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## Novi petition proposes part-time politicians, no term limits

By Chris Jackett  
STAFF WRITER

Following the crisis surrounding last year's state budget, recall campaigns and discussions about the Legislature have been common, recently encouraging discussion on switching to part-time legislation and removing term limits.

Reform Michigan Government and Turn Michigan Around are two programs working toward the effort, and petitions are circulating throughout the state to get these issues on the November ballot.

Novi resident Patrick Downey, a retired high school government teacher, has been promoting discussion in the community and hosted a discussion at his home Monday with Oakland County

Commissioner Hugh Crawford, former Novi Police inspector

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Dick Faulkner and Commerce resident Dick Stoplenski.

"Economically, we'd save money. It's on the ballot to not only make part-time, but eliminate term limits. It's just musical elective chairs. First term, they learn. Second term, they bicker. Third term, they're looking for another job, preferring elected.

They get health care for life and, at a certain number of years, pension," Downey said. "California is the only state that pays its legislators more than Michigan."

The potential of part-time legislation is fully supported by the Kalamazoo Chamber of Commerce, although Crawford said the state chamber isn't as enthusiastic. He said there are a lot of angles to look at regarding the proposal.

"I've got some reservations about it, but I'd like to see some resolutions," Crawford said. "The time has come to talk about it and see how it all shakes out. I know we've got to change they way we're doing things and this may be one way."

Crawford, who is a candidate

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Photo by Mike Stuster

Oakland County Commissioner Hugh Crawford, left, talks with Patrick Downey, Dick Stoplenski and Dick Faulkner during a political discussion Monday at Downey's home.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

### Hot stuff

Novi's Pei Wei restaurant general manager Matthew McGrail fires up a wok and begins to prepare one of their stir-fried, Asian delicacies. For the complete story see page 17A.

## Fund created for deceased teen boy

By Kelly Murad  
STAFF WRITER

The family of John Thomas May, 13, of Westland, whose life was taken Easter Sunday, organized a fund in his honor.

May, who was the victim of an accidental drowning on a Novi neighborhood lake, is survived by his older brother, Joey, and parents Tom and Linda.

The fund was set up to help the family with the unexpected funeral expenses.

Donations can be made to the John Thomas May Fund at

Catholic Parishes Federal Credit Union, 36111 Five Mile Road, Livonia, 48154.

Services are being held at UHT Funeral Home in Westland.

While visiting his aunt and uncle, Tina and Jeff Brown, May took their springer spaniel Chase for a walk and fell through the ice on Village Oaks Lake.

"It's not even what you would consider a lake, it's more like a big pond," Jeff Brown said.

Residents of Village Oaks subdivision, located southeast of 10 Mile and Meadowbrook roads,

Please see FUND, 5A

## Upscale lounges add variety to Novi

By Chris Jackett  
STAFF WRITER

Las Vegas is known for the upscale atmosphere throughout its casinos, bars and night clubs. And now Novi's bustling bar and club scene is taking a page out of that book as more upscale lounges open up throughout the city.

"I think one of the biggest things is Vegas. Everything they do in Vegas inspires everyone

around the world. You kind of want to bring it home," said Damon Richmond, a manager at Lucky's of Novi and Double Six Lounge, which opened March 14.

"People don't always want to be around a rowdy crowd. It's more of a social environment. The air is better. It's really comfortable, almost like going and sitting in a comfy living room."

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## NOVI WEEKEND PLANNER



"Fuzz" back for everyone's viewing pleasure while "Superhero Movie" (PG-13) returns the trend of parody movies while hosting many cast members from "Scary Movie," "Epic Movie" and "Date Movie" in a mock-up of

### FRIDAY

Head over to Emagine Theater, 44425 W. 12 Mile Road, to catch one of the four new films hitting the silver screens. "Run, Fatboy, Run" (PG-13) brings the humor and characters of "Shaun of the Dead" and "Hot

"Spiderman" and "X-Men." Those looking for a more serious film can check out "Stop Loss" (R), which deals with an American soldier called back for a second tour in Iraq, or "21" (PG-13), which features a math-minded MIT student who uses his abilities to count cards and win big at a Las Vegas casino. Call (888) 319-3456 for show times. (248) 468-2290 for the theater or visit www.emagine-entertainment.com for more information.

### SATURDAY

Get a hefty helping of Italian food at the 4 p.m. Senior Super Saturday event, featuring a spaghetti dinner at the Senior Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road. Residents 55 and older must purchase the \$7 tickets in advance for the two-hour event that includes entertainment.

### SUNDAY

Looking to add a little something to the yard this spring? Head over to Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave., from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. for the 13th Annual Novi Backyard, Pool and Spa Show. Tons of hot tubs, pools, spas and patio decorations will be on display in a variety of sizes and materials. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$4 children 6-14 and free for 5 and younger. Parking is free. The show will also run 3-9:30 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Saturday. Call (800) 328-6550 or visit www.NoviPoolShow.com for more information.



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HOT TICKET: Apple tree care classes 9 a.m. Saturday at the MSU Tollgate Education Center in Novi

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EVENTS

Apple Tree Care Class TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-noon Saturday. LOCATION: Michigan State University Tollgate Education Center...

Novi Bobcats Cheerleading Open Registration

DATE: Through Saturday, April 5. DETAILS: For girls that will be in grades 2-8 next school year...

Friendship Concert Series at Hammell Music Hall

TIME/DATE: 3 p.m. Sunday, April 6. LOCATION: Hammell Music, corner of M-5 and Maple Road...

Christopher and Banks Family and Friends Event

TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 5, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, April 6.

Bye Bye Birdie

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 10-12. LOCATION: Novi High School...

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

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3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. Saturday, April 12. LOCATION: Novi Christian Community Center...

Wine Tasting Benefit

TIME/DATE: 7-10 p.m. Saturday, April 12. LOCATION: Mezza Mediterranean Grill...

23rd Annual Economic Outlook Luncheon

TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Thursday, April 17. LOCATION: Rock Financial Showplace.

Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America Open House

TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Thursday, April 17. LOCATION: 40550 Grand River Ave.

Lunch with Lou

TIME/DATE: Noon-2 p.m. Saturday, April 19. LOCATION: Outback Steakhouse.

Waltonwoods Craft Show Fundraiser

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday, April 28. LOCATION: Waltonwoods at Twelve Oaks Retirement Community.

Novi Chamber of Commerce

The chamber is celebrating 40 years of business; representing over 500 members.

Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce

Since 1963, the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce has proudly served as West Oakland's Regional Chamber...

Meeting

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. Tuesday. LOCATION: Boersma Chaben and Co., 23965 Novi Road.

Arts Round Table

TIME/DATE: 5:30 p.m. first Tuesday of every month (April 1). LOCATION: Grapevine, Main Street.

List your event in our calendar!

To be included in My Bulletin Board, please send event name, date, time, location, details and contact.

Therapeutic Yoga

TIME/DATE: 12:30-1:30 p.m. Monday - Yoga for Backs; 6-7 p.m. Tuesday - Mixed Level; 11 a.m.-noon Wednesday - Meditative Yoga.

Novi Rotary Club

TIME/DATE: Noon every Thursday. LOCATION: Novi Methodist Church, 41671 W. 0 Mile Road.

Females in the Family Business Affinity Group

TIME/DATE: 8-9:30 a.m. Third Thursday of every month. LOCATION: Walsh College Troy Campus.

American Business Women's Association Meetings

TIME/DATE: 6:15 p.m. second Wednesday of every month. LOCATION: DoubleTree Hotel, 42100 Crescent Blvd.

Providence Center for the Healing Arts

LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Ave. CONTACT: (248) 465-5455.

Line Dancing

DATE: Monday and Friday. TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m. beginners; 7:30-9:30 p.m. intermediate.

Ceramics Class

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Friday by appointment.

SCHOOL & GOVERNMENT

Novi Community School District Board of Education Meeting. TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday, April 3.

Novi City Council Meeting

TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Monday, April 7. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road.



Make Music! Musician Guy Louie gets an approving look as he wades through Village Oaks students while playing the lute during a recent March Is Reading Month visit.



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certificate or passport; and a non-refundable registration fee of \$45 for school district residents or \$50 for non-residents.

LIBRARY LINES

Novi Public Library

LOCATION: 45245 W. 10 Mile Road. HOURS: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Walled Lake City Library

LOCATION: 1499 E. West Maple Road, Walled Lake. HOURS: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday.

Waltonwoods at Twelve Oaks Independent Living Residence

LOCATION: 27475 Huron Circle (adjacent to Twelve Oaks Mall). CONTACT: (248) 735-1500.

"Eight Months of Color"

LOCATION: Meeting Room. DETAILS: \$3 for a bag of books. Sponsored by the Friends of the Novi Library.

Starlight Story Time

TIME/DATE: 1-2 p.m. Saturday, April 5. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center.

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; 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

Walled Lake City Library

LOCATION: 1499 E. West Maple Road, Walled Lake. HOURS: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday.

Waltonwoods at Twelve Oaks Independent Living Residence

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Circle of Knowledge, Celebrate National Library Week. TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 19.

Bereavement Support Group

DATE: Third Tuesday of each month. TIME: 7:30-9 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center; 45175 W. 10 Mile Road.

Angela Hospice Groups

DETAILS: Grief support groups include general grief, loss of a spouse, women's grief, and grief support quilters group.

Novi Senior Activities Center

LOCATION: Located in the Meadowbrook Commons Senior Center. CONTACT: (248) 347-0414.

Psychotherapy & Counseling Services

Northville Counseling Center, Anxiety/Agoraphobia/Panic Attack Support Group.

Neighborhood Baby-sitting Co-op

DETAILS: Using the co-op, you and your children can make friends and get what you need.

Friendship Circle

TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. second Thursday of each month. LOCATION: St. James Catholic Church.

MOMS Club of Novi

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. first Thursday of each month. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center.

Support Groups

Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting. DATE: Last Wednesday of each month. TIME: 10-11 a.m. LOCATION: Holy Family Catholic Church.

Moonlight Story Time. TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Monday, April 21. DETAILS: For children ages 2-6 with an adult.

Novi Senior Activities Center

LOCATION: Located in the Meadowbrook Commons Senior Center. CONTACT: (248) 347-0414.

Postpartum Depression Support Group

TIME/DATE: 6:45 p.m. every Thursday. DETAILS: Postpartum depression can happen anytime within the first year after childbirth.

Men in Grief

TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. fourth Monday of month. DETAILS: Individual and family services offered free for those who have lost a loved one.

DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital Support Groups

LOCATION: 1 William Carsi Dr., Commerce. CONTACT: (248) 937-3314.

Al-Anon Support Group

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every Sunday. DETAILS: No pre-registration required.

Alateen Support Group

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every Sunday. DETAILS: For family and friends of someone with an alcohol problem.

Babysitter Training Class

TIME/DATE: Noon-4 p.m. Saturday, April 5. DETAILS: Designed for boys and girls ages 11-14 who wish to become better babysitters.

Kensington Valley Mothers of Multiples

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second Thursday of each month. LOCATION: Witch's Hat Depot.

Breast Cancer Support Group

TIME/DATE: 10-11:30 a.m. second and fourth Thursday of every month.

Breast Cancer Support Group

DATE: Second and fourth Tuesday of each month. LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital (Classroom C).





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## 'Distinguished Visitors' board aircraft carrier

By Alea Hibbeln  
SPECIAL WRITER

Northville resident Kristine Volk gets up-close and personal with the real Top Gun, not once, not twice, but six times and counting. Volk, a CPA and business development manager by vocation, volunteers as coordinator of the Distinguished Visitors program, where she selects business and community leaders to sail aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt, a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier.

Fifty-100 miles off the coast of Norfolk, Va., Volk and 11 distinguished members experienced "a day in the life" of Navy sailors. And, literally, they are given about a 24- to 30-hour period to learn all they can about the hardships of a sailor. The group tours the ship room by room, asking the sailors questions about their jobs while watching them work.

"It's a life-changing experience to watch these kids work so hard to keep us safe at home," Volk said.

The purpose of the program is two-fold: to show civilians support to Navy sailors and to educate the public on the professionalism and dedication of the 19-year-old men and women.

"When the tour is over, the D.V.'s [Distinguished Visitors] will become ambassadors for the Navy back here in the Midwest,"

Volk said. John Lindow, a Northville resident and vice president at Masco, and Jim Howard, of Novi, were chosen to sail on the active ship for a tour that took place on March 3-4.

"I was really amazed by how disciplined the Navy crew was in operating the ship," Howard said. "It was cool to watch flights land and take off from the ship, but if you look closer, you see the guys down below who are navigating the ship and feeding the crew."

The nuclear-powered ship, which can stay at sea for 25 years without refueling, will deploy in September for active duty to points unknown to civilians. But Howard suspects the 5,500 Navy sailors will be headed somewhere in hazy's way.

Meanwhile, pilots take off and land at all hours of the day and night. The sailors, dressed color-coded according to job function, work like a well-choreographed ballet. But in this act, one false move and a pilot's life is over.

"The pilots are putting their lives in these kids' hands," Volk said. "There is no room for error."

### The ship is restless

The pilots get the most sleep at far less than a civilian's eight-hour snooze. But the sailors are lucky to catch four or five hours in a 24-hour period because their shift can be anywhere from 13-20

hours. It makes the typical eight-hour work day seem negligible. But then, war never sleeps. The Distinguished Visitors have too much adrenaline running through their veins to get any shuteye, and besides, they don't want to miss a thing. Each D.V. only gets one shot at the ride of a lifetime. Sleep is for home.

Volk, who took over the coordinator position in 2005, said she has the best volunteer job in the world. A pilot herself, Volk liked to stand on Vultures Row, a safe overlook high above the deck. This is where she can hear the thunderous roar of the aircrafts through a layering of earplugs, goggles and an Aviator's Eashart-looking helmet. Volk and her awe-stricken friends were perched until 2 a.m., watching a fleet of pilots learn how to be proficient in landing and taking off on a moving ship.

Volk, who has taken CFO's and educators on board the ship, said that it's not the prestige of the job that gets a person selected; it's the breadth of their network.

"We show support by telling our story to anyone who will listen about what these sailors go through, how organized they are, how hard they work," Howard said.

Volk organizes tours three to four times per year, with the next voyage coming in June. To apply to become a Distinguished Visitor, contact her at (248) 974-5093.



Area residents, including Novi's Jim Howard served as distinguished visitors aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt, a nuclear powered aircraft carrier.

## New Asian diner offers Mandarin-style wok cooking

■ Pei Wei open in Novi Town Center

By Kelly Murad  
STAFF WRITER

Asian food lovers have a new place to dine in town.

The sister of P.F. Chang's China Bistro, Pei Wei Asian Diner, opened its fourth Michigan location in Novi two months ago.

Located on the edge of the Novi Town Center, the restaurant prepares traditional dishes from China, Japan, Korea, Thailand and Vietnam in a Mandarin-style wok.

"I don't think there's other restaurants like that, it's a good niche," said An Topouzian, economic development manager for the City of Novi. "It adds to the quality of unique businesses we have in Novi."

As guests enter the casual diner with its signature red floors, they are greeted with a smile before approaching the counter to place an order.

Whether dining-in or carrying-out, the exhibition-style kitchen provides onlookers a firsthand look at the technique of wok cooking.

With every item on the menu being cooked in a wok which reaches temperatures of 500-600 degrees, Pei Wei's guests will be surprised how quickly their food reaches the table.

"We try to cook everybody's food in five to six minutes," said Matt McGrail, general manager of the Novi eatery.

According to McGrail, 37-47 percent of Pei Wei's daily business is for carry-out.

"It seems to be very efficient the way they operate it," Topouzian said. "It's a fast food atmosphere for cuisine."

Pei Wei's quick and convenient cuisine also provides lunch-goers a variety of options on a tight schedule.

"For lunches especially, it gives people another option, a nice hearty meal," Topouzian said. "It gives you an alternative to the soup and sandwich. You get good cooked food, fairly quickly."

The menu includes some traditional favorites, as well as items unique to Pei Wei.

"You get the best of the P.F. Chang's food in a short time," Topouzian said. "My favorite is the (Mandarin) King Poo chicken and the Lettuce Wraps."

Another favorite item among guests are the fortune cookies. They are welcome to help themselves to...

"We go through a crazy amount



The interior of Novi Town Center's Pei Wei restaurant. The Asian food restaurant's name comes from the name of a famous Chinese chef who lived hundreds of years ago.

### Pei Wei Asian Diner

- Pei Wei (pronounced "Pay Way") is a subsidiary of P.F. Chang's China Bistro, Inc. providing:
- Consistently flavorful dishes from China, Japan, Vietnam and Thailand
- An exhibition kitchen featuring authentic Mandarin-style wok cooking and dishes made-to-order
- A moderately priced menu with per person average between \$8.50 and \$9.50.

Located at  
43170 Grand River Avenue  
in the Novi Town Center,  
(248) 675-0040.

Source: P.F. Chang's China Bistro, Inc.

of fortune cookies a day," McGrail said, noting they go through 700-1,000 cookies every day.

Pei Wei Asian Diner is open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF PROPOSED MAP AND TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF NOVI MASTER PLAN FOR LAND USE. Such hearing is being held pursuant to requirements of Act 285 of the Public Acts of 1931, as amended.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Division of the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, April 16, 2008.

For more information click on "Master Plan for Land Use Review" on the City of Novi website at [www.cityofnovi.org](http://www.cityofnovi.org) or contact the Planning Division at 248-347-0475.

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Novi Planning Commission

MICHAEL MEYER  
SECRETARY

### March 24th, 2008 BID SPECIFICATIONS Classroom Multi-Media System Howell Public Schools

Howell Public Schools is currently soliciting proposals for the procurement and installation of classroom multimedia systems per the specifications available for viewing at [www.howellschools.com](http://www.howellschools.com).

The deadline for sealed bids is April 15, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. at the following location:

Howell Public Schools District Operations  
Attn: Paul Parrinello  
411 N. Highlander Way  
Howell, MI 48843

Bid opening will take place at that time.

Howell Public Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids; to waive any defects, information or irregularities in any bid; and to make the award in any manner deemed in the best interest of the school district.

Inquiries should be directed via e-mail to: [hparrinello@howellschools.com](mailto:hparrinello@howellschools.com)

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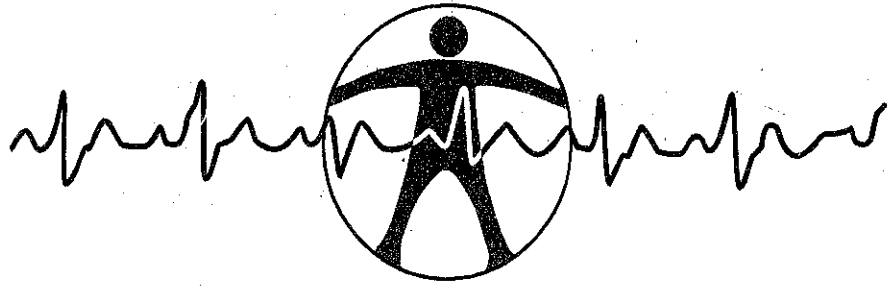
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 08-173.03 to amend the Novi Code of Ordinances Chapter 26.5, to allow an applicant who has posted performance guarantees and suspends work on a project or development to request a waiver of the requirements of Section 26.5.5.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, March 17, 2008 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 Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., pre-vailing local time.

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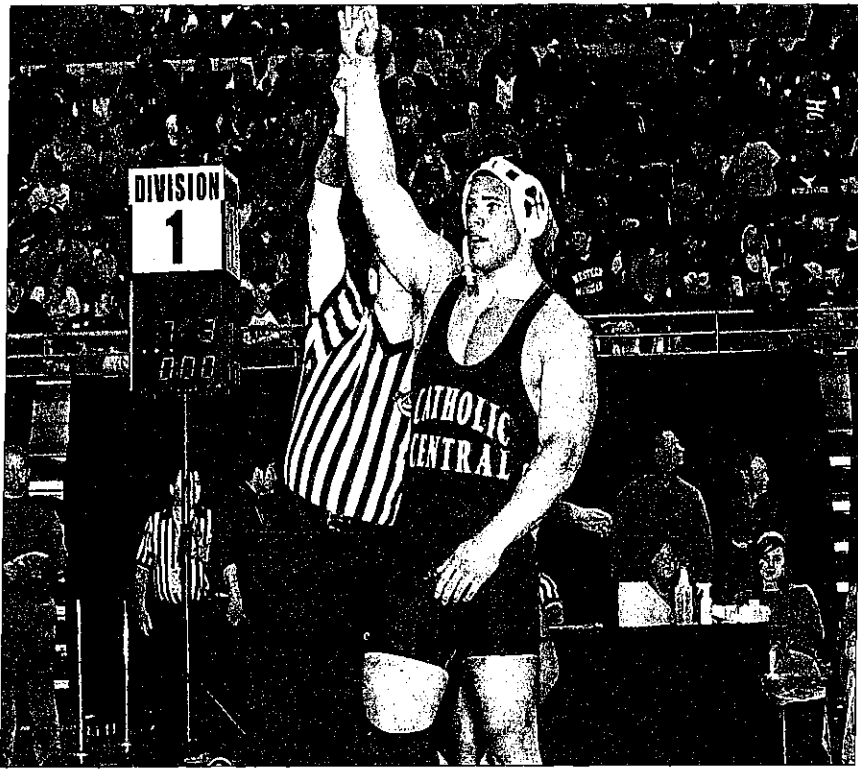


Photo by Jeff Gatt

Catholic Central's Mike Martin has his hand raised after winning the 2008 heavyweight state title.

## Senior overcomes limited experience on mat

By Jeff Theisen  
SPORTS WRITER

Simply put, Catholic Central wrestler Mike Martin was on a mission to win his second-straight state title.

Mission accomplished. Martin (42-1) didn't allow a single takedown, and head coach Mitch Hancock could only remember one reversal that led to Martin's only loss of the year to be scored against him. All other points allowed were escape points, several of which were on purpose so Martin could try to gain a major decision or technical fall.

"His year this year was just dominant," Hancock said. "It was pretty impressive. There were only about four or five (wrestlers) that went the distance with him."

After Martin's final match, he

### All-Area Wrestling

**Wrestler of the Year** — Mike Martin, CC senior

#### First Team

Ryan Thomas, Novi senior  
 Ryan Bidenour, Novi senior  
 Stefan Gatt, CC senior  
 Shea Hasenauer, CC junior  
 Joe Kirville, CC senior  
 Doug Eldridge, CC junior  
 Trevor O'Connor, CC soph  
 Matt Aubrey, CC senior  
 Johnny D'Anna, Northville senior  
 Brian Baglan, Northville senior

Devin Boris, Milford soph  
 Shea Butler, South Lyon senior

#### Second Team

Robbie Yuskov, Novi  
 Matt Thompson, CC  
 Justin Malick, CC  
 Jimmy Schroeder, Milford  
 Billy Curry, Milford  
 Kyle Laddell, Milford  
 Scott Denton, Milford  
 Rocky Mikulec, Milford  
 Matt Thomas, Lakeland  
 Max Hill, Lakeland  
 Joe Powell, South Lyon  
 Evan Bentley, Northville

Matt Hagan, Northville  
 John Hebert, Northville  
 Nick Mular, Northville

#### Honorable Mention

Nick Burd, Milford  
 Keith Harlow, Milford  
 Jake DeGruy, Lakeland  
 Jeremy Sherman, Lakeland  
 Nick Hobbs, Lakeland  
 Chris Emery, South Lyon  
 Brock O'Brien, South Lyon  
 Justin Glaszbyl, South Lyon  
 Robb Iverson, South Lyon  
 Mike Baglan, Northville  
 Aaron Towrie, Northville

was asked if that was the end of his wrestling days, and he said, "Who knows," with a smile. Now, Hancock thinks it might not be the end either.

"The University of Michigan is pretty interested in having him come out at heavyweight," Hancock said. "If he wishes to continue, there's not a doubt in

my mind he can be a collegiate All-American."

See **WRESTLING, 2B**



Photo submitted

The Catholic Central bowlers proudly show off their 300 pin earned after bowling a perfect baker game. From left, Scott Kujawa, Kerry Kirsch, Mike Erlingis, Brian Graham and Mike Clemente.

# CC's Erlingis anchors area's top bowlers

## Novi's Bivens on First Team

By Jeff Theisen  
SPORTS WRITER

The hardest thing for Catholic Central bowling coach Al Bridges was knowing that Mike Erlingis was in his senior year.

The two-time Second Team All-State member will be off to Michigan State, with hopes of competing on the Spartan bowling team included.

"I wish he could bowl for a couple more years for me," Bridges said. "The kid is just a great bowler. He's very reliable."

"It takes hard work and dedication," Mike bowled year around. He got a lot of tips and lessons from pros. It doesn't come by itself. You've got to work at it to get where he's at."

Erlingis carried a 217 average throughout the year, as well as recording an outstanding 4.4 grade point average, two things that weighed heavily in gaining the All-State honor.

"For the All-State team, they look at league average, seasonal average, high game, high series and academic average," Bridges said. "A 4.4 GPA at CC, that's just unbelievable. He's got a lot of honors this year, and he's deserved all of them."

One of the highlights of the year came when the Shamrocks rolled a perfect 300 in Baker format (Baker format is when five teammates throw two frames each for one combined score.) Erlingis threw the fifth and 10th frames.

"When we shot the 300 baker game, he went up and just hammered three strikes in a row," Bridges said. "To be the anchor man, you have to be solid as a rock ... if your team is going to win. Mike made very few mistakes over the whole year."

### All-Area Bowling

**Bowler of the Year** — Mike Erlingis, CC senior

#### First Team

Bryan Bivens, Novi  
 Kerry Kirsch, CC  
 Mike Clemente, CC  
 Dan Dwyer, Northville  
 Matt Aumann, Milford  
 Justin Polc, Lakeland  
 Doug Farmer, Lakeland  
 Josh Harper, South Lyon

#### Honorable Mention

Mike Jacoboni, Northville  
 Jeff Kiegon, Lakeland  
 Matt Harrison, Lakeland  
 Chase Siburt, Lakeland  
 Craig Field, Lakeland  
 Trey Brown, Milford  
 Freddie Ringrose, S. Lyon

Bridges knows replacing Erlingis isn't going to be easy, but it's sure been fun penciling him in the lineup during his time at Catholic Central.

"He was a very good leader, very consistent," Bridges said. "I never had any issues with him. I couldn't say a bad word about him. He's like your dream player."

#### First Team

The Shamrocks place two more on the All-Area First Team in Kerry Kirsch and Mike Clemente.

Kirsch provided another seasonal highlight with a 300 game

See **BOWLING, 2B**

# TJ Hohl centers All-Area Hockey

## Novi goalie Michalczuk lands on First Team

By Jeff Theisen  
SPORTS WRITER

Northville senior TJ Hohl knows what it takes to put the puck in the net.

But last year, Hohl had trouble with taking penalties, something that obviously hurt his offensive chances.

Mustang head coach Clint

Robert said things changed dramatically this year, and it helped the Mustangs roll to the regional finals before losing a heartbreaker to eventual co-champion Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

"We had a rule on the team that if you get your second penalty of the game, I enforced a 10- to 15-minute benching," Robert said. "That happened once early in the season, and after that, I would imagine TJ averaged only a penalty every third game or so."

"He cut down dramatically from last season the penalties he was taking."

Hohl led the Mustangs with 21

goals, 21 assists and 42 points.

"TJ did whatever it takes to win, on and off the ice," Robert said. "He really became an all-around player, both in our offensive zone, which he always excelled at, but especially in the defensive zone."

"He had a knack for scoring goals, but especially big goals. He's just a natural-born goal scorer."

Robert explains what he means with a story about Hohl dropping down to block a shot in practice, something that resulted in multiple stitches around the student's eye. But that type of determination is something the other play-

ers see every day in practice and bring to the games.

"That's exactly what you want in a captain," Robert said. "I think the guys really followed by example to what he was doing."

Robert said junior teams were scouting Hohl at different times throughout the season, and expects his playing days will continue.

"I think anything he wants to do, he will accomplish," Robert said. "I don't think he's anywhere near being done playing."

See **HOCKEY, 2B**



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Mustang TJ Hohl is the All-Area Player of the Year.

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# Living Well With Parkinson's Disease

Managing exercise, diet and medication for an active life

**A**n estimated 1 million Americans live with Parkinson's disease (PD)—an age-related degenerative neurological disorder. Many struggle with tremors, stiffness, slowness of movement and impaired balance. According to the National Parkinson Foundation, although the average age of onset is 60, it is estimated that five to 10 percent of all persons with PD are diagnosed prior to age 40. The cause of PD is unknown, and there is presently no cure, however there are treatment options to help manage the symptoms.

Dr. Ramon L. Rodriguez, director of clinical services at the University of Florida's Movement Disorders Center, sees Parkinson's patients on a daily basis. While he is familiar with the challenges they face, Rodriguez believes these patients can experience a fulfilling life.

"Even though there is no cure for Parkinson's," Rodriguez says, "it is possible for patients to learn how to live well through a combination of activities and treatments that can help control the symptoms of the disease."

Depending on the individual patient's history and the progression of the disease, a person's physician may prescribe any of several medical or surgical treatments available—and also will emphasize the importance of an ongoing commitment to regular exercise, rest and proper diet.

There are several medications available to treat Parkinson's disease, including once-daily medications that can help people manage the symptoms of the disease.

Many people living with Parkinson's have found both traditional and creative ways to successfully manage the disease and live lives to the fullest. According to the National Parkinson Foundation Education Series resource guides, the following are a few tips on managing PD:

- Exercise Regularly**  
If you have Parkinson's disease, exercise is extremely important. Recent research shows that regular exercise can help people with PD stay more flexible, improve posture and make overall movement easier.
- Find the Right Treatment for You**  
Medical research has provided us with numerous medications which, when used alone, or more often in proper combination, can provide significant relief of the symptoms of Parkinson's disease. Intelligent use of these medications can enhance a patient's quality of life.
- Make Time for Rest**  
Sleep plays a vital role in maintaining mental health and performance for all human beings. It is especially important for individuals with PD, who require significant levels of energy to function at their greatest ability.
- Eat Right**  
People with PD are at an increased risk for malnutrition. Yet, with attention to diet, people with PD can feel better, ward off nutrition-related diseases and prevent hospitalization.



## Increased PD Incidence Shown in Hispanics

**A** study published in the *American Journal of Epidemiology* in 2003 examined how Parkinson's disease (PD) varies by age, gender and race/ethnicity. Like previous studies, it found that the rate of PD rises sharply as Americans age. However, the study also revealed that PD incidence was the highest among both Hispanic men and women of all the groups studied.

According to Dr. Ramon L. Rodriguez, director of clinical services at the University of Florida's Movement Disorders Center, Hispanics often do not have access to the information they need the most.

"Unfortunately, there are not a lot of resources for Spanish-speaking patients dealing with Parkinson's disease," Rodriguez says. "Some Parkinson's advocacy groups and companies, such as Teva Neuroscience, Inc., currently are launching Hispanic initiatives designed to educate and increase awareness about PD through the development of Spanish language resources."

"Moving Forward," Teva's practical guide to living with PD, recently was translated into Spanish. The Spanish version is titled, "Hacia adelante," a comprehensive tool that outlines what to expect when a person is diagnosed with PD, where to find help and resources, how to explain Parkinson's to family and friends, and other useful information. To obtain a free copy of the resource guide, ask your physician in contact with Teva representative, or visit [www.parkinsonshealth.com](http://www.parkinsonshealth.com).



### Parkinson's Disease Information Online

- General information:**
- Information on signs, symptoms and treatments — [www.parkinsonshealth.com](http://www.parkinsonshealth.com)
  - American Parkinson Disease Association — [www.apdaparkinson.org](http://www.apdaparkinson.org)
  - National Parkinson Foundation — [www.parkinson.org](http://www.parkinson.org)
  - Parkinson's Disease Foundation — [www.pdff.org](http://www.pdff.org)
  - The Parkinson Alliance — [www.parkinsonalliance.org](http://www.parkinsonalliance.org)

### Information available in Spanish:

- National Library of Medicine online — [www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/spanish/parkinsonsdisease.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/spanish/parkinsonsdisease.html)
- National Parkinson Foundation — [www.parkinson.org/foram/](http://www.parkinson.org/foram/)
- Links to Spanish-language information about PD, current publications and other information in Spanish — [www.parkinsonshealth.com](http://www.parkinsonshealth.com)

Free guide to living with PD in Spanish: [www.parkinsonshealth.com](http://www.parkinsonshealth.com) English: [www.parkinsonshealth.com](http://www.parkinsonshealth.com) Spanish: [www.parkinsonshealth.com](http://www.parkinsonshealth.com) Teva Contact: [www.parkinsonshealth.com](http://www.parkinsonshealth.com)



### Art for a Cause

**E**lena Tuero was only in her mid-20s when she began experiencing disturbing symptoms, such as loss of balance and tremors. By 27, she was diagnosed with young-onset Parkinson's. For the next 17 years, Tuero fought a losing battle with the disease as it slowly stole her most basic capabilities, like walking, dressing and feeding herself.

Then, in 2003, Tuero underwent a successful surgical procedure, and, with a combination of PD medications, is now better able to control her symptoms. As a way to express her emotions at the time, Tuero picked up a paintbrush to release them on canvas—and hasn't stopped since.

"When you have Parkinson's disease, the idea of picking up a paintbrush is as remote as entering a figure skating competition," Tuero explains. "I don't know how long this will last, or what the future holds for me, but I'm determined to cherish every second of my life."

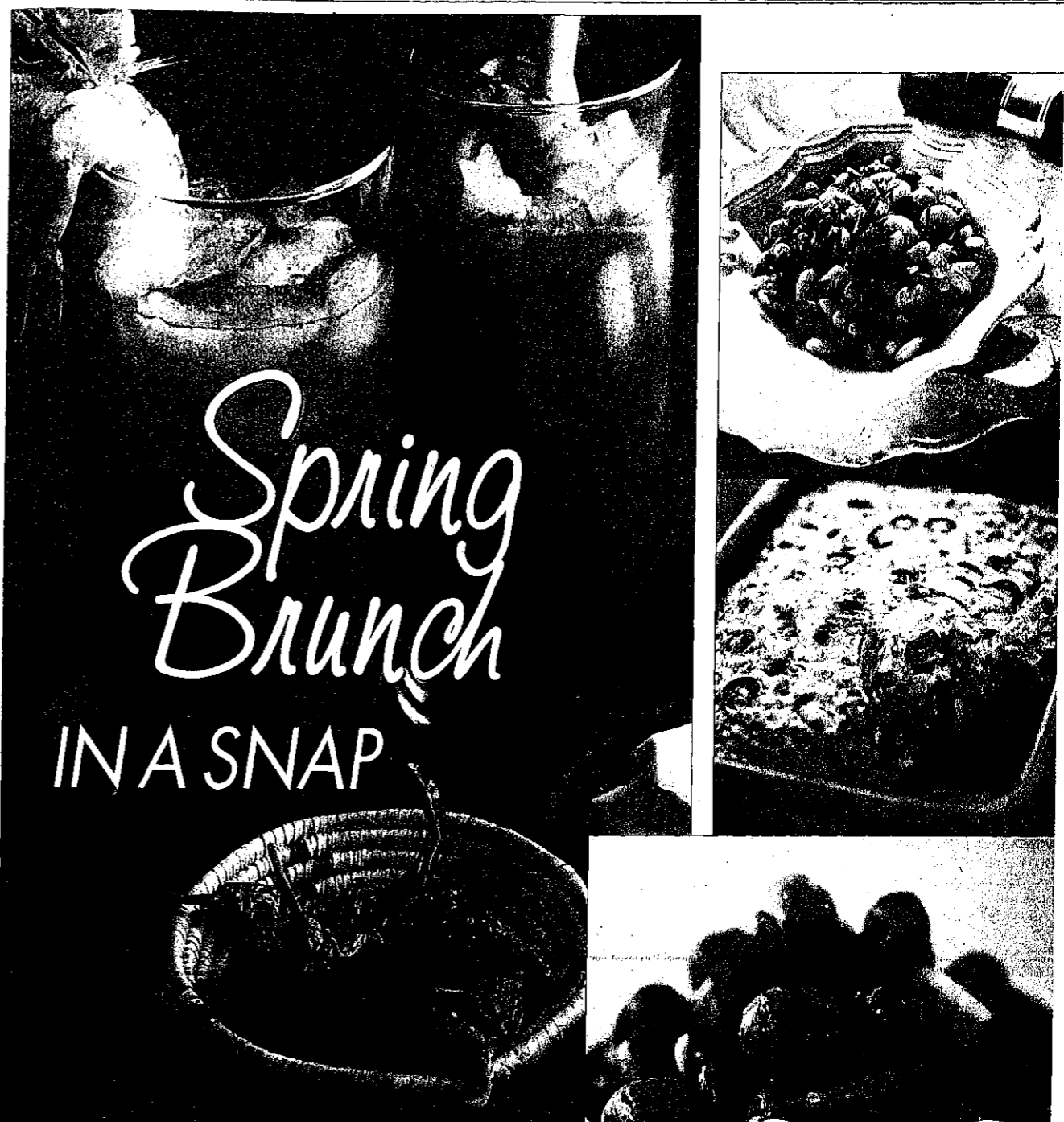
Today, Tuero has completed more than 100 paintings, which she donates to help raise money for a cure for Parkinson's. She also created an informational Web site on Parkinson's disease in Spanish for people living with PD ([www.maldeparkinson.org](http://www.maldeparkinson.org)). The site includes the inspiring story of how Tuero has overcome struggles with PD to live a full and active life, as well as links to other Parkinson's sites, publications and information of interest.

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FAMILY FEATURES

**S**pring is the perfect time for a lively brunch with friends and family. Light dishes packed with bright flavors can be paired with refreshing cocktails to make a delicious menu. With a few key ingredients, putting together a brunch can be easy.

Start off with marinated olives—savory little bites of wow that few guests will be able to resist. Lindsay Olives offers a broad variety of olives, so you can experiment with different flavors.

As a main dish, serve up an elegant frittata. A frittata is a firm Italian omelet that can be served warm or at room temperature. Mixing herbs into the eggs makes every bite taste like spring. If finding and storing fresh herbs is a challenge, try Gourmet Garden squeezeable herbs and spices, which are ready to use for up to three months and can be found in the fresh produce section of most grocery stores.

Simple drinks that complement the food flavors are a must. Ready-to-serve margaritas like Jose Cuervo Golden Margarita are a convenient way to entertain with style. They can also serve as a great base for creating delicious new cocktails simply by adding fresh ingredients.

These easy recipes can be made ahead of time, so all you have to do on brunch day is sit back with friends and enjoy.

### Brunchology

The Study of Brunch

#### Herbology

- Herbs and spices are a good source of antioxidants.
- Italian seasonings are usually a mixture of herbs like basil, thyme, parsley, oregano and rosemary.
- Gourmet Garden squeezeable herbs and spices have no additives or preservatives.
- For more recipes, visit [www.gourmetgarden.com](http://www.gourmetgarden.com).

#### Drink Mixology

- The Bloody Mary used to be made with vodka, but today can be made with gin, rum or even tequila.
- Sangria is a Spanish punch, traditionally made with wine and fruit. Jose Cuervo Golden Margarita gives sangria a whole new twist with its blend of rich, orange Grand Marnier and premium Jose Cuervo Gold Tequila.
- Whenever you're enjoying cocktails, please remember to drink responsibly.
- Find out more about easy entertaining with restaurant-quality margaritas at [www.cuervo.com](http://www.cuervo.com).

#### Olive-ology

- Black ripe olives are milder in flavor than their cousins, the Spanish green and the Greek Kalamata.
- Olives have between 4 and 7 calories each, depending on the size.
- Flavorful olives pair well with robust wines.
- Find a handy "Olives 101" chart at [www.lindsayolives.com](http://www.lindsayolives.com) to help pick just the right ones.

"Brunch is cheerful, sociable and enticing. It puts you in a good temper, it makes you satisfied with yourself and your fellow beings; it sweeps away the worries and cobwebs of the week."

— Guy Berger, *Hunter's Weekly*, 1895

#### Bloody Maria

Serves 4

- 1 bottle Jose Cuervo's Authentic Margarita Mix
- 1/3 cup Jose Cuervo Clásico
- 3 cups tomato juice
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 2 teaspoons hot sauce
- 1 teaspoon fresh ground pepper
- 1 tablespoon prepared horseradish
- Garnish: 4 celery sticks and 4 large cooked shrimp

Combine all ingredients in a large pitcher and stir. Pour into large highball glasses filled with ice and garnish.

#### Mediterranean White Bean Salad

Serve 4

- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- 2 cans (15 ounces) cannellini beans, rinsed and drained
- 1/3 cup Lindsay Kalamata Pitted Olives, coarsely chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon Gourmet Garden Squeezeable Garlic
- 1 tablespoon Gourmet Garden Squeezeable Oregano
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice

Heat oil in medium-sized sauté pan over medium-low heat. Add beans and olives to pan, followed by garlic and oregano. Mix well and remove from heat immediately. Toss with lemon juice and serve warm or at room temperature.

#### Tomato Olive Frittata

Serves 4 to 6

- 6 large eggs
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 1/2 teaspoons Gourmet Garden Italian Seasoning
- 2 cups shredded Fontina, cheddar or Monterey Jack cheese
- 1 can (3.8 ounces) Lindsay Sliced Ripe Olives, drained
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced green onion
- 1/2 cup chopped, seeded fresh tomato
- 1/3 cup thin strips Canadian bacon or lean ham

Preheat oven to 350°F. In medium bowl, whisk one egg with flour until blended. Whisk in 5 eggs, pepper and Italian seasoning. Stir in remaining ingredients. Spread in oiled 11x7-inch baking pan or dish. Bake 22 to 24 minutes until golden and set. Slice and serve.

#### Marinated Olives

Makes 1 dozen appetizers; 2 1/2 cups olives

- 1 can (7.75 ounces) Lindsay Ripe Pitted Olives, drained
- 1 jar (5.75 ounces) Lindsay Spanish Green Olives, drained
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 tablespoon Gourmet Garden Italian Seasoning
- 1/2 teaspoon Gourmet Garden Squeezeable Garlic
- 1/2 teaspoon Gourmet Garden Squeezeable Chili Pepper
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice

In a jar with tight fitting lid, combine all ingredients. Cover, shake to coat. Refrigerate at least 2 hours or up to 10 days before serving. Serve at room temperature, with wooden picks, as an appetizer, or serve over lettuce leaves and sliced tomatoes as a salad.

#### Tequila Sunrise Sangria

Serves 16 to 18

- 1 bottle (750 milliliters) Jose Cuervo Golden Margarita
- 1 cup of orange juice
- 1 lime, juiced
- 3 oranges, sliced into rounds
- 2 mangoes, peeled and diced
- 1/2 to 16 maraschino cherries
- 1/4 cup cherry juice
- 2 bottles (750 milliliters) dry white wine, chilled
- 1 liter lemon lime soda, chilled
- Garnish: orange slices and maraschino cherries (used from the sangria fruit)

1. In a pitcher, combine margarita, orange juice, lime juice, oranges, mangoes, cherries and cherry juice. Chill at least one hour, and up to 4 hours.

2. Pour fruit mixture into large punch bowl. Stir in white wine and soda.

3. Pour into glasses, garnish and serve.

## Home Owners Do You Know... How to Detect Sick House Syndrome?

USE OF TOBACCO AND VENTILATION SICK HOUSE SYNDROME

### WHAT CAUSES SICK HOUSE SYNDROME?

Sick House Syndrome occurs when a house can't "breathe". A home needs to breathe in order to rid itself of indoor pollutants. These pollutants result in poor indoor air quality - a "sick house." Inadequate ventilation allows pollutants to build up, causing potential health risks to the home's occupants. Young children, the elderly, and some chronically ill persons are most susceptible to the effects of Sick House Syndrome.

Common sources of indoor pollution include tobacco smoke, certain carpeting materials, furnaces which are operating with a dirty burn cycle, using fireplaces which are not properly vented, candles, pressed wood cabinets and household cleaning products. Moisture build-up, although not a pollutant itself, can also be harmful in a house as it can cause mildew and/or mold growth inside walls, crawlspaces, and other areas. The spores from the mold will be circulated through the air in the home by operating the furnace, air conditioner and ceiling fans.

### HOW CAN INDOOR POLLUTION BE REDUCED?

Source control is usually the most effective way to improve indoor air quality. In some cases, eliminating the specific sources of indoor pollution - for example, removing older carpets, and repairing or maintaining furnaces - may be all that is necessary.

For offending substances such as tobacco smoke, cleaning products, and moisture buildup, improving ventilation is a key means of decreasing indoor pollution. Many newer homes are so well insulated and sealed that only a very limited amount of fresh air can get in. Recommended and effective ventilation requires the home should have a complete air change every three hours. In this situation, using attic or window fans and opening windows (when weather permits) are easy and inexpensive ways to improve and increase ventilation.

More hazardous materials such as asbestos and lead do not normally cause problems if they are undisturbed, but these and other dangerous substances should be analyzed by having Samples of the materials collected by a qualified technician, and have analysis by a Certified Lab to identify the type of material if unknown or to verify any health concerns. This will also help to identify if any action is required such as encapsulation, abatement or removal is warranted.



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# Color show

## Everything Grows colors gardens economically

By John R. Hall  
SPECIAL WRITER

If it's a colorful garden you want, it's a colorful garden you'll get, thanks to Advanced Master Gardener Jodi Slankard, owner of Everything Grows in South Lyon. "I am into big showy flowers like peonies, roses and hydrangeas," she said.

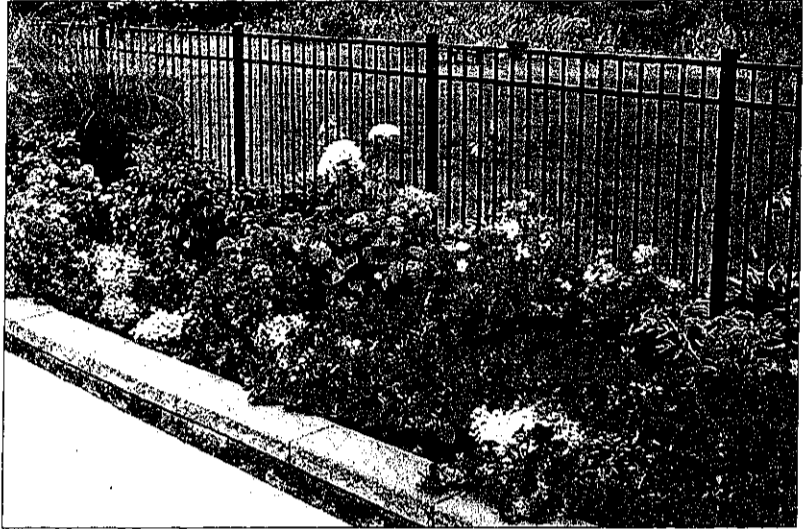
That color can be transformed into gardens of all shapes and sizes. Jodi is happy to work with homeowners with large gardens or those who just need some touch-up work on their landscapes. She has been a familiar face among many neighborhoods in South Lyon, Brighton, Milford, Novi, and Northville since 2001, working with homeowners to customize their gardens and landscaping.

Jodi's expertise is even more important today because of the Michigan economy. She knows that many homeowners are choosing to invest in upgrading their homes - to increase the value and enhance the look of their outdoor spaces. Having a healthy and colorful garden will enhance any home. She also knows that many business owners are looking to revitalize the look of their businesses, too, in order to attract customers and give their commercial buildings a more professional look.

"I have been specializing in custom gardens for homes and businesses, and I also take care of several subdivision entrances and common spaces," she said.

Each customer, whether they hire Jodi to clean up and design their gardens or ask her to maintain gardens on a regular basis, will know what to expect the moment they meet with Jodi. They know that Jodi's specialty is flower gardens, in which she uses a combination of bulbs, perennials, and annuals that will flower through the spring, summer, and early fall.

And they know that each garden will be uniquely designed for them.



Submitted Photos

Jodi Slankard creates beautiful gardens for her customers using her vast experience and knowledge of what types of flowers to plant and in what conditions to plant them.

### THE GARDEN AS AN EXTENSION OF YOU

Like any artist who signs his or her canvases, Jodi puts a unique stamp on her own work. Likewise, she knows the importance of each customer who wants to make their garden an extension of their own personality and taste.

Jodi sits down with each customer to determine their color and flower preferences. She considers color schemes that range from monochromatic (shades of the same color) or polychromatic (opposite

sides of the color wheel). "Your garden is like a watercolor painting, with nature painting the outdoors," Jodi said.

Having colorful blooms through all seasons is a signature of Jodi and Everything Grows. She views flower gardens as a constantly evolving work of art, with new shapes and colors as it matures. That's the beauty of using annuals to accent the perennials - providing all season color.

Jodi reminds customers that there is more to a beautiful garden than just color. She considers the unique features of the yard, too, such as shade, sunny areas, or trouble spots.

"The location of your garden and its soil base are really the most important factors," she added. Even the most colorful garden will not thrive unless the location is correct.

"Most plants need six hours of sunshine to bloom and thrive," Jodi said. "Shade gardens can be difficult, with fewer planting options. However, shade gardens can be made incredibly beautiful with good planning."

### EXPERIENCE + MICHIGAN LIVING = BEAUTIFUL GARDENS

Jodi combines her experience as a master gardener and her Michigan roots to put a valuable stamp on every garden she creates. Not only can she renovate an existing bed that is overgrown or planted haphazardly, she can also change the soil composition to make it the most ideal for growing annuals and perennials.

That's why she starts at the very beginning, cultivating good soil that will produce positive results throughout the year. "I'd rather do it right the first time instead of having to rip out dead plants after a year of struggling poor soil," Jodi added. "It's important that the plants get the nutrients they need from the soil."

Developing the right soil has been made much easier by the compost provided to Everything Grows by local business, Tuthill's Farm. "They have the best compost in town," Jodi said.

Just knowing what materials to use and who to rely on has made Jodi a popular

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choice for many home and business owners. Being a Michigander is a plus, too.

"I love growing roses in Michigan," she said. "They're not as tricky as you think, although they are heavy feeders and need regular water. They're one of the few plants that bloom in most cases from June until November."

### FLEXIBLE, TOO

Jodi's customers have found that she is very adaptable to whatever they need. She said that many of her customers hire her to clean up their yard and plant a new garden once a year while other customers "have me come back every two weeks to weed" she noted.

Customers can pick and choose from an array of services, even the ones who still like to work their own gardens with "a little help."

"Some people want immediate results so we use larger plants sizes. Or I can use smaller plant sizes to help them stay within their budget."

Speaking of budgets, Jodi said when she founded Everything Grows most of her work was with higher income homeowners, who had a lot of discretionary money to spend on their gardens. Today she is working with people who have all kinds of homes or businesses. "I am willing to work within any budget," Jodi added.

And that work can begin as soon as the ground thaws. If an early spring is around the corner, you'd better call Jodi right away at (248) 259-1363 or e-mail her at [jaslankard@cablespeed.com](mailto:jaslankard@cablespeed.com).



Perennials and annuals are a big part of the gardens that Jodi Slankard of Everything Grows specializes in.

### JODI'S QUICK GARDENING TIPS

- Start with a good soil base
- Choose anchor plants, i.e. flowering shrubs that bloom in different seasons
- Carpet the ground with wave petunias and add annuals to provide all season color
- Preen and mulch (shredded pinebark) to keep weeds down
- Water regularly

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