl's School of Dance are recreational dancers - students who want to enjoy dance for the exercise, social interaction, and the discipline.

Approximately 60-65 of these students are part of the competitive dance

team — dancers who are interested in testing their skills in a competitive and team-oriented atmosphere. The competition team is taught by a trio of experienced instructors, Julie Hughes, Jackie Sulek and Peggy Wright.
"We have national winners every



Young students spend many hours learning dance and setting goals at Sheryl's School of Dance.

Student Fred Diaz is the current "Mr. Dance Michigan" and the school's alumni have included three former Miss Michigans and three professional Rockelles.

While students are encouraged to set individual goals for themselves, they also develop team goals at Sheryl's School of Dance.

"As a team, we all work for one goal,"
Sheryl said. "Even when they are on stage as soloists, their goal is to perform well for the entire team."

Team members benefit from the years experience and training of the dance school staff. Almost the entire staff of 12 instructors are former students of Sheryl's School of Dance. And not only that, they are certified instructors, too.
"Certification is important because

there is no state certification required for opening a dance school," Sheryl said.

Sheryl knows there is a lot of dance of the control operates from September 1.

Sheryl knows there is a lot of dance school competition around the metro until June when it holds its annual dance

Detroit area and she is proud of the fact that most of her students learn of her school through word-of-mouth referrals.

Her experienced staff and the choices Her experienced staff and the choices of disciplines make a very hig difference. Those disciplines include: tap, jazz, ballet, point, lyrical, Cecchetti method (ballet), and hip-hop.
"We also have an instructor who comes in and teaches Scottish Highland dance." Sheryi added.
While other dance schools can affer

While other dance schools can offer similar dance classes, it is the sincerity and the care for students that set Sheryl's School of Dance apart from others.

As an instructor I can get the most satisfaction from taking a physically uncoordinated young person and turning them into a talented dancer." Sheryl said. "And kids can overcome their fear of

# SHERYL'S SCHOOL OF DANCE

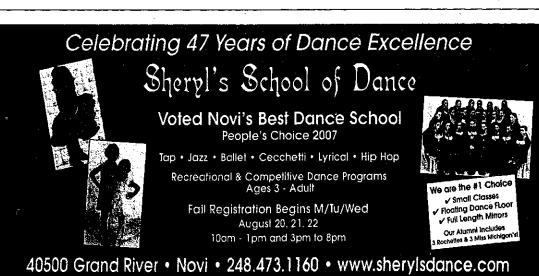
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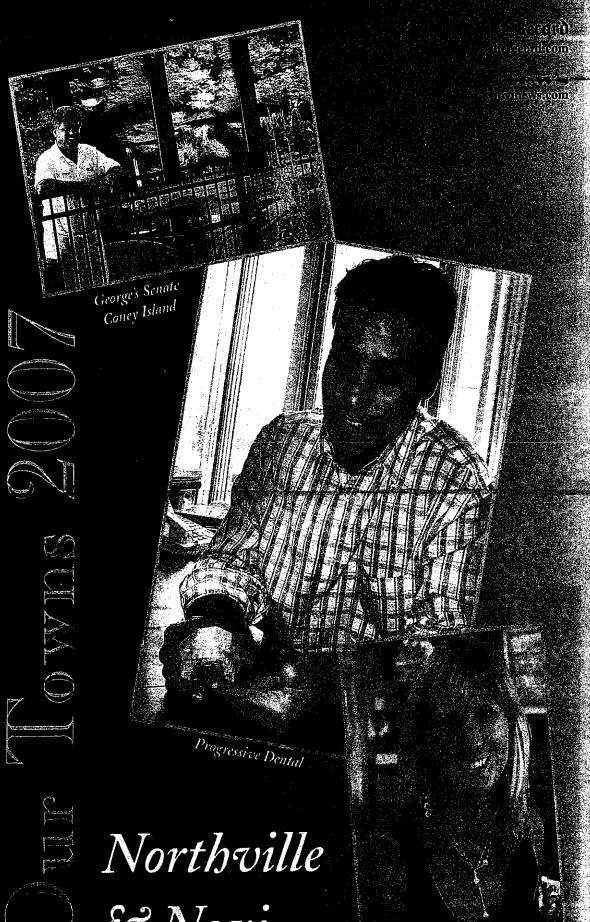
Many of the competitive dance team members are encouraged to come in during the summer to stay in shape and continue to practice. That's okay with them — many of them spend hours each day at the studio — and the results are

very positive.

"Students discipline themselves to better students in school," Sheryl added.



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Ed Robertson, one of five ASE Master Certified Technicians, has been recognized in several national comnetitions as one of the top seven technicians in North America.

# Davis Auto Care

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hat distinguishes one service business from another? Ask the folks at Davis Auto Care, who have excelled to nearly 28 years in serving customer's ano service and repair needs.

Outstanding engiance service, experienced

Outstanding customer service, experienced, highly trained staff, and competitive pricting are a good start. That all comes from building a team that cares about the customers they serve. Owner Jim Davis is proud of the ear-ing attitude of his staff.

"Some of my employees grew up in Northville, and have been with me for many years," he explained. "They view our clients more as friends and neighbors than cus-

Customers want their ears fixed right the first time. They want a thorough explanation of what's wrong, and what their options are to fix the problem. Most of all, they want

"Auto repair certainly isn't a glamorous industry." Davis acknowledged, "We're here day in and day out to win and keep our cus-

tomers with a critically important commodity

"Honesty."

The company's slogan "Integrity is the Difference" guides all staff members through every facet of the work they do. Customers are presented with detailed explanations and repair options, and the company can even e-mail a photograph of a component in question if that helps the customer.

Communications are critical and some customers are surprised the first time they speak with a woman about their vehicle's problems. Operations Manager April Rice has been with the company for nearly 20 years, and has gained the technical knowledge to explain

any problem, while maintaining the care and compassion necessary to assist customers through the decision process. "We look at a vehicle and prioritize the most critical problems for our customers. Then they can best decide how to proceed. We all have budgets we have to work within.





Kevin Meffer is meticulous about the smallest detail as he finishes a SUV at the Ultimate Image Auto Spa.



Photos by JANET HALL

Brian Roberts, manager of Jim's Oil Depot, standing next to the Tire Nitrogen fill station. He oversees minor maintenance, oil changes, and tire service.

es the savings on to its customers. Quality, name brand parts are often available at prices close to what other facilities charge for inferior products.

Customers know the staff is highly skilled.

Technicians take mandatory advanced train-ing each year, as well as having access to various online databases.

"Today's ears are so much more complex than even ten years ago," Davis shared. "Although many service intervals are longer than in the past, that makes it even more important that routine maintenance services are not neglected, and are done on time to avoid potential serious and expensive prob-

In order to make auto service as convenient as possible, the company offers many fea-tures, such as an after-hours drop box, cour-tesy shuttle rides to customer's home or office, and follow-up reminders on important routine maintenance

Because time is such a factor in everyone's life, in 1993 the company expanded and opened its drive-through quick oil change, Ilm's Oil Depot.

"The depot has made it quick and easy to get oil changes, wiper blades, tire work and

cooling system exchanges," Davis said. Another recent addition is Nitrogen gas for tires, which extends the life of tires and main-

tains tire pressure more consistently.

Convenient and efficient, "plus, everyone seems to love the train theme." The business is decorated to represent a turn-of-the-century train station, and a model train runs back and forth on elevated track.

And if the "nuts and bolts" of automotive

Auto if the little and boils of automotive service weren't enough, the most recent addi-tion to the company is the Ultimate Image Auto Spa. Here, specialized technicians see to beautifying both interior and exterior of cas. vans, SUV's and light trucks.

"Everyone loves a great looking, clean shiny car," Davis said, "but you must remem-ber that detailing is important to protect the value of your car." Road gritne, acid rain, salt and even the sun will harm a vehicle's finish."

Outstanding customer service, experienced caring staff, and competitive pricing—those are the qualities that have made Davis Auto Care the People's Choice winner five years in a row "for as long as the award has been given for Auto Repair." Jim Davis said proud-ly. Or, as he would put it, "Integrity Makes the Difference!"



Owner Jim Davis stands in front of a wall showing certifications of his Master Technicians, with experi-



to by JOHN R. HAL

Salon Agape stylist Summer works with one of the many male customers who make up approxi-mately 30 percent of the total customer base.

## Salon Agape (248) 735-1584 • www.salonagape.com

There are some exciting new things hap-pening at Salon Agape in Novi, especially for people interested in the newest and most (ashionable trends in the hair styling and

personal grooming industries.

First of all, co-owners Marilyn and Gina Sullins are introducing a new line of hairextension products from SO.CAP.USA. These hair extensions are designed for peo-ple who want to add color accents, add length, or to help with thinning hair. The extension locks are made with the best hair, are combed in the same direction as hair growth, and can be bleached and dyed. Application of the hair extensions can only be done by a certified technician — and

there are four at Salon Agape. "We sent four of our people to a class taught by an expert flown in from Chicago," said Marilyn. "We do a thorough consultation with customers considering hair extensions, If they choose to use our service we

will credit the price of the consultation."
Training is a key word for employees of
Salon Agape. The Sullins' emphasize continuing education for their staff. In the fall, employees will be taught the newest hair styling techniques from a top Aveda designer specializing in men's styling. That's good news for employees who want job growth opportunities — and for customers who are

be benefactors.

"Employees like to work here because they know we emphasize education," Marilyn added.

Speaking of Aveda, Salon Agape has introduced a new line of Aveda men's products, which are soothing, relaxing, and refreshing for any of the male customers.

Visitors to www.salonagape.com will find coupons as well as a chance to sign up for e-mail offers. Salon Agape is located at 43155 Main St., in Novi.

- By John R. Hall



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Dr. Kathy Duncan points out some of the areas of the spine that benefit from her soft-touch pressure

## **Soft Touch Chiropractic** (248) 348-2000

If there was ever a good time for getting quality pain relief, it is now. That's because Dr. Kathy Duncan, owner of Soft Touch Dr. Kamy Dimean, owher or soft Toech Chiropractic in Novi, uses a unique method of gentle, non-invasive pressure point treat-ment for all types of pain or discomfort in the back, neck, head, or legs. "With the spine as the focal point, mus-

cles are relaxed by using pressure points along the muscles in conjunction with the spine. With the muscles relaxed, the spine can readjust itself naturally."

can readjust itself naturally."

This gentle treatment can also save money. "Being proactive with your health can avoid problems long before they happen," Dr. Duncan said. "And it also puts people in control of their health."

ple in control of their health."

Keeping people happy and healthy is Dr.

Duncan's main goal. "The best part of my job is helping people each day," she added. "When someone feels good they want to tell others, too — 99 percent of my business is referral based."

Dr. Duncan is a registered nurse who had been experiencing migratine headaches. She began to study the benefits of chiropractic treatment, especially the non-invasive soft touch method, and her career path was

Soft Touch Chiropractic has been in Novi since 1990, when Dr. Duncan became its first female chiropractor.

"We treat our patients as part of our fami-iy," she said. "In fact, we have seen genera-tions of people, from grandmothers to granddaughters."

Dr. Duncan said she is seeing more mid-

dle school and high school students because of the demands made on their bodies from sports and athletic programs. "Even the heavy backpacks cause problems," she noted.
Soft Touch Chiropractic is located at 23895 Novi Road, Suite 400. To set up a consultation, call (248) 348-2000.

— By John R. Hall

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# **Center Stage Dance Company**

## (248) 380-1666 • www.dancingcenterstage.com

The philosophy of the Center Stage Dance Company of Northville is spelled out in two sentences: "We really love what we do and we want to share it! We provide a frendly, familial atmosphere with the focus on developing our students' self esteem through success in the classroom; that's a forest way of sevien weigh being from while

fancy way of saying we're having fun while we teach and learn!"

Those words reflect how owner Lisa Shapiro and her experienced staff of professionals approach every day and every stu-



Photos by JOHN HALL

The Center Stage Dance Company has an apparel

The Center Stage Dance Company has of the center stage Dance Company has built a strong reputation on teaching the art of dance for the purpose of physical, emotional, and mental development; self-esteem and confidence building; and the sheer joy of mostering to make.

of incomment to music.

The company has also built many lasting and supportive relationships.

"As a teaching team, we all share the same philosophy," Lisa said, "We have so much history with each other; we really are a family."

Another Lisa, who is a former student of the company, noted the importance of the family atmosphere.

family atmosphere.
"I can't begin to describe what it is like to be part of an extended family where you are always welcome and never forgotten," she said. "As someone who graduated from high school 15 years ago, it touches my heart to know that the studio wants me to come head done with them every year."

back and dance with them every year."

There are many reasons why students find their experience at the Center Stage find their experience at the Center Stage Dance Company so rewarding, and it all begins with the experienced staff. For example, the teaching experience includes Lisa with 28 years, assistant director Becky Hicks with 204 years, instructor Erin Goldsworthy with 10 years, and instructor Heather Rose with 8 years. Several of the staff have degrees in education, dance education and health education.

Dance classes in this non-competitive

Dance classes in this non-competitive environment include preschool and kinder-dance, ballet, lyrical, tap. jazz. and hip hop. In addition to an annual year-end recital each June, the Center Stage Dance

Company also participates in local events such as the Northville Victorian Festival, the



Young students enjoy the fun and friendships during special summer fantasy camps at the Center Stage Dance Company.

Christmas Walk and the Northville Fourth

of July Parade.

Students of all ages are encouraged to experience the care and the fun that can only come from the professional staff of the Center Slage Dance Company. One former student, Maggie, said what she learned from the company is much

more than the disciplines of dance.

"It also helped me develop my concept of myself." she said. "One thing I loved about our studio is that it was real people focusing on dance. I never felt the pressures of my body image being not right, or changing my

personality to think I was better than any-

one else."

"We ate, we danced, and we had fun —
which was a completely different story from
friends I had at other studios. The studio was like a big home. I have so many won-derful memories from dancing." It's time to begin your memories.

For more information on the fall schedule call (248) 380-1666 or visit www.dancing-centerstage.com. The studio is located at 43334 Seven Mile Road, Suite 250, just cast of Northville Road.

- By John R. Hall

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# **Totally Tan**

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Where can a person go to enjoy good conversation, a relaxed atmosphere, friendly people AND get a nice healthy tan in Novi? Totally Tan — that's where.

New owner Angela Wing is making "get-ting to know her customers and making them 100 percent happy" as her number one

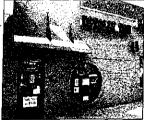
them 100 percent happy" as her number one business goal.

Since taking over ownership of the business in late May 2007. Angela has been working hard to get to know everyone who walks in the front door at her business in the Peachtree Plaza on Meadowbrook Road just south of Ten Mile.

"Tve been working 70-hour weeks just so I can meet all of my clients," she said, "I want to know them so I can serve them better. I've always gone by the belief that a

ter. I've always gone by the belief that a business should offer the best service, be friendly, and be clean." Angela has taken over for a business that

she said "has been around at least 20 years" and one that has won the "People's Choice" award from readers of The Novi News as



Totally Tan has been a Novi landmark for many

the best tanning salon. Angela plans to keep that award for years to come, too.

The one very unique thing about Totally

Tan is that clients can come and go as they Tan is that clients can come and go as they please, without having to sign any yearly membership fee or sign-up fee. People can buy a number of different packages, which include monthly, two months, six months, or one-year visits.

"This son't a typical salon where people are required to make a year-long commitment." Angela said.

And when clients do come in, they can suitably expect to use one of the five tanning suitably expect to use one of the five tanning.

usually expect to use one of the five tanning beds or two stand-up units right away. They don't have to wait to work on their tan.

"Sun tans make people look healthier and clothing colors look better, too," Angela

It is usually busier during the colder months but Totally Tan has been very busy this summer, too. Maybe that's because of some of the other products and services that

some of the other products and services that are offered.

Angela selts a variety of skin lotions, including Arbonne skin care products. She uses these products on herself because she believes that everyone, herself included, should take good care of their skin. Beyond that, Totally Tan also carries a line of jewelry items to match healthy tans. Angela is seen adding but held progressive the control of the progressive statements.

now adding full-body massages.

She is already making plans beyond her early August grand re-opening celebration.

Angela wants to brighten up the winter months by offering tea and tea sandwiches to her customers.

And as a way to add to her list of cus-tomers, she is offering a complimentary tan-ning session to all first-time visitors. "I want Totally Tan to be a place where



Photos by JOHN HALL

Anegla Wing, new owner of Totally Tan, is tooking forward to getting to know her customers.

people can say hello and visit with new friends," she added.

Totally Tan is located at 24059 Meadowbrook Road, in Novi. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, and

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information call (248) 380-3400.

- By John R. Hall



Photo by NATHAN MENCIAN

er of Larson Jewelry Design in Novi, carries the largest selection of Pandora Jewelry in the state. They've been doing business in Novi for eight years

### **Larson Jewelry Design** (248) 347-4653

"This is a fine community," said Brian Larson, who along with wife Nancy, own and operate Larson Jewelry Design in Novi. "We live here in Novi, and I wouldn't want

to do business anywhere else."

Larson has 31 years of experience as a jeweler. He is a graduate gemologist of GIA. His wife Nancy is a jewelry professional, and their daughter, Angelina, is a graduate gemologist of GIA. Larson Jewelry Design offers Festina and

Tissot revent; pessign ones pessing and Tissot watches, as well as a variety of ele-gant jewelry. And, they are able to design custom pieces for individuals as well. "Our Pandora Jewelry selection is the biggest in-store stock in Michigan," Brian

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Compared to last year, Brian says their business is up about 20 percent.

"We work hard to provide our customers

with a high level of trust and comfort," he said. "And all repairs are done on site."

Their exchange policy is generous.
"We don't argue with a customer. If
they're not happy we'd rather have the piece
back — and make it right. Our goal is to
treat them the way we ourselves want to be
treated as a customer," shared Brian.
As a community-minded business, Larson
lewely Desion is setting a high standard.

Jewelry Design is setting a high standard.
"Once a year we donate 1 percent of our total in-store sales and repairs from September to June, to the middle school our son is enrolled in," Larson said. "We give the check directly to the principal who may use it anyway he thinks will best benefit the stu-dents at the school. The check we wrote last year was for \$6,700."

Larson Jewelry is located at 43155 Main St., in Novi, and are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. They stay open until 7 p.m. on Thursday.

Stop by today. - By Nathan Menoian

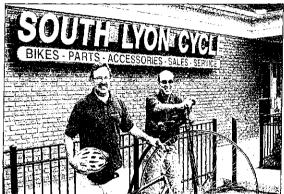


Photo by KATE PHILL IPS

Mark, left, and Gary Childs offer quality bikes, one-day repair service, tune-ups and more at South

### South Lyon Cycle (248) 437-0500

As the owners and operators of South Lyon Cycle, the Childs brothers are devoted to bikes.

ed to bikes.

South Lyon Cycle stocks a large selection of bicycles at great values, Mountain,
comfort, hybrid, road, cruiser, recumbent,
BMX, freestyle and juvenile bicycles
include top brands like Trek, Gary Fisher,
Giant, Electra, Townie, Haro and G.T.
Expert assembly is offered on all bikes.
Bikes are offered in a variety of sizes
including 12-inch, 16-inch, 20-inch and
24-inch wheel bikes for children as well as
adult models in many frames and sizes.

adult models in many frames and sizes.

Customers are sold a bike that meets their needs with proper fit for comfort and safety emphasized. Helmets are recommended and correct sizing and fit for safe-

ty and comfort is free.

South Lyon Cycle offers an extensive parts inventory and popular accessories — including trailers, child carriers, bike carriers and women's and men's gel comfort saddles. Crocs footwear and Life Is Good casual wear are also stocked.

casual wear are also stocked.
One-day repair service is available on all brands. Tune-ups are a specialty for better performance and the safety of any bike.
As our community has grown, so has South Lyon Cycle. In order to maintain the high level of service you have come to enjoy and expect, industry vecteral John Burt has been added to the full-time staff.
South Lyon Cycle is located in downtown South Lyon at 209 S. Ladyette (Pontiac Trail), two blocks south of Ten

(Pontiac Trail), two blocks south of Ten Mile Road, minutes from Island Lake State Recreation Area, Kensington Metropark, Maybury State Park, the Huron Valley Trail

System and South Lyon's Rail Trail.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- By Kate Phillips

# Michigan Heritage Bank

# (248) 380-6590 • www.miheritage.com

The brand positioning line is, "We take your

business personally."

And that is exactly what the staff of Michigan Heritage Bank does.

They pride themselves on knowing their

ricey price meniscives our nowing deer customers and being able to assess each one's needs on an individual, personal basis. "We know our customers by their first name and know their families, too," said Karen Prymak, Novi Branch Manager. "We are just

Prymak, Novi Branch Manager. "We are just like an old-fashioned bank."

Karen said it is important to make customers feel very special and appreciated. That's good to know because Michigan Heritage Bank customers put a lot of trust in bank employees. It can be something as important as Totally Free Checking or the Senior Classic Account — or could be as simple as a single directions.

ple as giving directions.

"We have one customer who often stops by just to get directions to where he is going,"

Karen laughed. "That's the kind of trust we have developed."

Karen also gave the example of a customer who sends in deposit money for her Michigan Heritage Bank account but who has never

Heritage Bank account but who has never stopped by the bank to meet any of the staff. "We talk on the phone a lot and she feels she can trust me," Karen added.

But, it isn't just great customer service that sets this 10-year-old institution apart from other similar businesses — it is the banking

services it offers For example, the Premier Account has six

"The more money the customer keeps in,

the higher the interest rate," she said,
By opening a Classic Checking Account,
customers are automatically enrolled in the
Michigan Heritage Bank Advantage Club
which includes free checking, notary, fax, wire
transfers, telephone banking, overdraft protec-

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tion, and 24-hour (ATM) banking.
"There are more than 2,000 ATM locations where customers can bank without any

charges," Karen added.
Commercial customers also have the option of adding an eDeposit feature for quick scanning of business checks. A scanner is attached to the business computer and scanned checks are automatically deposited via an online Internet connection.

"It saves time, is convenient, and there is

less chance for error," Karen said. Another new feature from Michigan

Heritage Bank is the Health Savings Account (HSA). Karen said the HSA is a way to put oney in a special account owned by vidual to pay current and future medical expenses. Karen made it a point to say that deposits to an HSA are usually tax deductable and that earnings in the account grow tax free. She explained that an HSA is for people

who have a High Deductable Health Plan which is a type of affordable health insurance. People who are self-employed are the first people to open an HSA, but anyone who is employed and whose company offers a High Deductable Health Plan can have a Health

"The money in the account rolls over from year to year," Karen said. "A one-time contri-bution to this HSA from an individual retire-



Branch Manager Karen Prymak, left, and Lisa Jouppi, Customer Service Representative, are two professionals who take personal service to a new

ment account (IRA) is not subject to income

Michigan Heritage Bank in Novi is one of

five branches in metro Detroit.

Branch hours are from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday drive-

Great services with the personal touch — two reasons why Michigan Heritage Bank is the choice of many people.

- Bv John R. Hall



Michigan Heritage Bank is conveniently located on Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile in Novi.

Boo Sadikot, owner of Fitness Together, says his clients took good in public because they have the support of a trainer who provides encouragement and instruction in a private setting

# Fitness Together

(248) 348-9230 • www.ftnovi.com Fitness Together is dedicated and

focused on helping clients get into the best shape of their life. Achieving that goal is done through working one-on-one with a personal trainer.

The concept isn't new, but it is catching on and becoming more affordable. Surpassing health clobs with personal service, and offering the four components of fitness, said owner Boo Sadikot, "It's what people are looking for now. The goal is to help elients get into the best shape of

Personal trainers work with each client in one of three private, and fully equipped

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At litness Together, it's all about the

There is no membership fee, and our

Salon

D'MARS

(248) 465-9077

There is a lot of networking going on at the Salon D'MARS in Novi, And that's a good thing. Owner Denise Cook is proud of her staff and the expe-

rience they share with other staffers and altimately with Salon D'MARS customers,
"We are blended from a lot of different salons," said

Denise, "Everyone here picks up tricks from other peo-ple who already have had a lot of experience."

Denise said that there are no big egos among her employees. They all have fun and respect each other. That shows with customers, who visit Salon D'MARS

because they have fun, are treated well, and benefit from the collective knowledge of the staff.
"We are always asking each other for advice on how to do things," said Denise. "We will even have consultations with each other right in front of the customers."

The spirit of cooperation is just one reason why Salon

D'MARS has been successful in its first four years in the

clients can choose from a variety of session chemic can there from a variety of session packages," explained Sadikot. "All nine of our personal fitness trainers are degreed and certified in their field."

Those new to Fitness Together receive a complimentary session, followed by a fit-ness assessment. It shows their current fit-ness level, and how they can proceed to a better level of fitness through the four compopents of fitness consisting of nutrition.

cardio, strength training and flexibility. Clients also enjoy complimentary bottled This fall, Sadikot will open Elements Therapeutic Massage next door to his fit-

through Friday, and 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday Fitness Together is located at 47210 Ten

Mile Road, next door to CVS.



Nate Eurlana P.T. Technician is consulting Beverly Intihar on the proper use of one of the many

## Northville Physical Rehabilitation P.C. (248) 349-9339 • www.northvillephysicalrehab.com

Physical rehabilitation is an extension of medical care that many patients receive as a step in their recovery. Not getting the right therapy can be frustrating, dehuman-izing and decrease a patient's quality of

life rather than improve it.

Dennis Engerer, director of Northville. Physical Rehabilitation said, "If you are dissatisfied with care being given to a family member at a nursing home or hospital, please come in and tour our facility and get

a second opinion."

Northville Physical Rehabilitation has a full range of rehabilitation services right here in town that provides the same, or better, care than any hospital.

"We provide transportation to our facili-ty from a patient's home. We offer general orthopedic to neurological rehabilitation programs. From a simple shoulder strain to complex issues that may takes years to treat," Dennis said. Having been in the business for 22 years and just having opened his third facility. Dennis and his staff of professionals believe in giving their patients the kind of care that ensures a great quality of life and much more than you might have come to "Most people don't realize that they are

eligible for in-home care." Dennis advised. In-home care provides recovering individuals the comforts of home and a positive mental boost not found in nursing homes

cases, and Northville Physical Rehabilitation offers the highest ratio of

trained professionals to patients in the area. Northville Physical Rehabilitation is located at 215 E. Main St., in Northville. Take a virtual tour online or cal! to schedule a personal tour and consultation, today.

— By Michael Pilotta

# **Progressive Dental Group**

(248) 349-7560 • www.progressivedental.net

ood old-fashioned, down-toearth dentistry is one thing that Dr. David Salah of the Progressive Dental Group is happy to offer to patients at his practice on Novi Road in Novi. For the past 12 years, Dr. Salah and his staff have steadily grown the business through patient referrals — people who tell their friends and families about

the good treatment they received at the Progressive Dental Group. That approach works well for patients who can rely on Dr. Salah and his staff to consult with them on the best way to

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- Dr. Bavid Salah

using the most up-to-date dental technology. "We have a referral

club," Ire often refer Dr. Salah. are rewarded with gift cards to

rants or Barnes & Noble Books are the best compliment

a patient can give us." Dr. Salah explained. Referrals have been practice has grown." But it

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ness.

Dr. Salah moved his practice into its present location on Novi Road seven s patients. "Now we are finally growing into our

"Now we are finally growing into our spacious office." he added.

"We have always been more of an all-around practice for kids and families." he said. "We practice good quality dentistry and take pride in our cosmetic achievements, but we are not a boutique-like practice."

Dr. Salah and his staff have been preceding the nast several months transispending the past several months transitioning patients of retired Northville dentist Gary Greely to his own practice. Greely had been in business for 27 years

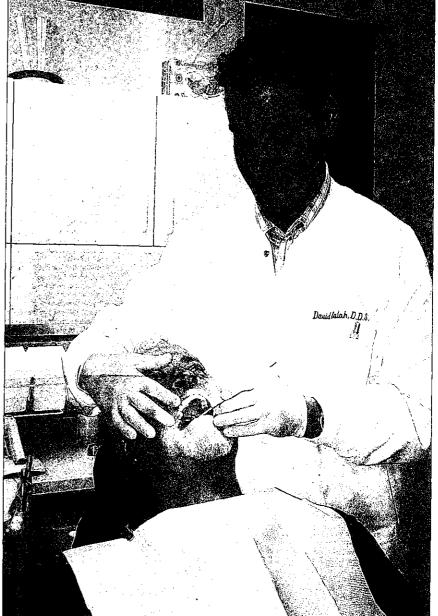
and Dr. Salah understood it wouldn't be easy for some of these patients to start all over again with a new dentist. One way of making the transition comfortable was a letter of introduction Dr. Salah sent to each of the patients. He also takes the time to show them around the office so they can become

Part of that strategy has involved inging Dr. Greely's staff member into he business.
Dr. Salah is very proud of his entire

familiar with how the office is run,

staff, calling them "very professional and well-trained. Everyone in our office uses excellent judgment," he said. His own background includes gradua-tion from the University of Michigan

Dental School in 1994. In addition to



The atmosphere is always friendly and relaxed for patients visiting with Dr. David Salah of the Progressive Dental Group

Peachtree Plaza at the corner of Meadowbrook and Ter Mile Road. There are many other reasons, 100.

Co-owners Cook and Russell Spaulding have developed a loyal following and have established their salon

Above, Robin Hayden, left, and Kris Proteau consult over a customer. At right, Julie

as one of the very best to serve the Novi and Northville "We have people who visit us from outside the area,

including one who visits from Ohio every six weeks," Russell said, "I like what I do. And people who work for me really like what they do."

Their three nail technicians are "fabulous" according

Their pink and whites [nail treatments] look like French manieures," she added, "Customers have told us these are the very best,"

Salon D'MARS offers hair styling at "very reasonable prices," full nail service including gels, and walk-in customers are always welcome.

Denies and aways wercome.

Denies said her staff works a lot of wedding parties, starting out the special days in a relaxed atmosphere and catering to their customer's every need.

Maybe that's why so many of the customers recommend Salon D' MARS to other people.

"We get a lot of word-of-mouth business," she added.

"We probably have a 60 percent to 40 percent split of female and male customers."

Customers also benefit from the flexible hours that Salon D'MARS is open. Hair stylist Bill Swearengin is

usually working at 7 a.m. each morning for the early-rising customers. Normal business hours are from 7 a.m. to rsday, / a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Salon D'MARS employees are happy to share their

opinions of the atmosphere inside the business. Margie Funke said the salon is a "great balance of young and old. male and female. It is very homey yet professional." Julie Cotton said her fellow employees "make me feel

comfortable. Everybody pitched in to help me and my customers when I had a baby recently, too."
Lisa Jeziorski was very straightforward in her assessment. "This is the happiest I have ever been with a job."

she said.

It sounds like customers are finding out that the happiest of times are ones they spend at Salon D'MARS, too.

Call (248) 465-9077 today to experience the fun and expertise at Salon D'MARS for yourself.

By John R. Hall

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formal training at U-M, Dr. Salah has actively been pursuing advanced educa-tion in the areas of endodontics (root canal therapy), Temporo-Mandibular Joint (TMJ) and occlusal (bite) therapy. neat options.

He is also very active in the implant

study group of Oakland County.

Dr. Salah annually takes twice the legal requirement for continuing educa-tion hours.

working with the latest porcelain veneers called Lumineers, Lumineers are as thin as contact lenses and require Salah said he can show what the vencers would look like on a model of a patient's teeth, before proceeding with the application, making patients more

comfortable with their decisions. "I really enjoy performing cosmetic dentistry," Dr. Salah said. "It is one of the most rewarding dental procedures we perform, and patients seem to appre-

Another way Dr. Salah likes to show his patients their options is by using a camera, which is placed inside the patient's mouth and shows everything in

"Cameras are still the best piece of uipment because it helps people derstand what treatment they need,"

he said.

Dr. Salah likes one more thing about Dr. Salan likes one more imig aroust his profession — meeting people out in the community who are his patients.

Dr. Salah is an active member of the Northville and Novi communities. He lives in Northville with his wife Angel and his children Alexander, Adriaana and Rachael. Being active in the chil-dren's Northville schools and Northville and Novi sports, Dr. Salah is as visible People know about me and my fami-

ly - and I like seeing people in the community as well as in the office," Dr.

The Progressive Dental Group is located at 21580 Novi Road, Suite 100, south of Nine Mile Road. Office hours vary, including late ights on Wednesday and Thursday until

For more information or to arrange an appointment call (248) 349-7560 or visit

Cotton, Denise Cook, Kris Proteau and Margie Funke. 6 • Our Towns - Northville & Novi • August 16, 2007

The staff of Salon D'MARS includes, from left, back row, Russell

Spaulding, Elaine Nichols, Robin Hayden, Judy Harris, Bill Swearengin and Lisa Jeziorski, In front are Jennifer Remordini, Julie

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Visit La Casa del Río Grande in New Hudson for family fun and authentic Mexican cuisine, served in

# La Casa del Rio Grande

(248) 446-7700 • www.riogrande-restaurant.com Don't go south of the Rio Grande for authentic Mexican food — visit La Casa del Rio Grande, on the south side of

Grand River Avenue, in New Hudson. To owner Dawn Salvati, this restaurant's location has a very personal mean-ing — the name "La Casa del Rio Grande" means "the house on Grand River." "This restaurant is actually the site of my childhood home and has been in

my family for over 45 years," said Salvati.
This family-oriented restaurant serves up a variety of authentic Mexican dishes, all made on the premises (with the exception of tamales).
"You'll find our quality of food and our atmosphere to be much more authentic than a national chain," said Salvati. "All

of our recipes come from Central

"Kids Days," with discounts on meals, including beverage and dessert.

La Casa del Rio Grande is home to the

margarita - with a special house margarita called "The Spyder." "At least once a month, we have a margarita party," said

Special events keep the atmosphere lively and fun, including "Earlybird

Specials" served from 3-5 p.m. Sundays and Wednesdays are "Margarita Days" with house margaritas on special. Mondays are "All You Can Eat Taco Days" and Tuesdays and Saturdays are

Open for lunch, dinner and carryout seven days a week, this is YOUR destina-tion for fine Mexican food, Call-aheads

parties with heaping servings of Mexican or American favorites. Mostacelli with meat sauce. Chicken Marsala, and Beef Burgundy are popular American favorites.

— By Sally Rummel



Sue Riggleman provides unique, stylish, affordable clothing for women who want to look good, but not look like everyone else. Her store, Uptown Threads, is celebrating it's first anniversary.

## **Uptown Threads** (248) 684-7346

It's an exciting anniversary at Uptown

After just one year in business, Uptown Threads is already a destination shop for those visiting Milford. It's the clothing — trendy, appealing fashions that look good on women of all

ages.
It's the fun, lively atmosphere that

makes shopping enjoyable.

But most importantly, it's the expertise of owner Sue Riggleman. She hand-selects the perfect clothing for the popular store. It's all priced moderately sowomen can afford to look good.

Sue, and co-worker Cindy Landry, work closely with customers to help them put together outfits that compliment their body type and unique sense of personal style. They get to know reg-ular customers and even call them when pieces arrive they may have interest in. "It's a different sort of customer service here," said Suc. "Not only do we have beautiful clothing, but we can show you how to put together great outfits that

look good on you."

Many new fall lines are arriving in the store, including the hottest trend - chic

to wear the same thing everyone clee is wearing," said Sue. "Quantities are limited so everyone is encouraged to stop in often for best selections — and there's always something new coming in." Uptown Threads is located at 423 N.

Main St., in Milford. The store is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 8

# Paradise Park

(248) 735-1050

# www.paradiseparknovi.com

then the big tent goes up at Paradise Park, it's a sure thing that another party is about to begin at the indoor/outdoor entertainment facility on

Grand River Avenue in Novi. The popular park features many indoor and outdoo



Miniature golf at Paradise Park is always a favorite for visitors who are looking for fun or for partygoers who see it as friendly

game room, miniature golf with waterfalls and rivers, Daytona-style go-kart track, trampoline center, climbing walls, and soccer cages. Beyond that, Paradise Park is also the host to many birthday parties, holiday events, and corporate team-building events.

and corporate team-building events.

These events also include holiday parties, bar mitzvahs, and graduation parties, "We have even hosted a wedding rehearsal," said co-owner Theresa Wainwright. "The wedding party had a ball!"

Theresa and her husband, co-owner Jeff Wainwright, knew they had a good thing as the winner of the Novi News' "2007 People's Choice Award" for the best entertainment facility. They are now learning that the good feeling of Paradise Park vivings is one spreading to the

feeling of Paradise Park visitors is now spreading to the

adult and corporate world as well.

Oh yes, the entertainment is still very much oriented to kids. Take the Laser Tag With Santa event last year where kids had fun chasing the man in the red suit around the laser tag course, followed by a delicious continental breakfast for the hungry participants, "That was the most fun that I can remember." Theresa said. But now the older kids are getting in on the fun too,

since fun has no age limit. One company, Visteon, rented the outdoor go-kart track and rewarded its top salespeople with a chance to challenge each other to fun, competitive races. The winners got bragging rights.

"These people take their go-karting and laser tag very seriously," Theresa laughed. She added that Paradise Park prefers to caler each party but party sponsors can use out-side calerers as long as Jeff or Theresa approves them; because they believe in standing by their good reputation. "We don't want to be associated with an outside vendor who does not meet our standards" she added

three separate rooms, which hold 15 people each. Room dividers can be removed to accommodate 30 to 45 peo-ple, too. The café room (where mouth-watering, freshly baked food can be purchased) accommodates up to 96



The slick-track go-kart track at Paradise Park provides many fun-

their fun, Paradise Park also offers lock-in parties. Attendees are allowed to spend the night in the facility under locked-down conditions. They can enjoy unlimited time on selected venues and play all night. The party also includes a selected venues and play all night.

includes a midnight meal. "All invitees must sign an agreement that they will not leave the facility because once the doors are locked, there is no letting anyone back in." Theresa said. It's unlikely that anyone would want to leave a place where they were

having so much fun. And speaking of fun. Paradise Park also offers the very popular Grand Paradise Package party package, which allows people to enjoy a custom cake, 25 arcade tokens, and a two-bour wristband to enjoy unlimited fun.

For more information on unlimited fun at Paradisc Park, call (248) 735-1050 or visit www.paradisepar-









# **Smiles For A Lifetime Accent Denture** Center

(517) 586-4051

"Duke (Sterling) gave me

or need a cleaning, you go to a dentist. But when you need dentures, you should go to Accent Denture Center where owner Duke

"All of my work is hand-crafted by me and y guaranteed," Sterling said. "Although no laws require a provider to refund fees, my ethical approach mandates that I provide total satisfaction. I offer both at product guarantee and a

wear-out warranty. Sterling handles the entire process of esthetic rehabilitation himself. He meets with clients for a free consultation and evaluation. He creates the dentures himself and then works with

the client to ensure they are happy with them.
"If the patient is not satisfied, they get their
money back right away." Sterling said. "There is no waiting, no arguing."

Sterling takes the time to educate his patients and includes them on the entire

"Many of my patients say they have received a very intimate and interesting education on the process of the way dentures are made, because they are involved in the process," he said. "They find out many secrets about den-tures that they didn't already know."

Geneva Dental Technology

"Everything I do is based on Geneva Technology," Sterling said.

Since the upper anterior teeth determine certain facial features, as well as a person's

type of customization and often times a per-Standard dentures also provide a uniform row of identical teeth that often look fake. Geneva uses individually sculpted teeth that

smile, it is imperative to get the correct width, length and amount of teeth showing in order to maintain a person's appearance. Traditional dentures do not allow for this

fit properly. The teeth also go through a special process that mimies the transparency, translucence and refractive qualities of natural teeth.

When finished, the dentures look so much

like natural teeth, no one will know they aren't.

Sterling said his patients always appreciate the smiles he is able to create.

One patient, Pat Walls, went to three differences.

ent dentists in the area over the years. She never had any of her dentures fit properly until she went to Sterling. "He is truly the Duke of Dentures," she said.

isfied with his new dentures and the service he received.
"Duke gave me a smile for a lifetime," he

a smile for a lifetime."

Duke Sterling
Sterling is not new to the world of dentures.
He has been in the business since 1969 and has been working in the Brighton area for 25

years.
His new location, located off of Dorr Road between Brighton and Howell, has been open since 2003.

since 2003.

His reputation has spread throughout the state and beyond with clients traveling from Ohio, Chicago, Pennsylvania, Copper Harbor, Detroit, Lansing and other places to work with

Sterling.

Sterling has done some work at no charge and has, on occasion, visited house-bound patients in their home in order to provide them

with the best possible service.

Sterling believes that with the many options, giving quality and patient education through the process of truth, his customers are receiving compassionate value in their removable restoration. The Duke can give us smiles back.

Accent Denture Center is located at 5840 Sterling Dr., off of Dorr Road between Brighton and Howell. It is open by appoint

ment only. Call (517) 586-4051 to set up your appoint-

- By Candy Spiegel

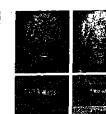
# Sterling says, "All dentures are not created equal."















The staff includes, from left, Bachel Policelli, office assistant: Tracey Otceski, office assistant: Jude Howison, office manager, and her dog Scribbles: Dr. Ronald Studer, D.V.M.; and Dr. John Parker, D.V.M.

## **Briarpointe Veterinary Clinic** (248) 449-7447 • www.bpvet.com

Dr. John Parker love what they do. "We have over 50 years experience between the two of us," Dr. Studer

explained.

The clinic takes care of dogs, cats. pocket pets, birds, and a few other species as well. Preventive medicine is something they emphasize. Some of the services they provide include blood tests, X-rays, dental surgery, mass removal. GI surgery and bladder stone removal. They also have their own in-office pharmacy, and carry prescription

Dr. Studer says at Briarpointe they

don't tell the client what to do.

Taking care of hundreds of pets is no casy task, but at Briatpointe Veterinary Clinic in Novi, Dr. Ronald Studer, and business partners and when they see a net that needs care outside of their

expertise, they have no problem refer-ring the client to a specialist.

"It does happen that a pet will need care from a specialist, whether for the heart, neurology, or even dermatology. We have a network of professionals we feel confortable referring them to," Dr. Studer said.

When an emergency arises, during the late night and off hours, there is an animal emergency center available in the area.

Briarpointe is located at the corner of Ten Mile and Beck roads. They have appointments available Monday through Friday as well as Saturda

morning. Call them at (248) 449-7447.



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Orin Mazzoni III and Sina Mazzoni represent three generations of a true family business that has served Northville for 25 years.

# **Orin Jewelers**

(248) 349-6940 • www.orinjewelers.com

There is one word that stands out when the name Orin Jewelers is Inentioned tradition.

The popular jeweler, located at the corner of Center and Main in downtown Northville, has established a tradition of fine customer service in a friendly atmos

phere since it first opened its doors in 1983.

But the tradition started long before that.

In 1933, Orin J. Mazzoni, Sr. opened up his first jewelry store in West Virginia. He brought his family to Michigan and in 1953, Orin and his wife Mary moved their family to Garden City and set up business under the name Orin Jewelers, where their son Orin Mazzoni, Jr. took over the family

ried on the name by opening up their sec-ond store in Northville, which is operated by Orin J. Mazzoni III, grandson of the

Orin's sister, Gina, joined the Northville staff six years ago. Like her brother, Gina is a Graduate Gemologist and Certified

"We have a great team here," she said.
"There is a great deal of experience here, including one of our sales associates who has been with us since the Northville store opened."

Beyond the great customer service,

which Gina said is a main reason "everyone loves us and comes to see us," Orin Jewelers has a reputation for carrying the finest jewelry items by leading designers such as Hearts on Fire, Tacori, Peter Storm Scott Kay, Jewels by Star, Mark Schneider, Mikimoto, Pandora, and CYMA.

Gina is especially proud of the Hearts on Fire line of diamonds, which she describes as "the world's most perfectly cut diamond. It takes four times longer to cut it than a

She said this line is preferred among Orin Jeweler's customers, and one which she loves to represent. That's good for customers who don't always know what they

want.
"A lot of people may not be sure of what they are looking for and we help them by showing them a large sampling of products," she said. One again, it all goes back



Onn Jewelers has been a regular part of the



A display of 'Hearts on Fire' diamond jewelry is reflected in the window of Orin Jewelry It jewelry features like world's most perfectly cut

That same customer service is reflected in the availability of many different custom

jewelry items,
"We do a lot of custom work," Gina said. "If we don't have what the customer is looking for, we have a full custom design workshop in our Garden City showrooi

and can make just about anything someone

could imagine."

An example of an in-store product that has been very popular is the Pandora designer bracelets. The sterling silver charms are popular because they can be assembled to represent each person's own individual personality.

also treats Orin Jewelers' customers to a once-a-year visit during Northville's Victorian Festival in September. The popular designer spends a day showing her s cial weave-pattern jewelry. It is just one more way that Orin Jewelers plays an active role in community

events by blending in its fine products and Gina added, "My brother believes that our mission is to put customer service above anything else."

It is a mission that has become a tradi-

tion on the corner of Center and Main.

For more information call (248) 349-6940 or visit www.orinjewelers.com. - By John R. Hall

# Gayle's DancePhase

(248) 305-5600 • www.gaylesdancephase.com

elebrating their 25th year anniversary season, Gayle's DancePhase in Wixom is gearing up for another year of classes. Fall enrollment is currently under way

and classes start September 4.

Their theme for this upcoming season is "Where Dreams Begin, Friendships Grow, and Goals Are Achieved."

New families will receive \$5 off during

registration.
Gayle's DancePhase offers jazz and tap. ballet and pointe, lyrical and hip-hop, and tumbling classes. Competition groups and The Majestic Dance Ensemble Ballet Company for Youth are also part of Gayle's DancePhase.

Instructors are members of, and are cer-tified to teach by, Dance Masters of America, Dance Educators of America and The Ceechetti Council of America.

Gayle Winnie, and Tina Bishop, sisters, are co-owners of the studio and passionate about their work.
"We strive for the students to come out

with strong technical training, which helps them in other areas such as athletics, and any avenue they pursue in life or business. Self-confidence is something they take with them from our classes." Winnie said.

Instructors select their own class music, which is edited for time and content. Winnie said it is important for parents to know that Gayle's DancePhase is familyfriendly with appropriate music.
Students perform in recitals, local parades and shows. There also are compe-

tion teams traveling throughout the state nd country in various competitions.

In fact, they recently returned from Las Vegas, where their senior students competed and won first overall in jazz for "Digital". They also took first overall with All smiles and ready for class, ballet students learn composure and develop confidence

"Rock Your Soul" in the lyrical competi-tion, and Danielle Evasic took first overall as teen soloist to the song "Many Rivers".

Though most of the students are girls,
Winnie says that boys dance free when a
sister is enrolled there. For talented boys, she said, scholarships are available.

"We really love what we do here," she added. "And we work hard to keep it affordable, especially for our competition

Instructors train in Las Vegas and Los

Angeles during the summer. They'll also be attending the Paula Morgan Dance Intensive five-day training program in California before fall registration begins.

"We're not just a shake and shimmy stu-dio. We go beyond that and our students receive a true dance education," Winnie said. "This is a place where students can grow, make good friends and have quality

"We're not just a shake and shimmy studio. We go beyond that and our students receive a true dance education. This is a place where students can grow, make good friends and have quality time.

earn honor roll status, and go on to college with confidence. Many of their graduates are now performing in California, New York and Las Vegas, as well as teach-ing in schools and running their own stu-

Class times are available for afterschool and evening, as well as for stay-at-home mons, and home-schooled students. Because of their location at 51770 Grand River Ave., in Wixom, they are

conveniently close to Novi, South Lyon, New Hudson, and Walled Lake. Add dance to your life today. For more information on fall registration and class availability, call (248) 305-5600.

- By Nathan Menoiar

# **Main Street Bank**

# (248) 449-3700 • www.mainstreetbank.net

has arrived in community banking and leading the way in the Northville community is Main

Street Bank. Since March 2004, Main Street Bank has taken personal banking to a different level by offering a relaxed atmosphere to conduct business in while maintaining the convenience of banking offsite with Web banking and free ATM usage.

The success of its first branch, at 201 E. Main St., in Northville, has prompted the creation of a new office and main head-quarters at 133 E. Main Street. A Main Street Bank in Plymouth opened on July 30 at 706 S. Main St.

The community bank's hometown feel is what customers remember most.
"We want people to feel comfortable as soon as they come in," said president and COO, Audrey Mistor. "This hometown

The kobby of Main Street Bank resembles a combination of hotel conclerge and a home's family room — giving it a homey feel.

television set, and magazines. Its décor matches the other branches, too. added chairman and CEO Rick Shaffner. feel is the same as it would be for people

"If you walk in any branch you know you are in a Main Street Bank." In fact, the hometown atmosphere is just the beginning of many long lasting friendships between bank employees and

desk looks more like a hotel concierge than a typical bank lobby. There are

always snacks and beverages — and lots

The lobby is also filled with chairs, a

"It almost has a family-room feel to it,"

customers. Main Street Bank's slogan in "Once we meet you we never forget you."

Rick said that there has been a trend

roward the smaller, more personal commu-nity bank ever since the recent bank merger mania had begun. A lot of good bank managers were displaced by the mergers and chose to open community banks, which take a more personal approach to

ice" be added "We don't want people to call us and get nothing but voicemail serv-

And the beauty of working with Main Street Bank is that if a person does not have the time to visit, they can do their personal and business banking online or at one of thousands of ATMs across the

Business owners can do their banking via Remote Deposit Express — banking using a scanner to scan checks and deposit them via a secure Web site portal, "This is a wonderful service that allows

business owners to do their banking with-



Audrey Mistor, president and COO, and Rick Shaffner chairman & CEO, of Main Street Bank are happy to be in the community banking business in Northville.

out leaving their office. It's the ultimate in convenience for the small business wner," said Rick.

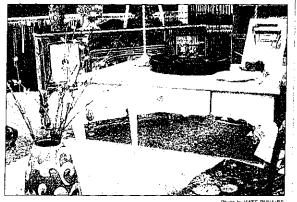
Audrey added that their bank appreci-

ates working with small businesses espe cially, since "they are what we are. She also said that Main Street Bank offers the convenience of free ATM ba nience of free ATM bank ing anywhere in the world, for the first six

transactions each month. Many times customers will make an initial visit to the bank to set up an account and never come back, not because they didn't like the great atmosphere, but because they save time by banking via ATMs and the Internet.

"But if you want to come in we would love to see you," laughed Audrey. For more information on Main Street Bank, call (248) 449-3700, or visit www.mainstreetbank.net.

- By John R. Hall



Your Nesting Place carries furniture and decorating accessories, including refurbished antiques.

## **Your Nesting Place** (248) 685-7314

Many customers are driving in for the creative genius of Your Nesting Place in downtown Milford.

The shop is a source of inspiration for those who are trying to create an interesting and comfortable space in their home. It carries a large selection of furniture, rugs. unps, artwork, decorative accessories and

gifts.

With just one step inside, it's instantly

Northin Place is different clear that Your Nesting Place is different from typical furniture and home decor

and trade shows herself in order to handselect items that aren't found in other

In addition to selecting unique pieces of furniture and decor, the layout of the store offers a variety of decorating ideas. With spaces set up in various styles and color palettes, customers can get an idea of how

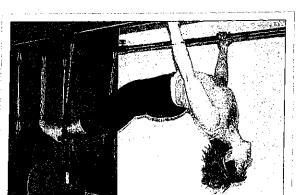
The well-known designer is even avail-able for design consultations in private

homes.
Your Nesting Place also carries a full line
of Flexsteel custom furniture. Consumer Reports named Flexsteel sofas as "Best

Buy" in a recent publication.
"This furniture is wonderful quality with moderate prices," said Chris. "It will look great for many years to come. Chris also re-furbishes antiques that mix well with newer pieces to create a unique, cozy look. The store has a large selection of

antique buffets, desks, tables and shelves. Your Nesting Place is located at 332 N. Main St., in downtown Milford.
Hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.n.. Monday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and some Sundays.

— By Kate Phillips



Poise Pilates co-owner Heldi Malzahn demonstrates a training exercise featuring the trapeze table, the same equipment designed by Pilates' Inventor Joseph Pilates

# **Poise Pilates**

## (248) 349-3100 • www.poise-pilates.com

People of all ages are learning the benefits of physical training with the Pilates Method. Pilates is a system of full body strength training exercises which focus on the deep muscles of the core while increasing flexibility throughout the body. The training has been available to members of the Northville community since 2001 at Poise Pilates, co-owned by Heidi Malzahn and Susan Steinke.

Pilates' appeal to all age groups continues to grow as people learn more about The Method, which was developed by Joseph Pilates in the 1920s. Pilates dedicated his life to helping himself and others overcome physical weakness and faulty posture through his exercise system. Malzahn's stu-dents range in age from 15-91 years of age, some of whom are physical therapy clients

at the studio. "We are able to provide physical therapy to clients with a doctor's prescription. We also get many clients who have finished physical therapy due to illness or injury, and work with them to develop customized training." Malzahn said. Her staff of eight includes a licensed physical therapist. Because the Pilates Method includes over 500 exercises of widely varying difficulty, Pilates can be practiced by nearly anyone,

regardless of their current physical condition Malzuhn began practicing Pilates 10 years own body. She can pass on improved posture, long Jean strong muscles, better flexibility and reduced lower back pain to her clients. She is a Certified Pilates Teacher through Core Dynamics Pilates, taught by Master Pilates Teachers Michele Larsson and Margarette Raymond. Poise Pitates is a fully equipped studio located at 186 E. Main St., in downtown Northville.

The staff of instructors conduct private and small group sessions by appointment.

Prices range from \$20 to \$75 per hour. The

90-minute initial private session for \$25 is
the best way to start. The staff recommends two to three sessions per week to achieve



Dr. Allen Tuchklaper, at The Novi Family Dental Centre, says they're all about taking care of the

### **Novi Family Dental Centre** (248) 348-3100

Dr. Allen Tuchklaper is just back from Yellowstone National Park in Utah, where he took part in a Smiles for Life fundraiser providing teeth whitening for those in need brough various charities. Twenty dentists from around the country participated by rid-ing Harley Davidson motorcycles and rais-ing \$100,000 for the event put on by The wn Council.

That is just one way Dr. Tuchklaper stays involved helping others. He's most known throughout Novi for his quality family dental practice. His many services include prevenive dentistry, veneers, porcelain crowns, ixel bridges, periodontal treatment. implants, dentures/overdentures, and sealants for children's teeth.

"We've been in Novi 27 years and do all aspects of dentistry," Dr. Tuchklaper said.

Part of my practice is cosmetic dentistry, and we can make just about any situation aesthetically appealing.

Novi Family Dental Centre is a member of The Greater Novi Chamber, and involved in various events throughout Novi, including the annual 50's Festival.

"Technology helps us take better care of our patients. Part of this technology is a machine, called CERAC, which enables us to make crowns in just about an hour. That means no lab work," Dr. Tuchklaper said. Patients there are treated on time and

oral sedation is made available. "Basically, we take care of kids to adults here," Dr. Tuchklaper says, "Our experience makes the difference. Right now we're expanding to allow new patients to join us Novi Family Dental Centre is located at

the care you deserve. - By Nathan Menoian

43410 W. Ten Mile Road, in the Eaton

The newest salesmen serving customers at Perfect Floors are, from left, Ronnie Williams, and Doug

## **Perfect Floors** (248) 437-2838

Perfect Floors, in South Lyon, will match or beat any legitimate flooring price. And along with that yow, owner Ron Williams said they remain steadfast in their promise to provide great service, and customer satisfac-

Perfect Floors knows that the economy has been slow and sluggish, so they have rolled back prices, and are offering one year same as each on their flooring selections

Hardwood floors are quite popular these days, said Williams. It's something different,

and families are discovering the beauty of a good hardwood floor. Perfect Floors carries a large selection of it, too. But that isn't all they sell. Carpeting of every texture and color, vinyl flooring, laminate, and hardwood flooring can be found at Perfect Floors. There are hundreds of samples in their spacious 10,000-square-foot showroom from name-brand flooring manu-facturers. They also carry area rugs, and will

special order the larger sizes. It's their business to know all they can about flooring. They do it well, and regard-less of what the customer purchases, compa-ny crews of experienced installers handle the

"We take care of new construction homes and of course existing homes. And something we do that often gets overlooked these days, is flooring for manufactured homes

and even motor homes," says Williams.

Taking care of the customers are Ron Sr., his son Rotule — who has worked his way up through the family business - and Doug Wiseman, an experienced flooring sales

Trail, in South Lyon, and is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thesday and Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. — By Nathan Menoian

# **Jackson Landscape Solutions**

Lyon and Novi, recently displayed land-scape earlying at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi during a home and

"Since that garden show we have installed more than 13,000 feet of curbing," Jackson said, "Curbing is becoming quite popular. People are tired of the old black plastic edg-

The family owned and operated company, known for making over tired landscapes into

ents.

Curbing is an elegant, yet heavy-duty, method of edging landscapes, flower beds, gardens, trees, walkways and drives. Unlike plastic edging or timber, curbing does not



Jackson Landscaping turns ordinary homes into extraordinary homes with beautiful landscape designs.

(248) 486-8992 • (248) 349-4950 • www.landscapingmakeovers.com allow weeds or grass to infiltrate a planting bed, and likewise does not allow beds or

mulch to creep onto the lawn.
It not only gives a clean and neat appearance to a landscape, but keeps the landscape from coloring outside the lines. Although new to Michigan, landscape curb-ing is popular in many states and in Canada, where it has brought dimension and infused style into tired landscapes with little upheaval

to the homeowner or the pocketbook Traditional edging has met its match with curbing. Curbing does not move, it does not pop up out of the ground nor allow itself to be pushed around or infiltrated by grass or wood. Weather described in the curbin was a superior with the curbin was a superior wa

voeds. Weather doesn't faze it. "We experimented with curbing for three years before being confident it would stand up to Michigan winters," said Ron Jackson of Jackson Landscape Solutions, "We have talked to installers in Minnesota who have been using this particular product for several years just 10 be sure. We are very confident about this product for Michigan landscapes."

Because of the material and installation method used, curbing can follow any shape desired for a border. The mortar and liber mesh material can be permanently dyed in a ble many finishes such as brick or stone, and will withstand all types of weather. The curb-

dge to provide a clean cut.

The curbing is installed by an extrading machine into a 8-to 10-inch-wide trench that is a few inches deep. Expansion cuts are made to allow the inevitable expanding and contracting from outdoor temperature changes. The material is then trowel-finished and prayed with sealer. The front side of the sprayed with seaser. The front side of the curbing is flush with the lawn while the back has a higher edge, which keeps soil, bark and other materials in their place.

"If a homeowner wants to have a finish coat reapplied to it in a few years to give it a



Jackson Landscaping workers prepare to work on

some 'curbing' as they turn an average front yard into a beautiful front yard.

fresh look, we can do that or the homeowner rot, will not shift, and there are no seams for weeds to grow through,"

For the look and performance, curbing is

very economical, according to Jackson.
"Curbing starts at \$6 a foot," he said. "A tradi-

nomcowners faced with a tired-looking landscape.
"With curbing we can make the landscape look new again by trimming things up with-out making it completely over," said Jackson.

A little trimming, remulching and new curbing perks up the look, framing the land-scape and bringing out the house's features. Samples of curbing can be viewed at

www.landscapingmakeovers.com.

Call Jackson Landscape Solutions at their South Lyon location, (248) 486-8992, or their Novi location, (248) 349-4950, for a free esti-- By Cynthia Grochowski

# George's Senate Coney Island

(248) 446-9300 South Lyon • (248) 927-1126 Northville www.senateconeyislandrestaurant.com

George and his staff shop for the freshest

The best deal in town for family dining is George's Senate Coney Island restaurant. In fact, it's the best deal in several towns. The oppular eatery, which began 70 years ago in Detroit, has been pleasing the palettes of cus-tomers in Livonia, Taylor, Northville, Dearborn, South Lyon, and as a new franchise n Walled Lake,
It's easy to see why George's Senate Coney Island has been so popular and lasted so long

in the competitive restaurant business. The

cason is that owner George Dimopoulos

foods every day and prepare each disk in each restaurant. For example, George recently shopped for fresh, delicious broccoli, which, under his watchful eye, was prepared in his special broccoli soup. Mouth-watering is the est way to describe it.

"Once you try our food you are hooked,"
George laughed. Popular menu items like chieken, pork believes in serving his customers the freshest and most delicious food items at very reason-

chops, perch, Concy hot dogs, salads, as well as Greek specialties including spinach pie, stuffed cabbage, and flaming cheese (OOH-



George's Senate Coney Island of Northville is surrounded by the beautiful backdrop of the Bushwood

PAII) have delighted Senate customers for many years. George's customers keep coming back every week and every year because they

know they get the best value for their money.
"Where else can you feed your family with good food for \$25-\$30?" George asked. "That is often the price of one meal in other restau-

In today's economy, getting the most for your meal money is very important. Maybe that's why George has seen a steady increase in business while people are busy watching their budgets. Business in Northville has been up this year and continues to show great num bers in South Lyon and other communities,

The family atmosphere in Northville is very important to George and his staff. He said he loves seeing children in the restaurant and many give him a big hug every time they see him. Parents approciate the atmosphere at George's, too. He recently banned smoking both inside and outside his building and rather

ness went up 20 percent.
Visitors to the Northville restaurant also have the opportunity to play a round of golf on the popular par 3 Bushwood Golf Club, which provides a beautiful backdrop for the restaurant. Bushwood owner Bob Kunkel is partnering with George to offer a special package of a round of golf (nine holes), elecric golf cart, and a steak dinner for \$25. It is good anytime and Kunkel suggests calling the ad for tee times at (734) 420-3200. Just like George's, Bushwood promotes family fun too. "Kids can play a round of golf and then enjoy a Coney dog at George's." Bob



George Dimopoulos, owner of George's Senate Coney Island, always has a big smile for his

upcoming specials, which will celebrate Senate's 70 years in business. He plans to offer menu items for \$.70 each. More information will be available at www.senateconey-

For information on calering parties, takeout deliveries, and any other special fun events, call Northville at (248)-927-1126 or South Lyon at (248)-446-9300.



Jeff Dean keeps prices low by eliminating the overhead of a showroom, instead, he brings his prod-

## **Dover Floor Covering** (248) 889-4253 • www.doverfloorcovering.com

in the market for new flooring.

That's the word from owner Jeff Dean, who has been serving the White Lake, Highland, Milford, Commerce Township and surrounding areas for more than a

"Come celebrate this milestone anniver sary, and enjoy savings on carpeting, tile, vinyl, wood and faminate," said Dean, who has more than 30 years' experience in the flooring business. 'Take advantage of special pricing on select styles of hardwoods, which are more popular now than ever before.' Dean has seen a huge interest in hard surface flooring — from cerumic file, which he added several years ago, to natural hard-woods that offer beauty and durability, while being environmentally responsible.

By providing top-noich service and

You can save a lot of money on gas by let-ting Dover Floor Covering's showroom come to your home or business when you're

exceeding customers' expectations, Dover Floor Covering continues to reap the benefits of many referrals. "More than 90 percent of my customers are repeats and referrals," said Dean, "My business philosophy is based on Christian principles and The Golden Rule," Offering a mobile flooring showroom

does more than just save gas money. Customers can enjoy shopping conifortably in their own home, browsing through samples and matching decor in their home's own

natural lighting.

Best of all, Dean is able to perform skilled installation at affordable prices, with no overhead expense.
"Customers will find my prices to be even

more affordable than big box discounters," said Dean, "And I'm very proud of my long association with such nujor manufacturers as Mohawk, Coronet, Congoleum and

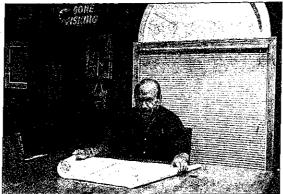


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Remodeler Jim Seghi invites everyone to view his work, especially the before and after pictures, at

## Jim Seghi Renovations (248) 437-2454 • www.jimseghirenovations.com

"Don't relocate, renovate!" advised Jim

According to Jim, most people already love the area where they are living, but want a little more house.

a little more house.

"Before making a hasty decision to purchase something bigger and more costly, why not add more living space to where you are and save the trouble of selling, packing and relocating?" saked Jint.

Jim has an eye for usable space where you might not see it. A first floor laundry can be added where a closer used to be or

can be added where a closet used to be, or an elegant master suite can be created in place of your basic old bedroom.

Basements offer a homeowner some of

the cheapest, most versatile living space that a house has to offer, and yet that is the higgest untapped resource in most homes. Jim and his team have renovated living spaces for much less than the cost of build"Even if you are thinking of selling your home, add the updates now so that you can enjoy them and make your home standout among the many others on the market. It's an investment in your future and a winwin," noted Jim.

The craftsmanship, creativity and value

The cratismansup, creativity and value for your dollar are key bailding blocks that separate Jim Soghi Renovations from others in the business. Jim continues to honor his commitment to a no-pressure consultation and period polyanity to gestup his customers. and project planning to assure his customers that the price they see at the beginning of the job is the same price at its completion. For truly innovative ideas and reliable results, call Jim Seghi for an appointment at

(248) 437-2454 to discuss your hidden living space. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. View some of the amazing home transformations and customer testimonials as: www.jimseghirenovations.com.

— By Michael Pilotti



Tula's owner Sara Dickens takes a moment to relax in front of her new location in downtown

## Tula's (248) 684-6808

Looking for the perfect hostess gift or upcoming school year, gift-givers wiff find special occasion present? Instead of bringing a bottle of wine to your next party or event, why not stop at Tula's in downtown Milford

Tula's is especially proud of its extensive e gift in that same price range?
Owner Sara Dickens has already done the kind clothing, toys, blankets, frames and hand-painted furniture.

shopping for you. Stop in and pick out the gift that best reflects the personal taste of the ment at your next baby shower," said Sara, Her unique lines of all-occasion greeting If he or she is a "foodie," pick up some-thing special for the kitchen, such as a pewter wine bottle stopper, miniature cheese

near Milford Travel, Tula's has become THE destination for gifts and cards. The store was

annual Milford Times poll.

Experience Tula's from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. — By Satly Rummel



Traci Goodnough and her daughter Sydney provide family-friendly service at For Feets Sake.

## For Feets Sake (248) 676-9080

After one year in Milford, For Feets Sake has drawn customers from all over the area — many driving a good distance

to shop at the comfort shoe store. would like to say a heartfelt "thank you."
The couple believes the best way they can express their thanks is by continuing to

provide the same type of careful footcare that has made them popular this year.
"I think people drive to come here Goodnough. "We measure your feet and make sure that you are getting shoes that

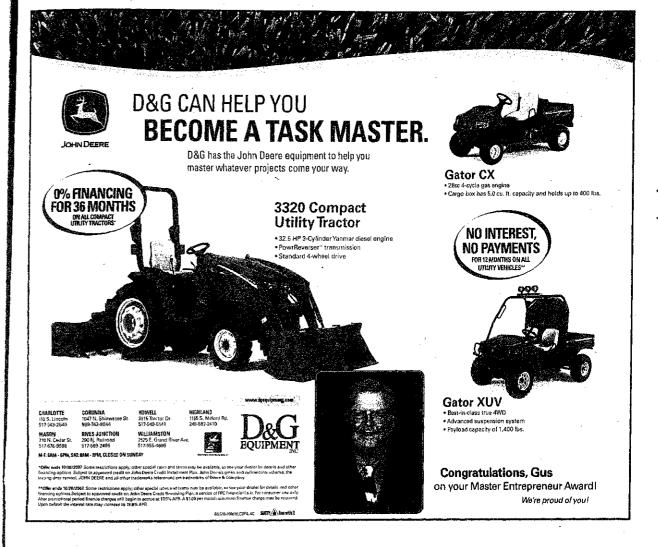
Comfort, quality shoes, a good fit, and custom orthotics are the most important aspects of For Feets Sake. Aaron Goodnough is a board certified Pedorthist also help customers choose from a variety

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

stocked in sizes from 5 to 13, narrow to extra wide, when offered

up to 16. Hard-to-find favorites for kids include Heelys, Crocs and Stride Rite For Feets Sake is located at 440 N. Main St., in downtown Milford, and is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 12-4 p.m. each Sunday through the summer.

- By Kate Phillips



# D & G Equipment, Inc.

# (248) 887-2410 • www.dgequipment.com

any people name their family businesses using their own initials. But in the case of D&G Equipment in Highland and Howell, the "D" stands for dirt and the "G" stands for grass — especially appropriate for a business that sells equipment used to maintain customers' fields and lawns.

It seems puriteularly appropriate when you understand the humility of company owner Elden Gustafson, whose family of businesses includes seven locations of D&G Equipment, Inc. throughout mid-Michigan.

His rise from a fourth generation Swedish family of fruit farmers in Ludington earned him accolades this year

fruit farmers in Ludington earned him accolades this year Business Monthly.

Gustafson's lifetime business accomplishments were

recognized at the 13th Annual Entrepreneurial Awards of Greater Lansing on March 8, celebrating the development and start-up of businesses focused on innovative, cutting-Customers of D&G Equipment in Highland and Ho

already know what the business community of Michigan has just learned - this local business thrives on innovaion, personal service, and hands-on family ownership.

Just five years after opening its doors in 1993, D&G

Equipment became the Number One seller of John Decre lawn and garden equipment in North America and Canada — and that was only with Gustafson's first two stores in Mason and Williamston. Since that time, he has opened five more dealerships - in Highland, Howell, Charlotte, Corunna and Rives

Today, D&G Equipment is the area's largest outdoor power equipment dealer, selling and servicing everything from trimmers and chainsaws to the biggest farm tractors

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In addition to John Deere products, D&G Equipment sells products manufactured by Honda, Toro, Frontier, Stihl, Exmark, Shindaiwa, Ariens, Lawn Boy, Little Wonder, Bradeo, H&S, Kuhn and more, D&G Equipment is also mid-Michigan's source for John Deere Construction Worksite Products (CWP), such Stille, Mini Hennator, Teatons London.

John Deere Construction Worksite Products (CWP), such as Skid Steers, Mini Excavators, Tractors-Loaders-Buckhoes and Front-End Loaders.

During their peak season in April, May and June, this local company employs 110 to 120 people and is open 64 hours a week.

Even with challenging economic conditions in Michigan, Gustafson plans to open an additional three

Gustafson's wife, Jolene, keeps day-to-day operations running smoothly. His sons, Anders Gustafson and Brandon Blain, also work in the family business. Gustafson himself maintains regular contact with all of

his stores, conferring with local managers and employ ees.

Almost every one of his 120 employees takes classes offered via the Internet or at locations throughout the United States. He feels that keeping up with changes in

the industry is essential to maintaining the growth of the organization and continuing to satisfy customer needs.

That's why he is pleased to offer the latest sales tech-

nology through the Internet — an eBay store for great deals on gifts, toys, used and clearance items. Not had for a man who graduated from high school in 1955 with a list of early jobs ranging from worm sales to a local fisherman, to raising cattle and commercial

After completing a tool and die apprenticeship, he

spent time in Detroit working at a number of shops, then returned to Lansing in 1966.

That's when his career as an entrepreneur really took

 In 1968, he was hired as president of Globe Industries. an auto parts supplier, a position he held until 1971, when he and two partners started Uptilt. This was a Lansing-based manufacturing plant that made automotive

parts and employed 250 people.

Between 1971 and 1993, Uprilt sparked the start of a number of automotive-related businesses, not to mention a family shoe store named Cobbler's Beach that originally started in Holt, but has since relocated to Frando

Shopping Center in East Lansing.

If that wasn't enough, he purchased 88 acres of farmland near Mason, an operation now known as Gustafson Farms, which has grown to 2,200 acres and produces corn, soybeans and wheat.

He's often found "out in the field" himself, and has

Gustafson's D&G story is an interesting one to tell and its future course is evident in the vitality and strength of each and every one of his retail stores

It's worth a visit to D&G Equipment's locations in Highland and Howell, as well as many of their other mid-Michigan locations. You might even see Gustafson himself, as he visits his stores on a very regular basis, D&G Equipment in Highland is located at 1155 S.
Milford Road., south of M-59 on Milford Road. D&G in
Howell is located at 3915 Tractor Drive. All D&G stores are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

- By Sally Rummel

Small, thoughtful gifts are plentiful, too - from handpainted candles crafted in

South Africa, to hand-blown glass pieces.

Picture frames, garden decor, vases or

teapots made of purple clay from China will show your hostess, relative or friend you think there cooking

For a recent graduate or to celebrate the

tray or dessert plates.



Dr. David Woody and his experienced team offer professional dental care in spacious rooms, equipped with the most up-to-date technology



The office of David A. Woody, DDS, is located in the Grand Oaks Centre at 39885 Grand River Ave., Suite 100, just west of Haggerty Road in Novi.



Offering quality care for every patient in their Novi office are, from left, standing: Kathy and Dr. Woody; seated: Erin, Brenda, and Chris. Not pictured:

# **David Woody, DDS** (248) 476-3800

David A. Woody, DDS and staff invite you to join them at their convenient loca-tion in Grand Oaks Centre, located on the south side of Grand River Avenue, just west of Haggerty, in Novi, This family-

west of Haggerty, in Novi. This family-oriented local practice is dedicated to quality care and friendly service. Every effort has been made to provide for your comfort. The décor is attractive and soothing. Patient care rooms are dis-creetly appointed with a relaxing view through private windows. CD's, DVD movies, and nitrous oxide sedation are available upon request. Warm towels are offered after treatment — creating a "First

Class" environment. His caring team is

intent on making you comfortable.

Dr. Woody has invested in the latest dental technology. Intraoral cameras and an interactive DVD system help explain treatment needs and options, a laser is used to help diagnose decay, and Air Abrasion may be used to remove decay without the need for numbing and drilling. A state of the art sterilization

system provides for your safety.

As a general practice, the office provides a full range of dental procedures, with an emphasis on preventive care and a special interest in cosmetic dentistry.

Recent innovations have made it possible for everyone to improve their smile, through cosmetic dentistry, Procedures range from tooth-colored fillings, natural appearing crowns and bridges, and beautiful porcelain veneers that mask worn teeth, close spaces and balance smiles without braces.

Particularly popular is tooth whitening,

a simple procedure with dazzling results.
The new ZOOM2! System, as seen on
Extreme Makeover, will whiten teeth in
one office visit. Take home kits, with custom trays and professional strength gels,
are also available and currently on sale.

Dr. Woody's team has been with him Dr. woody's team has been with him for many years and many patients know the team members by name. This stability creates a more trusting environment—which is extremely important between a patient and their doctor.

Dr. David A. Woody is a member of the

Dr. David A. Woody is a member of the Academy of General Dentistry, Michigan Dental Association, and Oakland County Dental Society.

A graduate of the University of Michigan Dental School, Dr. Woody and his family are long time residents of Novi.

# **Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic**

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The Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic is a little reminiscent of the old country doctor's practice. It is set in a rural background where the atmosphere is relaxed and friendly and where the staff of professionals neally care about their redients.

really care about their patients — your pets.
The business began in 1972 by Dr. Carol
Geake and has evolved from a small caretaker's house to a more modern structure, built in
2001. Dr. Geake raises and shows Arabian Horses on the 10-acre site and children visiting the clinic often have fun visiting the hors-

es, too.
The staff at Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic has also evolved, with a growing num-ber of dedicated, small-animal veterinarians who really care about their patients and their

"We have very good people who are very softhearted," said Dr. Geake, "Our doctors love what they do.

"Our staff is driven to ask the question, 'what is best for your pet?'," said Janet Talbot, Practice Manager for Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic, "If we know the answer, we can develop a protocol of treatment for the

pet,"
The staff's care for the pets goes beyond just normal examinations, too. Senior pets, who may require more care, are asked to be seen twice a year instead of once. "We want to look for any potential prob-

lems before they become a problem." Janet added, "We often find early problems that can be corrected by very simple measures, such as a change in diet."

Visitors to Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic see a cheerfully landscaped exterior. Stepping inside, it is obvious that the clinic is very clean, and fresh — something that pet owners

should expect.
"The inside of the building is up-to-date --



The friendly staff of professionals at Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic include veterinarians, technicians, and office staff who truly care about their patients



Manager Janet Talbot gets a "thank you" from one of the many patients.

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The clinic is a full-service general practice. These services include annual wellness visits, visits, and a Silver Whisker Program for sen-ior pets. Some staff veterinarians also care for exotic pets, such as ferrets, rabbits, and rep-

Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic doctors are trained in small animal soft tissue surgery. This includes, but is not limited to spay, neuter, surgical declaw, and abdominal surger-ies. The surgery suite includes monitoring equipment to aid in a safe surgical recovery. Staffer Dr. Kimberly Berrie is available for

patients who may have house training, separa-

tion anxiety, or other behavior issues.

Dr. Geake said one of the favorite parts of her job is talking with pet owners and getting

to know them.
"I'd rather be a good friend and confidant," she said. "I have found out that people in the nnity take their pets. They practice preventive care for parasitic organisms such as heartworm, fleas, ticks, and other internal parasites. Such parasites can transmit serious human diseases, and we feel that these preventive measures in pets contribute greatly to overall community

Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic is open six Any a week. For pet owner's convenience, the clinic is open until 7 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Appointments are preferred.

The clinic is located at 48525 W. Eight Mile Road, west of Beck Road, For more

information call (248) 349-2598.

By John R. Hall