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

By Chris Jackett STAFF WRITER

Following the crisis surround-ing last year's state budget, recall campaigns and discussions about the Legislature have been common, recently encouraging dis-cussion 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 circulat-ing throughout the state to get these issues on the November bal-

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

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Dick Faulkner and Commerce resident Dick Stonienski.

resident Dick Stopienski.
"Economically, we'd save money It's on the ballot to not only make part-time, but elimi-nate 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

sion," Downey said, "California is the only state that pays its legisla-tors more than Michigan." The potential of part-time legis-lation is fully supponed by the Kalamazoo Chamber of Commerce, although Crawford said the state chamber isn't as enthusiastic. He said there are a lot of anales to look at researding 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 see how it all shakes out. I know we've got to change the we've got to change they way we're doing things and this may

Crawford, who is a candidate



Photo by Mike Shuste

Oakland County Commissioner Hugh Crawford, left, talks with Patrick Downey, Dick Please see PETITION, 5A Stoplenski and Dick Faulkner during a political discussion Monday at Downey's home.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Novi's Pel 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

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 par-ents Tom and Linda.

The fund was set up to help the family with the unexpected funer-

Donations can be made to the John Thomas May Fund at

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

Livonia, 48154.
Services are being held at UHT Funeral Home in Westland.
While visiting his aunt and uncle, Tina and Jeff Brown, Alvok their springer spanie! 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 Villare Oaks sub-

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

Please see FUND, 5A

# Upscale lounges add variety to Novi

By Chris Jackett

Las Vegas is known for the upscale atmosphere throughout its casinos, bars and night clubs. And ow 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 special convergement. The air is of a social environment. The air is better. It's really comfortable, almost like going and sitting in a comfy living room."

Please see UPSCALE, 5A

# My Novi Maws



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

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

ous film can check out "Stop Loss" (R), which deals an American soldier called back for a second four in Iraq, or "17" (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.emagineentertainment com for more information.

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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.

Looking to Looking to add a nittle sometting to the yard uses spring. Head over to Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grad River Avc., 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-

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# MY NOVI COMMUNITY

# Live, love and laugh for Andi

to benefit adenoid cystic carcinoma

By Kelly Murad

Andrea (Andi) O'Connell never took a single day of her life for granted. She lived, loved, laughed and looked good while doing it.
But on July 31, 2007, at the age of 40, the South Lyon resident lost a 21-year fight against adenoid

The foundation

Gone, but never forgotten, Andi serves as inspiration in the fight against ACC, a rare form of can-

About three months after losing the love of his life, Andi's hus-band, Mike O'Connell, a Novi High School graduate, and their three children Tyler, 14; Gabrielle, 11; and Olivia, 8. ncorporated The Live Like Andi

"She didn't want a foundation based on her, but now she doesn't have a say in it," Mike said, "This is kind of helping fill the void and do something positive."

The foundation was established

to raise money to fund research of ACC, which currently receives no governmental funding. For its first fund-raising event the foundation is hosting a walk, run and fashion walk Saturday, April 12, at Detroit Catholic

Central High School in Novi. Participants who pre-register by April 8 will receive a \$5 discount and those who pre-register by this Saturday will be guaraneed a free T-shirt

Money raised at the event will not only benefit the Adenoid Cystic Carcinoma Research Foundation percent of the / p

School; Andi's alma mater, Richmond High School, in Richmond, Ind.; Detroit Catholic Central, where Tyler goes to school; and South Lyon High School, in Record flight formsterns. henor of their home "Scholarships will be set up to support high school kids who have overcome obstacles and adversities in life with a positive

The scholarships are earmarked for Mike's alma mater, Novi High

attitude (like Andi)," Mike said.

Participants of the first annual

Live Like Andi Run will have th option of a 1-mile Fun Run, 10K run or 5K walk or run, beginning at Detroit Catholic Central on Wixom Road

Ironically, those who knew Andi, understood fashion was more important to her then exer-"Call me when they have a .5K

and I'll do that one," Andi used to say to Mike. So, in honor of Andi, the event includes a 400-meter Fashion Walk for participants to end the day in style.

Andi, who was referred to by

her nurses as their 'fashionable patient,' was always dressed to the nines.

Ladies are encouraged to wear high-heels, fashionable tennis shoes, boas or cheetah print cloth-ing as they walk around the track sipping water out of champagne and martini glasses. "She called cheetah a color, and

when she couldn't wear heels anymore, she wanted fashionable tennis shoes," said Michele King, one of Andi's best friends, "She never quit shopping."

Aside from Mike and their three kids, Andi's biggest sup-porters were her parents, Terry and Julia; her brothers, Brian and

Jeff; and her three best friends, Michele, Sherry and Teresa.

"Andrea called her mom every day at 8:30 a.m.," Mike said. "She just profooddly touched se many."

At the age of 19, Andi was liagnosed with ACC, a rare, slow growing form of caneer, averaging 600 new cases each year in the United States.

Annual event to benefit the lenoté cystic carcinema. Detroit Catholic Central

27225 Wixom Road. The 5K and 10K races benis at 10 a.m. with the Fun Run at noon and Fashlor Walk at 12:30 n m. Registration for the 10K rul or 5K walk or run is \$30.

Greg Sadler, owner of Second Wind Race Management is

Detroit Catholic Central.

"This race is a way to co

she would be proud of the out-

research'oi

8 a.m. registration.

A family favorite photo, Andi O'Connell, her husband, Mike and children Olivia (left), n't affect a ton of people, but, for when she had seven brain tumors removed, Andi believed it was an

Wind Race Management, is organizing the race, with the cooperation and contributions of expectancy for an ACC patient is businesses such as Running Fit Graphic Visions in Northville and five to seven years, Andi defied "She celebrated the battle," her strength," King said. "I don't know she would like the race, but

she wasn't afraid of death According to Mike, Andi treat-ed cancer as if it were her job, her "Every time she took chemo i

was never with huge hopes," he said. "She just figured she had to take her chances. She looked at everything like it was an opportuing like it was an opportu

Andi underwent seven life-threat opportunity for research to be conducted and requested the

the people it does affect, it's dev-astating," Mike said.

Although the average life largest tumor, which was abou the size of a peach, be analyzed

King said. "Andi was so positive,

injected with 18 different types of chemotherapy more than 200 times every time she went into the hos-pital, she was going to come out," Mike said. "Her biggest fear was

"She was very proactive about taking treatment." King said. "She'd say 'I won't regret trying, but I'd regret not trying. She always worried about how it how everyone was dealing with gone, and there was never proof the she was gone Computer Slow? Are You Getting Error Messages: Just Stopped Working?

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McKenna Associates, Inc., the planning consultants hired to study the city-owned property, will present its recommendations to Novi's City Council at the upcoming meeting, 6 p.m. April 7 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175

recommendations regarding the nermanent location of the Old Fuerst Farm or another locati and the long-term uses of the

farmstead property.
In an effort to gain feedback, the consultants held focus group sessions in February to gather d were expected to submit a plan to the city by the beginning The idea to review potential uses

for the property became a priority when construction plans for the new library required relocating of

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school level.

Students are appointed to the Commission, Beautification Commission, Library Board; and Housing and Community
Development Advisory Committee.
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group charged with the responsi-bility of making recommenda-tions to the City of Novi concern-ing the needs of youth. During the past year, the Youth

Project Sticker Shock, hosted "Addicted to Movies....ne Drugs," held a Senior-to-Senio intergenerational prom, formed a mentoring program and more

based upon application completion. a written essay and an interview Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office located at online at cityofnovi.org.

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# Paralyzed Veterans win battle for Big House seating

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People in wheelchairs have dealt with this problem for ages, former times, and the problem for ages, and the problem for ages, in most sections of the stadium, and the problem for ages, and the problem for ages, in most sections of the stadium, and the problem for ages, and the prob

dealt with this problem for ages, often opting out of attending pub-

A recent agreement between Novi-based Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America and the University of Michigan will though the Change things however, and make more seats available at Michigan Stadium, better known as the Big our corner. House, throughout the course of

ave universal implications," said Michael Harris, executive director of the Paralyzed Veterans of America's Michigan chapter. "We think it's a win-win for everyone. I think the university, we set a recedent for accessibility.

Currently, Michigan Stadium has 81 handicap-accessible seats. has 81 handicap-accessible seats. By the start of the 2008 season, the stadium will have 177 handicap seats and 329, plus compan-"The law requires 1 percent. It

was unrealistic to have them put in that many because the demand wouldn't be there for 1.000," Harris said, "In 2010, both sides will review the agreement.

Aside from providing additional seating. Harris said the organi-zation's goal was to offer options

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ing is available in the student sec-tion. A lot of the time, it's in the less desirable locations," Harris said. "The students were really in We work with communities and it

happy ending before things got ugly. The MPVA filed a com-plaint in federal court in April 2007 against the university and November.

"We were able to settle this before we went to trial. We were going to have to assure their bath-rooms are accessible, concessions and you can get to the seating. From the time you park your vehicle in a handicap spot to the time you get to your seat without archi-tectural barriers."

Although the MPVA fought for the Americans with Disabilities

persed throughout the sealing bowl and have price ranges," he

### Multidimensional

The MPVA is primarily focused on making sure veterans with paralyzing spinal cord injuries receive their veterans affairs health benefits. They also including the student section. Seating not used would be made available for non-handicapped fans. "We ensured wheelchair seat- new structures are wheelchair

our corner."

The discussion reached a prelates to government entities when it comes to designing buildingly. The MPVA filed a complete the many control of the many c with spinal cord paralyzed veter-ans, mainly honorable, is to make sure they're getting their benefits."
The MPVA helps veterans with

non-service injuries as well Harris is a veteran of the Marine Corps., but he sustained a spinal cord injury afterward, in 1986, when he was in a non-service happy to resolve it before it went automobile accident. Since then, to trial," Harris said. "They're he has worked with the MPVA and the local community to pro-mote accessibility for those in wheelchairs.

"We have a good working relationship with the city," he said, not-ing he helped St. John Providence Park make sure its sidewalks were safe and accessible

Act to be honored for proper accommodations at Michigan Juckett can be reached at (248) Stadium, Harris said the group 349-1700, ext. 122 or doesn't plan on confronting other cjackett@gamett.com.



Michael Harris, executive director of the Paralyzed Veterans of America's Michigan chapter, helped in the charge to add more handicap seating in Michigan Stad

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### **PETITION**

Term limits

Eliminating term limits, which

is another part of the proposal, seems more feasible to Crawford, Downey and Cassis.

"I really think the unintended consequences of a term-limited legislature is becoming more apparent," Cassis said. "You're here for a short time, looking

ahead to where you'll go next. I

mum of 12 years. Without imme

it to part-time legislation."

itation proposal needs to be evallumped into the first half of the year or spread out throughout the

"If you're there January then? I have concern with the first 100 days, but what are you going to do with the rest of the year," he said. "I think people

Downey said the need for a different legislative arrangement stems from its ability to perform. what our state legislation has been doing for years. There are I do not think it turned out the enough people in this state, we should be able to put a good group in there. I think we need

Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) is the partisanship that has caused concerned with who would be filling the seats in the Capitol Building if a part-time legisla-

more efficiency and less parti-

ture is adopted, as many people would have to work full-time obs and may not run for office.
"It would increase the likelibood of an individual seeking other remuneration. Would they seek remuneration through lobbyists or others through a conflict of interest? It raises ethical questions of seeking alternate

Jeff and Tina live three blocks

"Just walking from our house to the lake would take five to seven minutes," Jeff said. But when Chase returned,

soaking wet without May, they immediately began running in that direction.

When the family arrived at

ice about 12-15 feet from

shore, with foot prints leading

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away from the lake.

affects how you perform legisla-tively and the bills you try to get passed. You're kind of short cir-cuited here." Cassis is the second longest standing legislator in Lansing, having served as a state senator They just need to initiate change because they'll have to leave anyway (because of term limits) for six years since serving as a representative for the term-maxi-It wouldn't affect them," he said

action instead of political postur

ing. It's to no advantage of the ing. It's to no advantage of the voters, Having a part-time legislation, they will be compelled to move things along," he said, adding, "We have term limits. We call them elections,"

As for the current Legislature

Downey said they can partially redeem themselves by helping to

Downey is no stranger to poli-

"I believed in getting involved

teacher at Holy Redeemer High School in Detroit, He also ran for years because of term limits. "I did vote for term limits, but state representative in 1968, but lost. Now, he is helping to spear-head the local petition to institute way we hoped," she said. "We're learning from the lessons of term part-time legislators and remove limits and (might want to) apply

and threw my name in the hat," he said of his run for the Legislature. "If you're not going Crawford, who said he was not in favor of term limits or recalls, said term limits have resulted in recalls recently.
"It's hard to get away from it.

to do anything about it, quit bitching about it. I'm just a sol-dier. I don't believe in change for the sake of change. I'm so afraid they'll end up with a caucus sys-Both sides play games. It gets to be a terrible cycle. This partisanship is the real result of term limtern I lose sleep." To sign a petition or get involved with the program in Novi, conlact Patrick Downey at (248) 349-4108 or John Taschner its," he said, "I wish we could run the state in the way we run Oakland County. We're always passing a rolling two-year budg-et. The state seems like it's lookat (313) 310-8058. ing two weeks ahead."

Downey believes a part-fit

Novi News staff writer Chris Jackett can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 122 or legislature would help cut back "They'd be forced to take cjackett@gannett.com.

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John Thomas May

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the lake, they saw a hole in the on scene shortly after, but officials estimate May was sub-merged under water for 60-90

in there," Jeff said. "The best I It took the dive team about 25 can figure is there was a dark soft in the ice."

minutes to locate the boy, who

A SILicall was made at +24 was found at the bottom of the
pair and too police were on the hole where he initially entered the water, said Novi Police Chief According to Jeff, one of the David Mollov,

"According to the divers, (the officers was going to go in after him, but after poking around a water) was approximately 14-15 feet deep," he said, noting stick, they realized the water was he was unsure of the tempera-

"They did the best they could, but at that point we had to wait for the right equipment," Jeff said. "I would have thought the water was only

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thought the water was only ankle deep."

Molloy said the victim was transferred due to enhanced lifethe Oakland County Sheriff Department's Dive Team arrived

Beaumont Hospital in Royal

Movi News staff writer Kelly Murad can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext 103 or knutrad@gamett.com.

He was pronounced dead at 6:22 p.m. "With the warm temperatures

upon us, stay off the ice at all costs," Molloy said. This is the second drowning in less than a year in Village Oaks

Lake. Isaac L. Reid, a 23-year-old Inkster man, drowned in the neighborhood lake on Mother's

Day last year. Reid was attempting to swim across a 75-yard section of the lake to cool off after helping family members with household

chores. Police believe the drown-

ing was an accident, and neither

drugs nor alcohol were factors, then Deputy Chief Thomas Lindberg said Reid was in Novi visiting fam

ity. His brother, who also was swimming at the time, was unharmed. Lindberg said the water was

about 50-55 degrees, which could have contributed to the accident. An observer saw Reid having trouble, heard the cries for help and called 911. According to Molloy, both

accidental incidents are the only he is aware of during the last

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service, Instead, Double Six fea-

liquor and mixed drinks. "I'd compare it to acupuncture,

Each venue has its calling card

though, The MiXX, which caters

to women tired of the old bar scene, features a 75-foot long

wooden bar, the longest in the tri-

county area, according to Gregory. The Grapevine offers a

sion, which is always muted as the

sounds of blues and jazz play in a

couches everywhere.

Area residents enjoy the atmosphere at the new Double Six lounge in Novi.

### **Upscale Novi lounges** UPSCALE

Double Six is the latest in a series of laid-back and upscale lounges opening in the community recently.
"The lounge atmosphere goes from being a bar to being able to sit back and relax," said Brian Burke, owner of The Grapevine, which opened at MainStreet in January, "We didn't want to be a restaurant, We didn't want to be a bar. There are a lot of people com ing in who are tired of the barscene. It's about enjoying a glass of wine with friends."

Venues such as Double Six and The Grapevine join a handful of others reaching out to the "more mature" community. "For us, we feel we're going for

the mature crowd, We just don't want a bunch of young kids throwing up all over everyone, said Randy Gregory, co-owner of The MiXX Lounge, which has been at MainStreet for nearly two years. "We want to make sure the

mature people stay mature."

Although each place reaches out to a slightly different age group, they welcome anyone who and getting stupid fast, and more

about enjoying the evening," Burke said, "We have a lot of younger people that are tired of the bar-scene. What's the most important is the amount of younger 22-23-year-olds coming out. They like to hang out at a place that isn't a 'pick up joint.' That's a trend and it's a good sign. People are relaxing a little bit

People are relaxing a instead of doing hard-charging. Although each venue, along Diny Martini Lounge, has its own tone and capacity, more common sports hars and pulss still have an important piece in Novi's nightlife and business is still improving for

# The Dirty MartIni Lounga Bouble Six Lounge Fith Avenue Ballroot 1. The Grapevine 5. The MIXX Lounge

hoth types of destinations "I think there's a place for it. Tures 12 martinis inspired by east-

There's a place for sports bars and erri influences and European conputs too. A lot of our demographics overlap," Gregory said. "(Business) liquor and mixed drinks. continues to increase. We have a oord staff, a good product and get a lot of repeat customers. The area can support even more. We really support the downtown. Brian's place (The Grapevine) and Fifth someone's house strictly dedicated to the complex of the complex Avenue have different crowds, but we all do. If you have a good prod-

uct, they'll come back. Some lounges market directly toward the weekend and aren't open during the week. Many sports bars stay open seven days a week to market toward sports lovers and viewers.

"Who's going to do a lounge on a Tuesday evening? Sometimes you just want to go somewhere and watch the game," Richmond said. Double Six Lounge doesn't offer beer on tap like many bars.

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# Extended stay hotel joins health care campus

### Staybridge Suites open for business

By Kelly Murad

A new kind of stay was intro Providence Park campus last

With 135 locations throughout the United States, Novi is home to Michigan's fifth Staybridge

"We wanted to be in an opscale community, and this is one of the areas in Oakland County that still had a lot of land to be developed."

"When the campus was being developed they wanted a hospital to be here because that's part of the campus experience."

Intercontinental Hotel Group, Staybridge Suites is an upscale, extended-stay hotel.

"It was our desire to have the extended-stay hotel on the site."

forms into a state-of-the-art health Staybridge care destination, patients and their families will have the opportunity to stay on the Providence Park

the family in the hospital and you want to be close by, we're right here," Nashar said. "It's really comforting for a lot of people to know they can be

The three-story hotel, features 108 one-bedroom, two-bedroom or studio suites, equipped with kitchens.

"We are a true upscale, extended-stay hotel," Nashar said, "We have all the benefits of residential living, we're the perfect place to

said Robi Nashar, general manager and director of sales at Staybridge solites-Novi. "It was a natural fit with the hospital and calls: full kitchens including. refrigerator, dishwasher, stove top and microwave; fitness center; and a swimming pool.

"They are a family-oriented the hotel," Casalou said. With the motto "Get comfortable," Staybridge strives to make guests feel like they are at home,

instead of at a hotel. "We don't want to be the same we don't want to be the said.

As the 200-acre property trans-

ed and friendly."
From 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday. Wednesday and Thursday nights; the Staybridge staff invites guests to join them for dinner.
"It's called 'our sun-downer,"

Suites - Novi

Grand River Avenue

said Nashar, noting when the weather gets warm they will barbecue on the gas grills in the The hotel has also made some

Park's commitment to healthy liv-"We're 100 percent non-smoking to fit into this campus," said Nashar, commenting Staybridge

Suites also offers healthy options at its complimentary breakfast



General Manager Robi Nashar, Assistant General Manager Anelsa Ferrel and Sales Manager Cherry Epps are ready to welcome guests at the Staybridge Suites.

appeal to Novi's business clien-tele as well. Alor

Along with free wired and

buffet. "We are the closest hotel to the Aside from targeting the hospital clientele. Nashar said the Nashar said: "It's about convenience of the closest hotel to the Vireless Internet, guests are wellowed to use the business center, and can be reached at (248) or come to use the business center.

# Auto supplier moves headquarters to Novi

By Chris Jackett

Auto parts supplier Citation Corp. announced March 14 it will move headquarters to the current Novi technical center from Birmingham, Ata.

The technical center, which has housed sales, engineering, human resources and group operations personnel since it

opened on Haggerty Road in 2000, will now house the three chief officers as well. "This change makes sense for said Chief Executive Officer Doug Grimm in a release. 'About half of our posiness is in the automotive sector, and the key auto hub is, of

Citation designs and manufac-

ponents for transmissions.

The company provides jobs for 2,700 employees in six states and overseas, with a manufacturing facility in Grand Rapids.

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# What Can Investors Learn From Gardeners?

page with inflation. Instead, build geraniums, but you'll have a tougher time with roses, which crave the sun. As an investor, you'll also find that some investments are more appropriate for your situation than others. So, before you purchase a stock, bond, certificate of deposit or

still take advantage of the season by "planting the seeds" for the ety of flower or one fruit or veg growth of another valuable piece of property – your investment on t stick with one type of investment of property – your investment of property – by "planting the seeds" for the ety of flower or one fruit or veggrowth of another valuable piece of property — your investment operfolio.

Actually, you can find a few similarities between successful gardening and effective investing. For starters, both gardeners and investors, send to consider their everyment boads and certification of progress. But instead of conconservative" and invest only in growth steady selfing off investments and investors are great to consider their everyment boads and certification. investors need to consider their government bonds and certificates buying new ones, you'll likely be individual circumstances. If, for of deposit, you'll probably never better off choosing quality securiindividual circumstances. If, for example, your garden is in a shady part of your yard, you might be able to grow some nice

dener, you know it will soon be time for you to put in your flowers or vegetables. But even if you don't have a green thumb, you can be the form that a green thumb.

might be relevant to investors? For one thing, they get rid of weeds that can choke off the growth of flowers or vegetables. As an investor, you too may bene-fit from occasionally "pruning"

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that could otherwise be more

at least once a year.

So, the next time you see some What else do gardeners do that closely. Their skills and habits

Mark Whitfield.

# Twelve Oaks opens Bare Escentuals; Wixom welcomes Vitullo & Assoc.

Twelve Oaks announces the opening of Bare Escentuals. The store is the first of its kind in the state. The popular producer of natural cosmetics joins more than 200 specialty shops and restaurants at the shopping center. Bare Escentuals is one of the fastest growing premium cosmetic com-panies in the United States and a leader in the mineral-based cosmetic departments. The company Customers may register online at develops, markets and sells cosmetics, skin care and body care products under its i.d. products under its i.d. bareMinerals, i.d. RareMinerals brands, and professional skin care

The houtique is located on the lower level near Center Court.

### Verlzon Wireless offers PDA and Smartphone workshops

Verizon Wireless is offering free PDA and Smartphone workshops in the Novi area in April. Customers need to register in

The popular classes, "20 Things Your PDA Can Do For You," have been offered so far in 33 cities in six states.

"The reaction from customers is outstanding," said Earle Powers, data solutions director for Michigan, Indiana and Kentucky, "People want hands-on advice, and that's what they will get from our data experts who know the products inside and out." The in-store classes fill up quickly and seating is limited. Powers said. Some of the topics

covered include text messaging, synchronization, e-mail nd Internet browsing. Classes will be held 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. April 9 and April 23 at the

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### Art Van Furniture distributes trees for Arbor Day

Art Van Furniture is celebrating Arbor Day, April 25, by donating trees to area schools, community organizations and associates for iting. The company will pur-Township as part of its Caring For Our Home Tree Donation

Program.

Art Van's Caring For Our
Home Program began in 2007
with the donation of 3,000 trees to include plantings by the compa-

Organizations receiving the ees in 2008 include the City of ovi Forestry Department.

Organizations were chosen from communities in which Art Van

tions, residents visiting any Art Van location, from April 16 to April 23, will receive a packet of flower seeds for their own beautification projects. While supplies last. For additional store informa-

### Wixom welcomes Vitulio & Associates, Inc.

The City of Wixom welcomes Inc., as a new corporate resident, Wixom Mayor, Kevin W. Hinkley, in his first State of the City address welcomed Vitullo & Associates to the City. Located at 46969 West Road.

Vitallo Precision Machining pro-duces a variety of precision machined parts for automotive aerospace and other tooling and machinery markets. For addition-

### site at www.vitulloinc.com.

Wixom company lauded for Lighting Supply Company of Wixom received a Community Spirit award last month for its role campaign. The company was rec-ognized for its generosity by the Wixom City Council. LSC is the only west Oakland site for the



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

12 Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk is adding an entryway at Donelson Road that will allow access to the shopping center from the east side for visitors. Once open, it will will give shoppers easier access to Novi Road and Interstate-96.

### Businesses fund confined

generous donations received from

Department's Re-CYCLE for Kids, a project in which donated organizations that assist children in need, including basics County
Lighthouse of Oakland County
Youth

Assistance. The project started in early 2006 and the campaign is ongoing.
Within two weeks of the Within two weeks of the Wixom campaign kickoff on Jan. 6, nearly 20 bicycles were collected and delivered to the Auburn es collapse or anyone becomes trapped in a confined space.

### space rescue trailer (\$5,000), Apollo Fire Equipment (\$2,000), B & V Construction The City of Wixom is proud to nounce the purchase of a con-(\$1,000), Paul & Mary Bosco fined-space rescue trailer through

the business community. Through the munificence of 20 Wixom businesses, \$15,300 was received Allstate Billiards-Patie-Hot Tubs welcomes new spas that paid for the purchase of a 28-Allstate Billiards-Patio-Hot River® trailer. The trailer is cus-Tubs' retail showrooms in Nov. tom-designed to carry confiredspace rescue equipment and to provide for a Command Post dur-ing critical incidents when trench-

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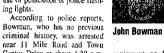
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# Man arrested for impersonating a police officer

Novi police charged John Walter Bowman, 43, of West Bloomfield Township with a 90day misdemeanor for unlawful e or possession of police flash-

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patch assistance

The officer called dis-

ing a police ten consent to search Bowman's officer. ten consent to search Bowman's vehicle they discovered: officer
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Two operational and alternately flashing red and blue lights,
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Four sets of police-style light-

ing,

• A blue nylon jacket with
"Agent Fugitive Enforcement" on
the back,

• Two police-style baseball caps with "Oak Park Police" and "Agent Fugitive Enforcement" A black .357 revolver-type starter pistol.

All police equipment was · Two police scanners.

Road closed to traffic

Nine Mile Road at about 3 p.m.

Wednesday, causing motorists to find alternative routes. Fire officials said the closure

 A gold magnetic Fugitive Recovery" star, except the items that were hard-Several removable, plug-instyle police lighting units, · Three switch boxes, one of

wired into the Mountaineer, reports said. Police said Bowman was also carrying a fraudulent Central intelligence Agency card with his

was a result of a pole fire, which

is normally caused by lightning or an electrical surge. Officials said the closure is a

weapon permits in his wallet. Bowman is scheduled to appear

Murad can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext 103 or kmurad@gannett.com.

The roadway was not closed

through rush hour traffic

or an electrical surge.

Officials said the closure is a precautionary measure, in case of the entrance to the mean the entrance to the entrance

down wires. Detroit Edison was between Meadowbrook and Novi

# Novi residents charged in prostitution ring

and U.S. Attorney's investigation of a Detroit-based prostitution ring involving three Novi residents.

At about 1:30 a.m. last Phursday, a screent and three fficers from the City of Novi residents and more than 80 adults when the City of Novi residents.

The PBI has identified nine minors and more than 80 adults when the City of Novi residents. Police Uniform Division assisted agents from the FBI's Violent Crimes Task Force and Crimes Against Children Task Force in the execution of a search warrant near Nine Mile and Haggerty roads, said Novi Police Chief

"The search warrant was in connection to their investigation into a prostitution ring being advertised via the Internet and potentially involving underage girls," Molloy said. Five people were charged in

U.S. District Court late last week with sex trafficking of minors. manufacturing child pornography and other offenses arising from interstate prostitution networks. Dennis Paige, 32, of Novi and Robert C. Daniels, 28, of Detroit

prostitution networks. Stephanie Head, 22, of Detroit is accused of soliciting and train-ing minors to engage in prostitu-

on the Internet by Head and Daniels.

The defendants are alleged to have posted more than 2,800 advertisements on Craigslist.org

beginning on Jan. 10, 2006 according to a statement issued by the U.S. Attorney's office. Other Web sites alleged to have been used to advertise and solicit child and adult prostitutes include Myspace.com, cityvibe.com, blackplanet.com

and eros.com. In addition to working out-of-

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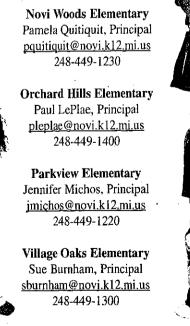
Kindergarten Parent Orientation will take place in each elementary building on April 3, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Contact the building principal for information.

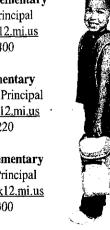


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# Novi students writing books for Providence children

By Chris Jackett

John Providence Park Hospital's Pediatries Unit will be receiving 500 news books for its shelves The twist. They will all be authored by Novi Community School District students and limit to express his thoughts.

"(Novi students are learning) the concept of giving back and grying to our community," said ents, who live on a hillside in the true opportunity for kids to see their writing become a gift for

from the Novi Educational Foundation. She was able to pur-8 blank pages a piece waiting to be filled by Novi students.

fifth-grade students are writing most of the books, but some kindergatners and first graders most of the brooks, but some kindergatners and first graders are working on literary pieces of

Some are writing books for 2vear-olds. Others are writing for kids more their age. More than anything, they're fearning to iden-ify with their audience," she said. "If nobody likes your story, it can I think the impact of this is just get better

important.

Fifth-grade student Addison

grade writing and literacy special-ist at Novi Meadows. "This is a true opportunity for kids to see their writing become a gift for the writing become a gift for "I've always tried writing about a - adventure with his dog. The Read and Be Well project kid and his dog because I have a

Lonergan said his inspiration where he, as the oldest child at a day care, was blamed for a prob-lem a younger child caused. He Cooper said second-through said any incident of mistreatment is one that can be overcome and

a medical concern. "You get to inspire your own writing and express your own interests. There's no end to writ-

huge. It's about the kids seeing themselves as writers and the power of being a writer. The kids realize 'No matter what age I am; it's what I have to say that's their own publication.

"Most of them are pieces of writing they had in their writers notebook. They've been busy revising and editing their work." "I started off writing a story Cooper said. "They didn't want it

to be books about sad things. It's a part of life, but it isn't the time." Lonergan said he wants to Mary Cooper, kindergaten-sixth country. He doesn't want to stay make his story enjoyable for children at the hospital, which is why he is considering revising the opening, although he assures it will still be a story of a boy's "This project is important

> nice to read," Lonergan said. "It' was drawn from experiences brighten their day as soon as the read something written by anothe ing all sorts of books, ranging from poetry, to fiction, to a book

> > ence of kids like them," she said. "One boy said he realized 'those books will be there when I have

longevity."

The Read and Be Well project is a partnership with St. John Providence Park through liaison

Novi students work on books as part of the Read and Be Well project, which connects Novi students with children at St. John Providence Park Hospital Children's Ward

science teacher who has handled the bulk of the district's partner- the experience.

"Kids need a good place for hip with the medical cumpus. Cooper said Novi High School their writing to be shared," she said. "I would say, every time I students are helping with marketing and graphic design aspects for the donation ceremony sometime start a lesson, it's a culmination because they're writing and get-

Novi News stall writer Chris -cjacke#@ganne#.com.

### On Campus

### Texas Christian University

Christopher Kim of Novi was iamed to the TCU Scholars List for fall semester 2007 for obtain Texas Christian University in Fort

### Michigan Technological University

Several area students were named to the Dean's List at Michigan Tech for fall semester from Walled Lake, business Wixom, computer engineering; and David J. Walters, a senior from Wixom, mechanical engineering.

Adrian College Mark Eberline, a junior and Novi High School graduate, was Lycoming College Amber Aschwanden a resident

Northville and a graduate of Novi High School, is a member of administration, Rebecca L. Rebusting College History Klank, a senior from Walled Club. The club gained official Lake, biomedical engineering: obstatus in 2005, with a vision Haruko Okamoto, a senior from of uniting Lyconing College historians and brainstorning activities that span a broad view of American, world and ancient his-tory. Aschwanden is a freshman Central majoring in archaeology.

### Calvin College

Adrian College for fall semester School, was named to the Dean's List for fall semester 2007. She is senior majoring in speech pathology and audiology

### Northeastern University

Lauren E. Kava, a Novi resident, was named to the Dean's List for fall semester 2007 at Northeastern University in Boston, Kava is majoring in

### Central Michigan University

The following students from Novi graduated in December 2007 from Central Michigan Heather D. Balon, daughter of Michael and Denise Balon of

Michael Kowalski, Bachelor of Science in Education; Kelly McMann, Bachelor of Applied Arts; Serena Montagnani. Bachelor of Science: Zachary Penn, Bachelor of Applied Arts; and Matthew Thompson, and Matthew Bachelor of Science.

### The Thomas M. Cooley Law Schael

Michael Karas, of Lansing, was anied to the Dean's List and Honor Roll in his first term of study at The Thomas M. Cooley Law School. He is a graduate of Michigan State University and Novi High School. He is the son

The following students from Ryan Walsh, Carl

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# Community Education Preschool Program enrollment begins

2008-09 school year is now open. Class programs focus on social, emotional, physical and cognitive development. The program fol-lows the State of Michigan Standards and Bench Marks for reschool or pre-kindergarten. furriculum includes: Language Arts, social studies, science, math, music and movements. Children are provided with experiences and opportunities allow-ing them to meet the State Early Learning Expectations for thirds, fourths, and young fifths. Children must be 3, 4 or 5 by Dec. L. Children also must be com pletely toilet trained.

Preschool classes follow the Novi Community School District une. To secure a spot in this Fall's 2008-09 session parents rates and availability.

When registering a child (or children), a parent needs to bring for more information or to order

Child's birth certificate or offer student scholarship

meet 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Parents are responsible for providing trans-portation. Tuition can be paid in portation. Tuition can be paid in full: \$6,393.36, or in nine payments of \$710.38 (August now available. The award will be

through April).

Many options are available for the district's half-day program, ranging from two- to five-day

classes. Registration information and prices are posted on the dis-nity to design miniature amuse-

NOTES

trict's Web site at www.novi.k12.mi.us, C.A.R.E. is also available at all elementary schools for kindergarten eighthgrade students,
For more information, Child Care Services at (248) 449-

### Bye Bye Birdie

Novi High School presents its spring musical "Bye Bye Birdie," 7 p.m. April 10-12 in the Fuerst Auditorium. This musical satire must register their child at the Child Care Services office in the Instructional Technology Center, 25345 Taft Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile and 10 Complications arise over a public-Mile and 11 Mile roads. Child tity stunt on the Ed Sullivan Show for senior citizens and children 12

A completed registration packet, available on the district's

 Friends of the Novi Library

Friends of the Novi Library

The Friends of the Nov Non-refundable registration Library are offering a \$1,000 fee payment (\$45 for school district residents, \$50 for non-residents)

The all-day preschool classes

The all-day preschool classes library science or related fields. For details and application information, please contact the approdepartment. The applications are il). presented at the group's annual friends meeting 7 p.m. May 14 at

### Child Care (C.A.R.E.) is avail- Rollercoasters highlight Camp Invention program

Children will have the opportu-

cles and brainstorm on Planet ZAK when the Camp Invention program arrives in Novi for the first time this summer. Open to children entering first through sixth grades, the program is scheduled for June 23-27 at Novi

will participate in hands-on, interactive activities that encourage creativity and inventive solutions. Seth Furlow, science teacher at Novi Middle School, will direct a staff of local instructors and counselors. The \$220 registration fee, due on or before May 31, includes daily snacks and a T-shirt. A discount of \$20 per child is offered with early registration by March 31 and with online registrants. Employees o Novi Community Schools can also receive a discount. Registrations received after May 31 requires a \$20 late processing fee. Each program is limited to 110 children so

### Scholarships offered for Walled Lake students

Now through April the Lakes Area Rotary Club is accepting scholarship applications from scholarship applications from Walled Lake High School students. Technical Center, Wixom Campus. Three \$1,000 dollar scholarships average, be in good standing with the school and have actively particcation deadline is April 1. Applications can be secured through school counselors or by contacting Rotarian Lorie McVey

Throughout each day, children

including attendees of the Oakland Student Center, 900 Oakwood

### Explore EMU

Eastern Michigan University's Explore Eastern program is a great way for high school students and



register, visit www.campinyention.org or call (800) 968-4332.

Novi Middle School teacher Sarah David (left) stands with award-winning students
Verlant Ram Feat Alan Nogues Parising and Standard Students Vedant Ram, Esau Alan Noguez Ramirez and Sachin Padmanabhan. The group participated in the America & Me Essay Contest.

can launch their future careers. The next Explore Eastern program Saturday, April 5, at the EMU

Street. EMU's main campus in Ypsilanti. The event is free.
The program provides students with an opportunity to meet with representatives from various academic programs, housing, dining, career services, financial aid, demic programs, nossing, onling, career services, financial aid, scholarships and other areas.

Campus tours of a classroom building, the Halle Library, the Olds-Robb Recreation and

All students attending Explore Eastern will be able to apply for admission, free of charge - a \$20 savings. One high school senior Farm Bureau Insurance a who enrolls at EMU will receive Matthew Lewandowski spons

udents to learn about 12 free credit hours of in-state. Novi Middle School's participa EMU and how an EMU education equivalent tuition. One transfer tion in the contest will student who enrolls will receive To register for Explore Eastern essay now advances to the state of for more information, go to level competition.

> Local students named essay Three students from Nov

winners in the 39th annual America & Me Essay Contest, sponsored by The three students, who earned

first, second and third place respectively, are Sachin Padmanabhan, Vedant Ram and Esan Alan Noguez Ramirez All three received award certificates for their achievement.
Farm Bureau Insurance agent

eighth grade English teache Padmanabhan's first place

or for more information, go to http://www.emich.edu/explore/. winners, who will be announced in April, will receive plaques

> In addition, the top essavists will be honored at a banquet in Lansing, meet with Michigan's top governmental leaders and be the featured guests at a Lansing Lugnuts baseball game. Several thousand eighth-grade

year with the help of Farm Bureau Insurance agents across the state. The topic of the 2007-08 con-test was "My Personal Hero."

ting published multiple times per dents are gaining the most from

### Novi and a graduate of Novi High Bowdich, Bachelor of Science: Ferris State University

Novi received academic honors for fall semester 2007 at Ferris State University: Kevin Charette, Kristin

### Lawrence Technological University

Novi have been named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall semester: Brian Essen Adam Hoane, Dallas: OdomingReent Tarpinian, Mohamad Farhat, and Sonia Tereszczenko. A student must maintain a minimum of a 3.5 Alzheimer's Support Group

### and open discussion for all those dealing with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia.

Church of the Holy Family LOCATION: 24505 Meadowbrook Road CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or visit www.holyfamilynovi.org Mass Schedule

THME/DATE: 10 a.m. second

DETAILS: Offering support

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.

Coffee House: A Catholic

Update TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m.

Monday, April 21 LOCATION: In the Family

DETAILS: Moderated by Fr.

# Interested in the Catholic

DETAILS: If you are in search Sunday Worship and wish to learn more about the **Healing Service** tunity for you to get answers and TIME/DATE: 4 p.m. first CONTACT: Call Maria at

(248)349-8847 or spiritwalkevery Wednesday Adoptive Parent Networking LOCATION: Room 10 TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. last

Vednesday of each month DETAILS: This free informaevery Tuesday tional meeting is open to all County, Child care is available. Disciple One Bible Study

> DETAILS: Course lasts 34 weeks, covers 70 percent of the

Tim Hogan, pastor and Craio Giera, seminarian. Come for coffee or teal to talk to discuss and to raise questions. All are wel-The Faith Club TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. every CONTACT: Lisa Molloy (248)

**Oak Pointe Church** LOCATION: 50200 W. 10 Mile Radical Joy

CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 or Sunday Worship TIME: 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

ReNew Life Ministries

death): DivorceCare (for those divorce); Ariger Management Dealing with Struggling Teens (for parents); YourSpace (for high school students): Every Man's Battle (for men seeking Hearts (for wives whose husbands struggle with pornograattraction or adultery); Changes emotional or relational pain); and rience unwanted same-sex attrac

tion or to register call (248) 912-0043 or visit www.oakpointe.org.

Annual Spring Rummage LOCATION: 46325 10 Mile DATE: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday

and Saturday, April 11 and 12 Mass Schedule First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated LOCATION: 45301 W. 11 Mile

### CONTACT: (248) 349-3647 or Novi United Methodist www.firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org

Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m. visit www.umcnovi.com Family Movie Night: 5:30 TiME: 9:45 a.m. p.m.; fourth Sunday of every

LOCATION: 40700 W. 10 Mile Sunday of every month Road CONTACT: (248) 427-1175 or church

> Yard Sale TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 2-3 LOCATION: Memorial Hall, east side of church

mage goods and clothing, also a TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Saturday, June 21 LOCATION: Memorial Hall, east DETAILS: Arts and crafts show; vendor space available CONTACT: Pam Davis.

# First United Methodist of

LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or DETAILS: 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.

Men's Bible Sludy TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 a.m. Sharing Hearts Women's

TIME/DATE: 12:45-2:30 p.m LOCATION: Chapel upstairs DETAILS: Child care available:

TIME/DATE: 6-8 n.m. even Sunday, or 9:30-11:30 a.m. every

> Disciple Bible Study: Jesus TIME/DATE: 3-5 p.m. every

other Thursday DETAILS: This interfaith group will be reading "The Faith Club;" register at (248) 344-4248.

IME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. first and third Thursday of each month DETAILS: For women looking their faith; community and other

TIME/DATE: 7:15-9 p.m.

BREAKING NEWS: Go to the Web at hometownlife.com for updated news

DETÁILS: Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning and change from a Christian perspective. The groups are: GriefShare (for those grieving a loved one's recovery from lust; pornography phy; sexual addiction; same-sex that Heal (for those experiencing

CONTACT: For more informa-

### St. James Catholic

CONTACT: (248) 347-7778 TIME/DAY: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday: 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday: 5

### LOCATION: 41671 W. 10 Mile

CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 or Healing Service and Holy

TIME/DATE: 9:45 a m. first Sunday of every month TIME/DATE: Noon, first

LOCATION: In front of the DETAILS: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace; not anti-anything; pro peace.

Group Spring Session TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. Friday, April 4-June 6 LOCATION: Willowbrooke DETAILS: Annual sale of rum-

> DETAILS: Riding lesson followed by lunch and discussion of But What are the Questions?" by

Pancakes and Praise

April 12

TIME/DATE: 8-9 a.m. Saturday,

contact Carol at (248) 380-4909 Soul Stretch Christian Youa TIME/DATE: 2:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 11-May 6 DETAILS: Designed to focus the mind for prayer. Cost is \$32

and pre-registration is required Call Jessica at (248) 685-7871 M.O.M.S. Baby, Kid and Me TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

> Friday, April 25; 9 a.m.-Noon Saturday, April 26 DETAILS: Accepting donations of baby, kid and maternity clothing (including coats, shoes and costumes), baby equipment, kid's strollers, toys, books and games All profits go back to the commu nity. A drop box and tax donation slins are available outside the fellowship hall. For more informa-

tion or to volunteer, call Alecia at www.mysignup.com/resale. Marriage Encounter TIME/DATE: May 30-June 1 LOCATION: Youth Haven Ranch, near Jackson DETAILS: \$50 non-refundable

registration fee. Crossoolnte Meadows LOCATION: Meadowbrook Elementary School, 29200

CONTACT: (248) 427-2700: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. or visit www.crossnointemeadows ord TIME: 9 and 10:30 a.m.

Single Point Ministries

Meadowbrook Road (south of 13

January and February. CONTACT: Terena Lawson at Ward Evangelical Church LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile (248) 374-5926 or e-mail Road, Northville CONTACT: (248) 374-5978 terena.lawson@wardchurch.org Sunday Worship TIME: 9 a.m. and 10:20 a.m. St. Paul Lutheran LOCATION: 201 Elm St., Traditional: 9 a.m. Contemporary

CONTACT: (248) 349-3140

TIME: 8:30: 11 and 11:30 a.m.

The Raba'i Faith TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. last Saturday of every month

Creek St., Novi DETAILS: This Devotional Gathering is focused on prayers Every Tuesday: 7 p.m. for peace. People of all faiths welcorne. CONTACT: (248) 473-0355 or visit www.us.bahai.org Praying Together: Sanctuary

Men's Bible Study; 7 p.m. Single First Presbyterian Church of Parents: Single Adult Ministries Northville Office; 8:30-10 p.m. Co-ed LOCATION: 200 E. Main St. Volleyball: Knox Half. CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 or Every Saturday: 10 a.m. visit www.firstpresnville.org Bicycling Group starts from var-Sunday Worship TIME: 9:30 and 11 a.m.

come: helmets required; lunch TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program, every Thursday OFTAILS: Informative and entertaining programs of interest

to singles: \$5 per person. Check website for details www.singleplace.org. Walking in the Park TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. every Saturday LOCATION: Meet at the

Visitor's Center of Heritage Park and 11 Mile Roads in armington Hills) DETAILS: Group meets for

### lunch afterwards. CONTACT: Sue (734) 459-

DATE: Tonight DETAILS: This three part series teaches you how to find relationships that are good for you and avoid those that aren't. Learn manageable steps that promote progress and help you restructure your approach to relation-

> Firelly Club Dinner and Jaz DATE: 5:30-8 p.m. Friday.

TÍMĒ/DATE: 3-7 p.m. Sundav.

DETAIL S: Fundraiser to support medical bills for Rick Van Over Also there will be a silent sale. Cost is \$10 in advance or

Dining Out TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 9 39455 10 Mile Road, just west of Haggerty Road, Novi DETAILS: Cost on your own

and must be honored. DATE: 5 p.m. Saturday, LOCATION: Lazy Lizard and Second City, Novi DETAILS: Dinner at the Lazy

Lizard Cantina followed by a

short walk to the Second City

Improv Comedy at Andiamo's for

the 7 p.m. show. Tickets are \$24

and information

Thursday, March 27, 2008

fax: (248) 349-9832



United in Prayers for Peace

MY FAITH & RELIGION

Members of Novi United Methodist Church and the community stand united in prayers for peace. The peace vigil takes place the first Sunday of each month and area residents are invited to participate

For single adults 40 years and women. Registration required. Suicide Loss Support Group CONTACT: (248) 374-5920 TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second Every Sunday: 11:30 a.m. Thursday and fourth Monday o each month Fellowship and refreshments Knox Hall DETAILS: New Hope Center for

Every Monday: 7 p.m. Grief Support is offering this support group to those who have lost Learner's Bible Study; Room a loved one to suicide. CONTACT: New Hope Center for Second and Fourth Monday Grief Support (248) 348-0115 or 7 p.m. Study of Ephesians; Room C309

TIME/DATE: 5:15-8:15 p.m. Every Wednesday: 6:30 a.m. DETAILS: Program includes Men's Bible Study; Single Adult recreation; dinner, bible study and Ministries office; 7 p.m. Single music; grades 4-12.

IME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. Monday DETAILS: Craft Day with spe-cial craft projects; childcare avail-Men's Club: People,

half-way through ride at your LOCATION: Fellowship Hali own expense Horseback Riding Small Sunday: Tennis for beginners Stevenson High School, Six Mile Road west of Farmington Road.

tourist level rider; all levels well

SPM Bridge: 5:30-9:30 p.m. Farm, 7461 Brookville Road, Saturday; beginners welcome; refreshments Summer Golf Registration DETAILS: Register for the 2008 summer golf league

walk-ins are welcome.

Chicago! Chicago!

CONTACT: (248) 374-5912

DETAILS: Fun get away week-

end. Chartered bus transporta-

Contemporary Inn of Chicago

the "Magnificent Mile", quided

bus tour. Trolley tour, walking

tour and Saturday night theatre

opportunities, Cost \$375, final

on March 31.

egistration and payment is due

Healing Hearts Ministry DETAILS: We offer an 11-week

hible study for women who have

experienced abortion and want to

please call us. There is hope and

know how to get through the

would like to talk to someone

healing in Jesus Christ. Also

women who have been abused.

Berkley/Royal Oak, Livonia, Shelby Township and Trenton in

offered are hible studies for

New groups are forming in

tion, two nights lodging at the

that is within walking distance to

Leagues will be: Monday begin ning April 28 at Fox Creek - 5:28 p.m. start time and Thursday beginning April 24 at Whispering New Hope Center for Grief

See "Support Groups" below. Safe People (Part I) Blended Family Workshop TIME/DATE: 7-8:15 p.m.

every Wednesday through April DETAILS: The Step-Family facilitate this group focusing on Blended Family, Registration is ships. Presented by Tom Brund appreciated but last minute

LOCATION: Firefly Club, Ann

LOCATION: Wolvering Sports Club, 27531 Grand River Ave.

(248) 231-4269 for reservations.

and reservations are mandatory Second City Improv Carnedy

and international legend in the world of Boogle Woogle plano the Keys" for 32 years at the o bar at Charley's Crab in Troy. Afterglow following concert.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$5 for students. Ages 11 and under are free. TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Saturday.

and must be paid in advance at

TIME/DATÉ: 7 p.m. Sunday,

DETAILS: Bob Seeley is a local

**Bob Seeley Concert** 

April 19 LOCATION: Bonnie's Home, DETAILS: Come relax with friends and have fun. Bring a dish to pass plus \$5, or \$10 if coming empty-handed. Sign up at Single

Bonstelle Theater TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Saturday, LOCATION: Wayne State University OETAILS: Enjoy this comedy by William Shakespeare, Tickets

"Taming of the Shrew" at

are \$14 each, payable in advance A car pool will leave from Starbucks promptly at 7 p.m.

Divorce Recovery Workshop TIME/DATE: 7:30-9 p.m. every Thursday, April 3-May 15 DETAILS: A seminar for divorced and separated persons of all ages. Cost is \$35 which includes the book, "Growing

ter or for more information

Through Divorce", by Jim

Smoke Call the church to regis

St. John Lutheran LOCATION: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills CONTACT: (248) 474-0584 or visit www.stjohn-lutheran.com Saturday Worship TIME: 5:30 p.m. Sunday Worship IME: 9; 11:15 a.m.

Universalist Unitaria LOCATION: 25301 Haisted Road; Farmington Hills CONTACT: (248) 318-8044 or

**Faith Community** Presbyterian LOCATION: 44400 W. 10 Mile CONTACT: (248) 349-2345 or

novi.org

Sunday Worship

TIME: 9: 10:30 a.m

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. every GracePointe Presbyterian

"Discovering The Bible"

Church CONTACT: Rev. Brian C. Sleeth, Pastor (248) 497-3178 or oracepointe@mac.com, and www.gracepointepca.org Sunday Worship

LOCATION: The Novi Civic

Center, Council Chambers

# MY OPINION

Thursday, March 27, 2008 www.hometownlife.com fax: (248) 349-9832

### Novi News

Victoria Mitchel EDITOR Susan Rosie EXECUTIVE EDITOR VICE PRESIDENT/GENERAL MANAGER

# In our opinion:

### 'Sunshine' laws exist for citizens to check officials

that those in government reg-ularly take actions without good? Do you fear that politiians spend more time doing favors for the wealthy or well-connected than working for the little guy or gal?
If so, you should love the

state's Freedom of Information and Open Meetings acts. And you should fear any legislative or judicial attempts to restrict those so-called "sunshine"

laws.
The weaker those laws become, the less control you, as a voter, have over politi-

rians and government.
This vital principle, unfortunately, has been forgotten. or deemed less important, by too many in Michigan in the three decades since FOIA and the OMA put the state at the forefront of government

Again and again, politicians have acted to curtail your right to know. A little more than a year ago, for example, the Legislature and governor moved to seal statements made by police officers in internal investigations. The out, you are locked out. If the

Just months ago, lawmakers enacted a presidential primary that collected voter lists that political parties, but not the public, could see. Michigan courts signed off on this government to public officients with the public officients of the publi

University sent its lawyers to the state Supreme Court to ie it has the right to with-

Are you a citizen who fears in their entirety, from the pub-

These actions — gussied up by the politicians as acts of protection, not secreey exemplify the perilous state of the political culture. A poli-recently found three in four Americans see the federal government as too secretive.

The poll was done in con junction with Sunshine Week, March 16-22, an annual focus on open-government princi-ples backed by media organizations and others. Maybe that's part of the problem. When challenges

come to open government they too often get cast as bat-fles between public officials and the media. And in many of those cases, the media end up being seen as the enemy, the instigator.

Media certainly have their issues, but when it comes to

open government, to freedom of information, what curtails the media curtails you. The media have no special rights to government documents or meetings; only the same access guaranteed you, the citizen.

If the media can be locked

politicians don't want you to politicians can hide their know if one police officer reports concerns about anoth-

you.
President Ronald Reagan

government to public offi-cials, but for democracy to function, they must be able to verify those officials' actions. It's your government. You are entitled to know what it

### Hey, Novi: What's Your Story?

We're looking for you! The Novi News is currently looking to interview local residents regarding the following topics: · Are you a working woman who has recently returned to

· Are you a Novi resident interested in sharing a story about how your religious faith has carried you through tough times?

- . Do you spend more than \$100 per week on gasoline? . Are you a single parent?
- Do you have an unusual or interesting hobby?
- . Are you addicted to the Internet and blogging? . Are you a family that has pulled together during difficult

E-mail Novi News editor Victoria Mitchell at vemitchell@gan-



Do you have a new hire at your business? Are you gearing up for your grand opening? Is your business reading in an exciting new direction, celebrating an anniversary or moving? If so, we want to know

- Mail; Novi News, Bulletin Board, 104 W. Main Street, Suite 101, Northville, MI 48167.
- Fax: (248) 349-9832
- E-mail: vémitchell@gannett.com Deadline: Must be received by 5 p.m. Monday to be nublished in the Thursday edition.

If possible, include a photograph with your submission. Briefs can come in the form of press releases or announcements. The Novi News reserves the right to edit for length and content For more information, call (248) 349-1700.



We All Need a Little Encouragement! Village Oaks Elementary students Ben Flores and Jessica Misowicz hang out with the school's therapy dog Teagan, Teagan, owned by teacher Kathy Siarto, helps students get through a rough day with his enthusias-

### What de you think?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification.

We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. ■ Mail: Novi News, Letters to the Editor, 104 W. Main Street, Suite 101, Northville, MI 48167

■ Fax: (248) 349-9832 ■ E-mail: vemitchell@gannett.com

■ Deadline: Letters must be received by 5 p.m. Monday.

# **Tom Watkins:** Women: Their rights and nothing less

19th Amendment to the

the United States to vote shall not be dented or rights during the 1868-abridged by the United 70 debate during the States or by any State on fight to enact the 15th account of sex." Ratified August 18,

On the eve of the possibility of having our first woman president, it is appropriate to reflect back on the struggles women have experienced to gain the right that white men and later African American men have taken for granted

Women only have had the right to vote under the U.S. Constitution since 1920, a short 88 years ago. The first women's rights convention in America, believed to have been held in Seneca Falls, NY in 1848,

Declaration The Sentiments. Declaration Sentiments" was a call to amendment vide women equal rights

produced

under the law. It reads in part: "Now, in view of this entire disfranchisement of one-half provided the first place in the people of this coun-America where the the people of this coun-try, their social and reli-woman had the right to gious degradation, in vote. In July 1890 the view of the unjust laws Territory of Wyoming, above mentioned, and which allowed women to because women do feel

ori/declaration.htm).

Women and enlight-U.S. Constitution: ened men had attempted
"The right of citizens of to no avail for years to amendment to provide the right to vote for for-

mer slaves.
After the Civil War Susan B. Anthony, a prominent leader played a pivotal role in the women's rights move-ment that secured women's suffrage in the United States, published a magazine. Revolution,

"The which focused on the Women's Suffrage Association. Their motto was: "The true republic-men, their rights and nothing more; women, their rights and nothing less." As early as 1878, a con-

was offered that read: The right of citizens to vote shall not be abridged by the United States or The by any State on account of of sex." This would be intellectual arms to pro- introduced in every session of Congress for the next 41 years. An irony is that the "wild west." the home of Dick Cheney,

"Don't forget to be a good

vote, was admitted as a because women do feel themselves aggrieved, oppressed, and fraudulently deprived of their most sacred rights, we insist that they have immediate admission to all the rights and priving the below to the form of the 19th themselves. Wote, was admitted as a total total total themselves aggreed to the same distributed as a total tot leges which belong to Amendment. It is report-them as citizens of these ed as Burn's voted he leges which belong to Amendment. It is report-them as citizens of these ed as Burn's voted he United States." (Go to had a letter from his www.nps.gov/archive/w mother urging him. mother urging him,



### **About Tom Watkins**

Tom Watkins is a business and education onsultant. He served as state superintendent of schools from 2001-2005 and state mental ealth director from 1986-1990. He can be reached at towatkins@aol.com.

boy and vote for suffrage. With Burn's vote, women had finally won United States of America. While women have only had the vote since 1920, they have been working overtime, making up for lost time and making a difference at the local, And with the help of working men and women

state and national level. over the age of 50, Hillary Clinton on Geraldine Ferraro made history in 1984 as the first female vice presidential candidate on a major

party ticket. At a recent Michigan Political Leaders Program spon-sored by Michigan State University, Ferraro said when she went to the voting booth in New York long way baby! to vote Clinton recently Hillary Anthony right there with me." Ms. Ferraro shot herself in the foot with comments about abilities of wome Barack Obama their highest office.

presidential race .In Michigan we have many powerful, capable women in Michigan go to the ultimate reality.

www.michiganwomen-

shalloffame.org. Many Michigan women are standing on the shoulders of the women who stood tall, never yielding, and always moving forward to fight for justice and the right

In the coming days, weeks and months we Clinton will become the second "come back kid" in her family as she tries precipice of becoming the to overtake Sen. Obama next President of the and become the first United States of America woman from either major party's standard bearer powerful political office Political of the United States of

America As the old Virginia Slims cigarette commercial used to claim: "We have come a

day when America catch-President. "It was as if I es up with Great Britain, was voting with Susan B. Germany, Israel and Anthony right there with other enlightened nations that for years have been tapping the leadership abilities of women for

which many viewed as injecting race into the becomes the year when the Suffrage Movement's battle cry: "The true republic-men women, their rights and nothing less becomes JOIN IN: Discuss our stories online via Story Chat at hometownlife.com

**About Phil Power** Phil Power is a longtime observer of

olitics, economics and education

sues in Michigan, and was a regent of

the University of Michigan from 1987 to

1999. He is also president and founder of The Center for Michigan, a moderate

think-and-do tank. These opinions and others expressed in his columns are his

COMMENTAR

# **PHIL POWER:** Survey rates Michigan with neighbors

that still makes as much sense as ever: "You can't manage what you can't measure. Now we all know that

Michigan needs a bigtime transformation to get through today's tough times and on to a prosperous future. We need something that will give us a vibrant, diversified economy and make this a state where talented people are welneed Michigan to become a wonderful place to live, where you can bring up a family in revitalized are surrounded by world-class natural resources.

The big issue, of course, is ... how do we get there?

Whatever the path, getting there is bound to require an economic compass -- a way to measure where we are and check to determine how much progress we inals in fail than we do set of benchmarks and metrics to measure — public colleges and universities. According to and manage - our progress.

So let me offer one. The Center for Michigan has just published a first-ever comprehensive benchmarking study, "Michigan Scorecard: Benchmarks Michigan's

Transformation. The Michigan Scorecard sets out 36 measuring sticks for us to compare where we are against other states, as we move forward to around \$500 million develop and put in place a new common ground vision for Michigan.

For a state that's financially challenged, The news isn't all bad: Ten out of the 36 that's a big number. And, not surprisingly. metrics show Michigan's it's provoked fierce parti doing pretty well. We give them a "thumbs up." Sadly however, san disagreement about how to find that half-bil-Sadly however, her 19 indicate lion dollars. another Republicans generally we're falling behind talk about privatizing ("thumbs down") while various aspects of the seven say we're about even with our competi-

corrections going so far as to advocate turning entire pris-One vardstick much in ons over to the private sector. Democrats talk with our prison policies about reforming the and practices. Here's prison sentencing laws Michigan to reduce the number of people in the slam.

REMEMBER,

ONLY YOU

CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES

A Public Service of

the USDA Forest

Service and Your

State Forester.

our neighboring states.

CRC also estimates that.

if our spending on pris-

ons just matched that of

each year.

Scorecard reads: "With a per-capita Looking at how many incarceration rate of inmates are either drug approximately 1/2 of users or dealers, some are too big and the one percent in 2005, lawyers and law enforce- costs too enormous not Michigan was very ment experts are urging to benchmark our prisbelow the a system of nation's average. Yet, courts" that sentence and measure "Michigan's incarcera-tion rate is about 40 per-drug-related crimes to a The Michigan cent higher than the strict treatment regime Scorecard is bound to average rates of its Great and tethers, rather than help ... if people are Lakes neighbors." and tethers, rather than help ... if people are far more expensive time sensible enough to

And the cost of all this behind bars. Lawyers make use of it.

since 1980, to the point tence kids as young as that, today, over 30 per-cent of all state Civil 14 to life in prison with out parole for first degree murder. Sen. Alan Cropsey (R-Service employees are in the Department of DeWitt), Lansing's lead-Corrections. With an appropriation of over ing advocate of tough

own and do not in any way represent official policy positions of The Center for Michigan. Phil would be pleased to hear

has shot through the roof: "The number of oppose Michigan's Juve-Corrections employees nile lifer law, which

has more than tripled forces judges to sen-

from readers at poower@honnet.com.

\$1.8 million in 2006, the treatment for criminals Department disagrees. He says that the real benchmark is Corrections spent over 20 percent of Michigan's General Fund budget." Michigan's high violent crime rate, arguing that To put this in perspec-tive: Michigan spends more today to hold crimpractices, we'll arrest less offenders" and see our violent crime rate go to educate our kids in up even further.

There are two ways to solve this argument. the Pew Center for the One is to get impartial States, we share that independent That's coming from the Council of State very unhappy distinction with only three Governments' Justice Moreover, according to Center, which is curthe non-partisan, nonrently doing a study on profit Citizens Research Council, we spend

finding efficiencies in we spend Michigan's prison sys around 30 percent more tem.
Noting how much prisper inmate per year than ons cost us, the Justice Michael Center's Thompson says, you're going to spend that kind of money. our neighbors, we'd save you'd hope for better outcomes." Their report supposed

released in time for the 2009 legislative session. The other is for all sengood will to stop being of both right and left. If privatization could save money, we should look for proof from other

If that comes, why not experiment? And if changing Michigan's "lock em in jail and throw away the key sentencing guidelines will save lots of money at little risk to the public.

why not try it? Either way, the stakes "drug ons against other states

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ber.com or (248) 624-2826.

Ambassador Committee

Meeting TIME/DATE: 9:15 a.m. Friday

LOCATION: Chamber Office

TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

LOCATION: Kodiak Creek Inn.

New Member Reception and

LOCATION: The Grand Court.

DETAILS: Learn how to use

business leads and become more

risible in the community. All

Complimentary breakfast

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**BUSINESS** 

TIME/DATE: 8:30-10 a.m.

45182 West Park Dr., Novi

8635 Cooley Lake Road,

Commerce

Thursday, April 17

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Thursday, March 27, 2008 www.hometownlife.com

### **EVENTS**

### Apple Tree Care Class ŤIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-noor

Saturday 23rd Annual Economic LOCATION: Michigan State Outlook Luncheon University Tollgate Education TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m.-1:30 Center, Mearlowhrook Boad p.m. Thursday, April 17 DETAILS: Learn all aspects of caring for apple trees, selecting

the right tree for your yard, plant ing, pruning and controlling insects and diseases. Cost is \$25 CONTACT: (248) 858-0887 or e-mail smithlin@oakgov.com

### Novi Bobcats Cheerleading

Open Registration DATE: Through Saturday, April 5 DETAILS: For girls that will be in grades 2-8 next school year. early November. The girls cheer it football games and perform at an end of season competition. Registration form is on the Website at

www.novibabeats.com/index.com CONTACT: For information and to register, call Sandy Pinkerton information on the cheer teams call Karen Kotcher at (248) 449

### Friendship Concert Series at Hammell Music Hall TIME/DATE: 3 p.m. Sunday

LOCATION: Hammell Music. corner of M-5 and Maple Road DETAILS: Sponsored by the features Walled Lake Northern. Central and Western band and orchestra students. A silent auc tion of gift baskets will occur before the concert and during intermission. Free afterglow following concert at Johnny Carino's Italian Restaurant. Discount offered for ticket holders who wish to dine also. scholarships and Rotary service projects. Tickets are \$10 for stu dents and their parents, and \$20 for adults: purchase tickets by calling Cheryl at (248) 960-0033 or Lorrie at (248) 390-8572.

### Christopher and Banks Family and Friends Event TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-9:30 p.m

Program advertising is also avail-

Saturday, April 5; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, April 6 LOCATION: Novi Town Center DETAILS: A 40 percent off sale for the entire store will be offered and donations will be collected CONTACT: Wendy or Sue at (248) 347-1721

### "Bye Bye Birdie"

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday LOCATION: Novi High School. Fuerst Auditorium, 24062 Taft

DETAILS: The spring musical at Novi High School is "Bye Bye Birdie," a satire set in 1958. The plot revolves around singing superstar Conrad Birdle and the local teens in Sweet Apple. Ohi Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and younger and

CONTACT: For more information or to order tickets, call (248) 449-1500

### 3 on 3 Baskethail Tournament TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. Saturday,

9441, ext. 3

Wine Tasting Benefit TIME/DATE: 7-10 p.m.

Mediterranean Grill, 42050 Grand

DETAILS: The Lakes Area

Optimist Club is sponsoring this

event benefiting Lakes Area chil-

Saturday, Anril 12

LOCATION: Novi Christian Community Center, corner of Taft DETAILS: Cost is \$100 per team of four players and the prize is \$400 to the winning team. Deadline for sign up is March 28. Spots are filling up so call today

### CONTACT: Gary at (248) 349-Marketing Committee

of 10 Mile Road.

Arts Round Table TIME/DATE: 5:30 p.m. first

wine tasting and appetizers. Ages 21 and over only please. For tickets call (248) 568-4316 or e-mail

# dollars and have fun. Free but

LOCATION: Rock Financial DETAILS: Too economists

from the University of Michigan will present their report on the economic future of Oakland County. Also presented will be the 2008-2010 Employment Forecast for Oakland County. Cost is \$40 per person. Register www.oakgov.com/peds/calen-

lisbri@comcast.net.

dar/outlooklunch.html. For more information, call (248) 858-8706

### Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America Open

House TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m.-3:30 o.m. Thursday, April 17 LOCATION: 40550 Grand River Ave., east of Meadowbrook Road DETAILS: Presentations and

information on products and services that contribute to the highest possible quality of life for persons with spinal cord injury or dysfunction. Adaptive vehicle display. Refreshments provided.

### Lunch with Lou

TIME/DATE: Noon-2 p.m. Saturday, April 19 LOCATION: Outback Steakhouse, across from SI. John Providence Hospital, Novi

DETAILS: Join your friends and neighbors to kick off the candidacy of Lou Csordas for Oakland County Commissioner for Novi-Northville. Free admis sion and free lunch. Learn what a County Commissioner does, Ask Lou any questions that comes to mind. Bring the entire family and have your kids witness the political process. Invite a friend. Scheduled to attend are Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Thaddeus McCotter, Senator Nancy Cassis and Oakland County Chairperson Bill Bullard

### Space is limited to 60 quests so please RSVP at (248) 348-1106. Waltonwoods Craft Show

Fundraiser TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday, April 28 LOCATION: Waltonwood at Twelve Oaks Retirement Community, 27475 Huron Circle (adjacent to Twelve Qaks Mall) DETAILS: Vendors are needed for the craft show. Rent a six foot table for \$20. All proceeds will

benefit the Michigan Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, Craft Show is free and open to the

CONTACT: For more information, call Barb at (248) 735-1500

### **CHAMBERS** OF COMMERCE

### Greater Novi Chamber of

Commerce We're about business. We're about networking. We're about creating excitement in business and networking! Everyone is welcome to attend any of our events. For more information call Whitney: executive director at (248) 347-4622 or whitney@greater-

novichamber.com. Also visit www.greaternovichamber.com. Sales Leads Group TIME/DATE: 8:30-9:30 a.m. Thursday (second and fourth

### LOCATION: Hooter's of Novi will happen on a bi-weekly basis.

Meeting TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. Tuesday LOCATION: Boerema Chaben

LOCATION: Grapevine, Main

DETAILS: Come and discuss

art and network with local artists.

Events Committee Meeting TIME/DATE: Noon Wednesday LOCATION: Pel Wei, Grand DETAILS: Find out how you

buy your own lunch. Please **B2B Breakfast** 

DATE: 7:45-9 a.m. Wednesday April 9 LOCATION: Nordstrom's, second floor Bistro, Twelve Oaks

DETAILS: Networking, food and special GNCC only shopping. Cost is \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members. Please RSVI Experience West Oakland

ME/DATE: 3 p.m. Thursday, April 10 LOCATION: Flemings

Steakhouse, Haggerty south of Six Mile, Northville DETAILS: Working on electing new committee members; join

this group and work to bring more conventions and visitors to After Hours Networking DATE: 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday,

LOCATION: Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, Red Lyon Pub, 10 Mile and M-5, Farmington Hills DETAILS: Networking, great food and a photo booth, \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members.

Please RSVP **Ambassadors** TIME/DATE: Noon Tuesday.

LOCATION: The Post DETAILS: Learn how you can help us arow earn chamber dollars and have fun. No cost, just buy your own lunch. Please

TIME/DATE: 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 23 LOCATION: Leg's Coney

Island, Novi Road and Grand DETAILS: Discuss financial business with members in bank ing, financial planning, insurance and more. No cost.

**Business Accelerato** TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. regis-April 29

LOCATION: Sheraton Novi 21111 Haggerty Road DETAILS: This function will feature speakers from Automation Alley, southeast Michigan's global technology consortium. The cost is \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members

R.S.V.P. by April 25 to info@greaternovichar call (248) 347-4622.

lt's a Big Deal TIME/DATE: 6:30-10 p.m. Tuesday, May 6 LOCATION: The Dirty Martini

and Second City, 42705 Grand DETAILS: Help celebrate our friends, networking and a game

### show. Great prizes, Tickets are \$40 per person. Please RSVP Novi Chamber of Commerce

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www.novichamber.com or contact the chamber office at (248)

Ceramics Class TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Lakes Area Chamber of

TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m.

Wednesday DETAILS: Join others and create hats and shawls for those in need. Meditation

TIME/DATE: Meditation for individuals or groups by DETAILS: Learn proper be used at home or on the job to help reduce stress; class held in reflection space:

Cancer Center.

### List vour event in our calendar!

To be included in My Bulletin Board, please send

tion, details and contact. Mall: Novi News, My Bulletin Board, 104 W. Main Street, Suite 101, Northville,

■ Fax: (248) 349-9832 ■ E-mail: vemitchell@ gannett.com

Therageutic 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; 12:15-1:15 p.m. Wednesday - Mixed Level; 5:30-6:30 n.m. Thursday - Prenatal Yoga for Backs: 12:30-1:30 p.m. Friday - Beginner/Intermedi 9:30-12:30 a.m. Saturday - Mixed

 Yoga for Backs. DETAIL S: \$10/walk-in \$80/10class card, \$45/5-class card. Lunch and Learn Yoga 7-week session is \$60. Registration required. Classes also held at Providence Hospital, Southfield

Call for details. Massage Therapy TIME/DATE: By appointment **DETAILS: Therapeutic mas** sage is effective for stress and on; chronic fatigue; pain and headaches. Everyone is welcome. Patients undergoing treatment should bring physician's referral: \$50/50-min

Gentle Tai Chi TIME/DATE; 10:15-11 a.m. every Thursday DÉTAILS: This ancient Chinese exercise promotes flexibility; balance and strength; an easy introduction

per session. Create with Kathy TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. - noon each Monday DETAILS: An apportunity to express yourself artistically in our peaceful and inspirational creative arts studio. Kathy provides quidance in a variety of techniques

and projects. \$5 suggested per Food for Life Cooking Classes TIME/DATE: 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, through April 22 DETAILS: 8-week series about cancer related nutrition topics and cooking demonstrations. sponsored by The Cancer

Project. Open to those interested in preventing and surviving cancer. Call for reservation. \$3 sug gested per session. illes Art Exhibit

DATE: Monday-Friday, through TIME: 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Assarian Cancer DETAILS: Just in time for spring, come view works of art by Novi artist Mayumi (May) encore presentation of May's exquisite work featuring a specta cle of colorful and engaging

CONTACT: Call (248) 465-4488 а гесог

Line Dancing

lay and Friday TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m. beginners; 7:30-9:30 p.m. intermedia LOCATION: Novi Civic Center,

45175 W 10 MHe Road DETAILS: No partner needed; pay-as-you-go. Novi residents

### SCHOOL & GOVERNMENT

Novi Community School District Board of Education Meeting

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday, LOCATION: Educational Service CONTACT: (248) 449-1204

Novi City Council Meeting

TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Monday,

Novi Youth Assistance

Level; 10:45-11:45 a.m. Saturday

Nevi Retary Club TIME/DATE: Noon every

Thursday LOCATION: Novi Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile Road DETAILS: Lunch is \$10 at meeting, Visitors welcome, Check Web site for speaker information; www.novirotary.org.

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

third Thursday of every month LOCATION: Walsh College Troy Campus DETAILS: Walsh Business Leadership Institute invites women who own, are partners n or work for family businesses. Items discussed will he common issues: and

women can share solutions li a nonthreatening, noncompeti-Registration is required. CONTACT: Jan Hubbard

jhubbard@walshcollege.edu

### American Business Women's Association

Meetings TIME/DATE: 6:15 p.m. second Wednesday of every month LOCATION: DoubleTree Hotel, 42100 Crescent Blvd. (formerly DETAILS: Local chapter pro-

working women and offers a strong community service program which includes raising noney for scholarships

# CONTACT: www.abwa-novi.org

**CLASSES** 

Providence Center for the

LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center; 47601 Grand River

CONTACT: (248) 465-5455 Wanted: One-Ilme Art Workshop Instructors

people who have an art or craft class changes. our series of one-time work-Colored Pencil Workshop

TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m.; sec ond Tuesday of every month DETAILS: Beginners wel-

Thursday, Friday by appoint-DETAILS: \$10 materials fee.

■ Deadline: Must be recaived by noon on Monday Call (248) 349-1700 for additional information.

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center. CONTACT: (248) 347-0470

> General Citizens Meeting ME/DATE: 6 p.m. Tuesday LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 347-0410

### **Novi Community Education**

CONTACT: (248) 449-1206 Computer Office Specialist DATÉ: Every Monday, until ine 2 (no class May 26) TIME: 6:30-9:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Instructional Technology Center Computer Lab DETAILS: An class for office personnel or anyone needing to upgrade their computer skills Become proficient in Microsof Office using Word, Excel, Access, and PowerPoint, Certificate and C.E.U.s awarded.

FEE: \$ 375, book fee: \$60 OuickBooks 2006 DATE: Every Tuesday, until TIME: 6:30-9:30 p.m. LOCATION: Instructional

Technology Center Computer Lab DETAILS: A hands-on class using the QuickBooks 2006 softto Tai Chi and for everyone: \$5 ware. Learn to computerize accounting functions such as banking functions, jobs, employand more. Produce financial reports such as balance sheets and profit and loss statements. Certificate and C.F.U.s awarded.

p.m. Friday and Saturday, 1-5 Computer Skills for DATE: Every Thursday, until grams take place at the library. May 15 (no class March 27) TIME: 6:30-9:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Instructiona Technology Center Computer Lab DETAILS: Better prepare your self to answer help wanted ads for a job as an administrative assistant, manager, supervisor, receptionist, coordinator, etc. Fundamentals, and oet an various types of business documents, maintain computer records, and track expenses

DATE: Every Tuesday, until

TIME: 6:30-9:15 p.m.

LOCATION: Instructional

style, fabrics, lighting, floor and

indow treatments as you learn

how to apply the basic principles

techniques used by professional

effective and innovative design

solutions. Class includes hands

on projects and classroom dis-

FEE: \$ 199, book fee: \$33

Preschool Program
DETAILS: Children must be 3,

4 or 5 years old by December 1,

trained. Classes follow the Novi

Community School District caler

dar and run from August to June.

Both all day and half day pro-

spot in this Fall's 2008-2009 see

sion, children must be registered

at the Child Care Services office

in the Instructional Technology Center, 25345 Taft Road, between

10 Mile and 11 Mile roads. Bring

the following to registration: a

www.novi.k12.mi.us; child's bird

completed registration packet

designers to evaluate and execute

DETAILS: Explore color, space,

Technology Center Boom 103

April 22

DETAILS: Drop in for informal services, product, customers and needlework group in Youth Area; staff. Increase your keyboarding skills and computer procedures Senior Book Discussion Certificate and C.E.U.s awarded. TIME/DATE: Noon-1:30 n m FEE: \$ 299, book fee \$59

second Thursday of each month DETAILS: Book discussion group for older adults facilitated Foolish Conversation Group

IME/DATE: 11 a.m.-noon every Tuesday; 1-2 p.m. every DETAILS: For ages 18 and older; practice your English while you make friends; no registration

> Spring Break: Ming the TIME/DATE: 1-1:45 p.m. Todav DETAILS: For ages 4 and up.

Meet the amazing Ming and see his magic tricks. Lego Club TIME/DATE: 6-6:45 p.m. DETAILS: Kids K-4th grade join

We supply the Legos, you supply Novi Writers' Group TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-Noon

us once a month for Lego show-

DETAILS: Collaborate, critique and create with other writ Facilitated by local writer Kathy ages 18 and older, are encouronline or call the library Half-Price Used Book Sale

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-1 p.m

LOCATION: Meeting Room DETAILS: \$3 for a bag of

Making Music!

certificate or passport; and a

non-refundable registration fee

payment of \$45 for school dis-

trict residents or \$50 for non-res

for students attending preschoo

Space is limited, Call (248) 449-

1713 for rates and availability

LIBRARY

Novi Public Library

LOCATION: 45245 W. 10 Mile

HOURS: 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

CONTACT: (248) 349-0720

Unless noted below; all pro-

DETAILS: Please visit library

Web site or Story Time brochure.

DETAILS: The Friends of Novi

used book sale in the library

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dents. Child care is also available

of the Novl Library Starlight Story Time TIME/DATE: 7-7:45 p.m. DETAILS: Stories, music and fun for a special bedtime treat at this preschool story time. Rattle of the Rook

books. Sponsored by the Friends

TIME/DATE: 1-2 p.m. Saturday, City Library and the Lakes Area LOCATION: Novi Civic Center DETAILS: This program is designed to encourage the sport of reading and to give recognition Students who have registered their teams at the library compete with other teams bay answering questions about books read from

a selected list. April Showers Story Time and TIME/DATE: 7-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 9 DETAILS: Listen to stories and make a rainy day craft. Children three and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Please

library hours, \$6 for a big bag o

Walled Lake City Library LOCATION: 1499 E. West TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. second and fourth Monday of each Manie Boad, Walled Lake HOURS: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday Tuesday Thursday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday: 1-5 p.m. Sunday:

> CONTACT: (248) 624-3772 or -mail to admin@walledlakel brary.org Classical Music Series TIME/DATE: 2 p.m. first Tuesday of each month

TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. second Tuesday of month Book Discussion Group TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m. third Tuesday of each month

discussion. Bring a bag lunch. selection. Preschool Story Time TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. every Tuesday DETAILS: For ages 2-4.

Story & Snacks Family Time TIME/DAY: 6:30 p.m. every Thursday DETAILS: Drop-in program designed for the independent listener ages 2-6.

enistration required.

Library Board of Trustees TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. second Friday of every month Storytellers Connection olunteers DETAILS: Volunteer readers

are needed to read to children in

a classroom setting. Contact the

library for more information.

Musician Guy Louis gets an approving look as he wades through Village Oaks students while playing the lute during a recent March is Reading Month visit.

"Fight Months of Color" with

Janet Macunovich TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Tuesday Exams by appointment DETAILS: Master Gardener Janet Macunovich is our gues speaker. Learn how to have beautiful color in your garden eight months of the year. No cost but seating is limited. Please registe by calling or emailing the library.

co-sponsored by the Walled Lake

Garden Club.

Wixom Public Library LOCATION: 49015 Pontiac HOURS: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. p.m. Friday-Saturday; 1-5 p.m

Sunday CONTACT: (248) 624-2512 **FSL Cafe** TIME/DATE: 3:30 p.m. every Thursday DETAILS: Coffee and conver-

sation, Improve your English people from other countries tryng to improve their English. No tests; instructor help; free. CONTACT: Karin at the nformation Desk.

Slaves of Suspense Afternoon

TIME/DATE: 2-3 p.m. Wednesday, April 30 DETAILS: "Case of Two Cities" by Qiu Xiaolong
Read Something Different

TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 p.m DETAILS: "Gilead" by Marilynne Robinson Baby Days TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. Mondays,

LOCATION: Craft Room DETAILS: Children up to 24 months and their careolvers can Mommy and Me TIME/DATE: 10:30-11 a.m.

Thursdays, April 10.-May 1

**Caks Retirement Community** with a caregiver. Hear stories. Independent Living Residence sing songs and make a project Licensed Assisted Living; Must be two years old by April Licensed Memory Care LOCATION: 27475 Huron Circle Monday, March 31 (adiacent to Twelve Oaks Mall) Preschool Story Time TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m. every CONTACT: (248) 735-1500

LOCATION: Craft Boom DETAILS: Stories, songs and art activities. Program designed for the independent listener. A caregiver must remain in the building, but not in the Craft Room. Children must turn thro and not be currently enrolled in begins. Registration begins on

Tuesday April 8-29: or 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 31 **Fantastic Fridays** DETAILS: For children ages 2a combination of food and

friends, stories, songs and crafts. Register beginning March 31. TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m. Eriday April 25 - "All Things Arthur, and

CONTACT: Lisa Mollov (248) Moonlight Story Time TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Monday,

DETAILS: For children ages 2-6 with an adult, Stories, so crafts and fun. Register begin-

the world on a musical adven-

William Jennings Concert

TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Monday.

DETAILS: Teens in grades 6-12

are invited to a live performance.

sonowriter, hip hop producer and

drawing and receive a free CD by

Jennings, Registration required

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**Novi Senjor Activities** 

LOCATION: Located in the

Complex: 25075 Meadowbrook

CONTACT: (248) 347-0414

9 a.m.-noon Saturday

9 a.m.: Line Dance-Int.

10 a.m.-2 p.m.: AARP Income

11:15 a.m.: Line Dance-Beg

12:15 n.m.: Contract Bridge

1 p.m.: Computer Lab

2:30 p.m.: Line Dance

10 a.m.: Body Recall

1 p.m.: Bingo

Noon: Lunch

9 a.m.: Stretch & Strength

9 a.m.-3:15 p.m.: Hearing

12:30 p.m.: Duplicate Bridge

9 a.m.: Stretch and Strength

0 a.m.: Body Recall

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle

6.30: Pilates Mat Work

10 a.m.: Asian Pacific

1:30-3 p.m.: Computer Lab

9 a.m.: Stretch and Strength

11 a.m.: TOPS; Blood Pressure

10 a.m.: Body Recall

1-2:30 p.m.; Talk it Over

TIME/DATE: 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Family Story Writing, Come, lis-

DETAILS: Introduction to

ten and reminisce with Rose

ney to your remembered and

almost forgotten memories of

yesterday. This introductory class

will encourage and help you rec-

offect, re-tell and record your life

Memories of childhood, teenage

years, young adulthood, marriage

and family life, and persons who

influenced you in your life deci-

ennartunity to reflect on your life

as older adult and the transitions

you have made to arrive where

you are in life. This introductory

class will also inspire (and pre-

week family/life writing workshop

tration is required. Cost is \$5

Waitonwood at Twelve

SUPPORT

**Adoptive Parent Networking** 

Meeting DATE: Last Wednesday of

LOCATION: Holy Family

DETAILS: This informational

meeting is open to all adoptive

TIME: 10-11 a.m.

Catholic Church: 24505

**GROUPS** 

Limit of 10 people

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Writing Workshop

Coffee & Conversation

1 p.m.: Bingo

Wednesday

Noon: Lunch

Thursday, April 17

Tuesday 8:30 a.m.: Panera Bread;

Thursday

Tax by appt.

Noon: Lunch

by William Jennings, a singer,

nino March 31. TIME: 7:30-9 p.m Saturday Specials - Join the LOCATION: Novi Civic Center; 45175 W 10 Mile Boad Circle of Knowledge, Celebrate DETAILS: The meeting pro-TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m. vides the opportunity for those Saturday, April 19 DETAILS: We will travel around to learn about the phases and

tasks of grief. All are welcome: tures. Register beginning March CONTACT: Michael M. Mever.

available: repistration

Bereavement Support Group

DATE: Third Tuesday of each

Angela Hospice Groups groups include general grief. loss of a spouse, women's grief, parents who have lost a child and a grief support guilters. group. All groups are led by bereavement professionals and

LOCATION: Angela Hospice Care Center; 14100 Newburgh Road; Livonia CONTACT: Joan Lee (734)

953-6012 General Griet Support TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday

DETAILS: Open to all losses. Loss of Spouse/Significant Massage by appointment: 12:30-4 p.m. Monday-Friday and Other Support Group TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. first Tuesday of month TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m.

fourth Monday of month Suicide Loss Support DETAILS: Individual and family services offered free for those who have lost a loved one through suicide: call (734) 464-Heartstrings: Parents Who

Have Lost a Child

Thursday of month

TIME/DATE: 1-3 n m, first and DETAILS: Register by calling (734) 953-6012

DMC Huron Valley-Sigal Hospital Support Groups LOCATION: 1 William Carls Dr. CONTACT: (248) 937-3314

Support Group TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every Sunday DETAILS: No pre-registration required. For information, call (248) 937-3314.

Al-Anon Support Group TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every DETAILS: For family and friends of someone with an alcohal problem. No preregistration required. For Information, call (248) 706-1020.

Alateen Support Group TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every Sunday DETAILS: Intended for teens dealing with someone with an alcohol problem. No preregistra tion required. For information; call (248) 706-1020 Alzheimer's Caregive

Support Group TIME/DATE: 2-3:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month LOCATION: Krieger Center (South Garden Entrance) DETAILS: Designed to allow caregivers to share tips and offer support to each other; for questions or directions call (248) 937-

Babysitter Training Class TIME/DATE: Noon-4 c.m. Saturday, April 5 DETAILS: Designed for boys and piris ages 11-14 who wish to

Taught by a pediatric nurse and Includes instructions for general safety, emergencies, feeding, dia-Students receive a Certificate of Completion at end of class. Fee is \$25 and pre-registration is required. Register online at

Breast Cancer Support Group TIME/DATE: 10-11:30 a.m. second and fourth Thursday of LOCATION: Sinai Center for

Women: next to the hospital's

South Garden entrance. DETAILS: This support group s for any woman diagnosed wit breast cancer. CONTACT: (248) 937-5163 Breather's Club Support

TIME/DATE: Noon the third Wednesday of the month DETAILS: Free year-round pro-

families in Oakland County. gram for persons afflicted with There is no charge. Child care is lung disease. Provides support and information. Pre-registration

o regulred. For information call, (248) 937-3314 H.H.G.S. Group for Parents TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. third Thursday of each month

seling to parents who have sufloss; no pre-registration required CONTACT: (248) 937-4847 for more information

Journeys Cancer Support TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. first and third Monday of every month LOCATION: Lobby of the Charach Cancer Treatment Center

DETAILS: Support group for

those with cancer or who are related to or know someone liv ing with cancer. CONTACT: (248) 937-5163 New Parents Support Group TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. second

and fourth Wednesday of each LOCATION: Hospital Conference Center DETAILS: A supportive environment for familles to share their struggles; learn how to

resolve issues after the birth of a child: discuss concerns such as sleep deprivation and coping with the emotions of parenting Postpartum Depression

Support Group TIME/DATE: 6:45 p.m. every Thursday DETAILS: Postpartum depresslon can happen anytime within the first year after childbirth. Symptoms include sadness, lack of energy, trouble concentrating anxiety and feelings of guilt and CONTACT: (248) 937-5220

DATE: First and third Tuesday

of each month **DETAILS: Provides education** and support to oult smoking; no charge; no pre-registration. CONTACT: Call (248) 937-3314 TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. first

> Psychotherapy & Counseling Services Northville Counseling Center Anxiety/Agoraphobia/Panic Attack Support Group TIME/DATE: Second Wednesday of each month DETAILS: Call (734) 420-8175

for more information. Naighborhood Baby-sifting

Co-op DETAILS: Using the co-op; you and your children can make riends and get what you need accomplished without the little ones in tow. Also enjoy a mom's night out and other social

CONTACT: Sue Tracz (248) Friendship Circle TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. second Thursday of each month

LOCATION: St. James

Catholic Church, 46325 10 Mile Road, between Taft and Beck DETAILS: Social group for all widows and widowers. CONTACT: Norbert Monson (248) 851-6730. Florence Voight (248) 477-3032, Jou Invaldi (248) 348-9138 or lovio-

valdi@earthlink.net **MOMS Club of Royl** 

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. first LOCATION: Novi Civic Cente DETAILS: Moms Offering Moms Support (MOMS) is a non-profit support group for home with their children or CONTACT nsungfleming@yahoo.com

**Kensington Valley Mothers** of Multiples TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second Thursday of each month LOCATION: Witch's Hat

Depot; 300 Dorothy St.; South DETAILS: This group provides information, support and social activities for mothers of multiple pirth children and their families Mothers of multiples living in and around the Kensingto Valley school conference are al

CONTACT: (248) 437-5496

Breast Cancer Support Group

for more information.

DATES: Second and fourth Tuesday of each month LOCATION: Horon Valley Sinai Hospital (Classroom C)

Please see 14A

TIME: 10-11:30 a.m. DETAILS: No registration

### CONTACT: (248) 937-5017

Restaurant, 297110 W. Seven Crohn's & Colitis Support Group
TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. first and Mile, three blocks west of Inkster third Wednesday of each month LOCATION: Providence Park

Hospital and Medical Center DETAILS: Enter facility through southeast entrance. Meeting in Conference Room A Gloria at (313) 381-4187. immediately to the left. CONTACT: Al Biggs (313)

### Foundation of America (888)

Heartland Hospice **Volunteers Needed** TIME/DATE: Day and evening

LOCATION: 28588 DETAILS: The Oakland County Northwestern Hwy.; Suite 475; Health Division presents five Southfield DETAILS: Caring and compassionate individuals needed to register for Heartland Hospice Volunteer Training. We serve ndividuals and their families during their end of life journey

> CONTACT: For information or to enroll, call (248) 858-4003 or

TIME/DATE: 7-8:45 p.m. first and third Tuesday of each St. John Providence Hospital

**Novi Toastmasters** 

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Road: Suite 600: Southfield

DETAILS: Looking for kind;

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needed Monday through Friday

during day time hours; there is a

great need for male volunteers to

support male hospice patients;

an interview and attendance at

required, Call (800) 882-5720;

ext. 8361, (248) 967-8361 or

three training sessions is

visit www.vna.org.

compassionate hospice volun-

DETAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your commu-TIME/DATE: 6:30-6:30 p.m. nication skills: voice your opin-

ion; polish your presentations and practice leadership A, B and C. CONTACT: Amy (248) 752-

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Markel. CONTACT: Free registration for (TOPS) Chapter lecture and dinner by calling (888) 440-7325 TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. weigh-in

Survival Cooking Course TIME/DATE: 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. LOCATION: Providence Center for the Healing Arts, Assarian membership; includes hand-

book; \$1 per meeting. New Cancer Center CONTACT: Rebecca Boyke **Visiting Nurse Association** Hospice Volunteers Needed LOCATION: Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast and nutrition. No cost. Michigan; 25900 Greenfield

### **ONGOING**

SWOCE Studio Tours

close look at the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission Studios local community televi-

Widowed Friends Support Group
DETAILS: Widowed Friends of Gardeners of Northville and

the Archdiocese of Detroit is a TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. second

Monday of month through May peer support group. CONTACT: For more informa-LOCATION: Rotates between Novi Civic Center and the tion, call Marilyn at (586) 739-Northville Library

DETAILS: Visitors welcome visit www.gardenersnorthville-

### ROCK **FINANCIAL SHOWPLACE**

(248) 348-5600 or visit www.rockfinancialshowplace.com for more information.

Back Yard Pool and Spa Show TIME/DATE: 3-9:30 p.m. Friday; 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

DETAILS: Show focuses on swimming pools, spas and out-door entertaining. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$4 for ages 6-14

American Baby Falre TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.+5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 5-6 DETAILS: Nation's largest expo for expectant and new families. \$8 for adults, ages 12 and under and grandparents are free.

Franchise and Business Expo TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-4 p.m Saturday, April 5; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday April 6

DETAILS: Owning your own business can be extremely exciting and profitable! This event is your opportunity to meet face-toface with representatives from across North America who are concepts in other cities. Seminars are free with the admission price. Admission is \$8

CONTACT: (905) 477-2677, ext. 400 or go to www.franchise-

### CLASS REUNIONS

1968, please contact Ron Barnum at (248) 347-8808.

is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 2, 2008 at the Radisson Livonia. The cost is \$75 per person. "Crasher" tickets are available for the classes of 1976, 1977, and 1979 for \$25. A pre-party will be held Friday, Aug. 1 at The Chase Bar & Grill, Northville, Contact Janet Eisele Junca by e-mail at

planning a 20th reunion for the weekend of July 26, 2008. For further information, please contact Jennifer Clarkson at iclark-

### Plymouth High School Class of 1968

DETAILS: The Class of 1968 is looking for classmates for their July 19, 2008 in Livonia. For (Sheedy) Johnston at (734) 437-3534 or e-mail to ohs40thre

### REGIONAL union@charter.net.

Class of 1963 DETAILS: The Class of 1963 is hosting a 45 year reunion on Milford, For more information. call Barb Cook at (248) 349-

South Lyon High School

Dearborn and Edsel Ford

High School Class of 1958 DETAILS: The 1958 January and June Classes of Dearborn having a combined 50-Year Reunion to be held on Saturday August 2, 2008 at the Dearborn Country Club, Judy Richards Goerke 313-562-9031, ludvaoerke@vahoo.com o 9443. Shirley.peters@village-

further information.

Cass Tech Class of 1958 Methodist Church, 640 S. DETAILS: The 50 year class Lafayette, South Lyon reunion will be held Öctober 11 Isabelle, (313) 882-4626 or go to

### **Botsford Golf Expo** TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-noon

LOCATION: Botsford Center for łealth Improvement, 39750 Grand River Avenue, Novi DETAILS: This free event is designed to make your first ound of golf this season pain free. Vendor booths, discounts on golf lessons and a raffle for

prizes will be featured. Reservations for a free, private, swing analysis with a PGA pro CONTACT: (248) 473-3100 to register or for more informa-

Scrap-a-Thon Fund-raise for Boy Scout Troop 228 TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-10 p.m

Saturday, April 5

LOCATION: First United tate equivalent tultion DETAILS: The will be demos information, products for pur-chase, lools to use, food, and prizes. The cost is \$35 per per-

CONTACT: Renee Shinska, (248) 446-0881 or e-mail en123@charter.net

# Explore Eastern

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. LOCATION: EMU Student Center, 900 Oakwood St.,

DETAILS: High school stu

dents and transfer students can

learn about Eastern Michigan University, meet with representatives from various academic programs, housing, dining, caree services, financial aid, scholar ships and more. Also, campus tours will run every 15 minutes The event is free and all those who attend can apply for admission free of charge, a \$20 savings. One high school senior who enrolls at EMU will receive 12 free credit hours of in-state equivalent tuition and one trans-fer student who enrolls will

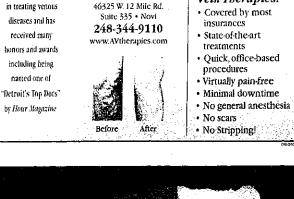
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teering in one of the Walk MS

sites in Michigan. To register or

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Michigan Chapter of the National

www.nationalMSsociety.org/mig

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Senior Ongoing Programs

Some of these activities have a

Monday: 10-11 a.m. Exercise

Tuesday: 10 a.m.-noon

Knit/Crochet and Sew Group

noon-2:30 p.m. Line Dancing

Wednesday: 10-11 a.m.

Second Tuesday: 10 a.m.

Second Monday: 11:30 a.m.

Second Thursday: 11:30 a.m.

Fourth Thursday: 10-11:30

Kensington Metro Park LOCATION: 2240 West Buno

Sleigh Rides or Havrides

TIME/DATE: Noon-4 p.m.

every weekend at the Learning

Nature Center Programs

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n.m. Saturday - Webelos

DETAILS: Please pre-registe

ms. Call (248) 685-0603

SCHEDULE: 10 a.m. and 2

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Fun on the Farm: 10 a.m.

Road, Milford, (248) 685-1561 or

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City of Wixom CONTACT: Community

Class

team, raising funds and/or

Banks and help celebrate the

Gemini Fundraiser Concert TIME/DATE: 2 p.m. Saturday,

I OCATION: New Hone Congregation Church, Meeting Hall, 57885 Grand River, New DETAILS: This nationally

acclaimed and award winning musical duo perform music for families. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$7 for children or \$28 for a four pack, Seating is limited so mended. To purchase tickets, call (248) 568-1095 or at the door on performance day.

### Michigan Magle Day 2008

Magic Day Events TIME/DATE: 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 19 LOCATION: Yosilanti High School, 1885 Packard Road,

DETAILS: The Ann Arbor Magic Club (IBM Ring 210/SAM Assembly 88) is hosting this event, included will be a Dealers m, Senior Stage Contest, Junior Stage Contest, a Close-up Contest and a Close-up Show. Lectures will be taught by Martin Cox, Patrick Page and Michael form with Rick Fisher at the evening show. Admission for the

all-day event is \$50. TIME/DATE: 8 o.m. Saturday

LOCATION: Ypsilanti High DETAILS: Hosted by Hank Moorehouse with performances

by lecturers listed above. Admission is \$12. Doors open at Night Before Party TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday,

April, 18 LOCATION: Comfort Inn. 2455 Carpenter Road, Ann Arbor

DETAILS: Admission is \$10. CONTACT: For more informa tion on Manic Day, call Bill at www.aamagic.org

Thursday, April 10 - Fun on the DATE: Sunday, May 4 LOCATION: Troy High School

Maple's Sweet Story rime/DATE: Noon-3 p.m. DETAILS: School groups may

DETAILS: Each session focus

topic that will prepare you to ful-

fill a 40-hour community service

es on a different horticultural

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make weekday appointments. Winter Master Gardener Class TIME/DATE: 6-10 p.m.

each month LOCATION: Executive Office Building Conference Center, Oakland County Service Center

University Musical Society;

Hill Auditorium, 825 North University Ave.: Rackham Auditorium, 915 East Washington St.: Power Center, 121 Fletcher St.; Michigan Theater, 603 East Liberty St land. Look under horticulture and

Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center LOCATION: Schoolcraft

College, 18600 Haggerty Road CONTACT: For more informa tion and to register call (734) 462-4443 Women's Resource Center

TIME/DATE: 11:45 a.m.-1:30

p.m. Friday, April 4 LOCATION: Schoolcraft

College, VisTaTech Center DETAILS: Visiting Historians Charlotte Austin and Jack Leeds don historical costumes and take on the roles of shamshooter Annie Oakley and her marksman husband, Frank Butler, \$15 per

ed seating; doors open 11:15 Divorce Support Group TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of month LOCATION: Women's

luncheon; prepaid registration

required: no tickets issued: limit

Resource Center; Room 225 McDowell Center DETAILS: Open to anyone conhaving difficulty adjusting to divorce; first meeting group discussion with facilitator Cynthia Kippin; MA; LPD; LLP; second

fee or registration required. DATE: 5-7 p.m. second and third Monday of each month,

DETAILS: Ask an attorney about divorce and family law; first come, first served; sign-in

begins at 4:30 p.m.; no fee. CONTACT: (734) 462-4443 Money Matters in Divorce DATE: 5-7 p.m. first Monday of DETAILS: Opportunity to ask a

certified financial planner about the financial concerns related to divorce; walk-in; no fee; sign-in begins at 4:30 p.m.

University of Michigan Performance Locations:

CONTACT: (734) 764-2538,

Send your calendar items to

(800) 221-1229 or visit

Novi News: 104 W. Main Street: Suite 101; Northville; MI 48167, fax to (248) 349-9832; or e-mail

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**Expectant Parent Class** 

Italian Buffet Dinner and

Cards TIME/DATE: 5-9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 9 LOCATION: Corsi's Italian

# HEALTH

TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. every Monday, March 10-April 7 LOCATION: 1010 East West Maple Road, Walled Lake

weekly sessions to help parentsbaby. Classes are taught by Public Health Nurses. Topics include childbirth preparation, labor and delivery, care of newborn, breastfeeding, bottle-feeding, child safe in the Tri-County area. Office ty and carino for them when they are ill. Cost for class is \$25. Enroll support is also needed CONTACT: Mary at (800) 770early in prepnancy.

month LOCATION: Novi Civic Center LOCATION: Grand River and Activities Room; 45175 W. 10 Beck Boads, use Beck Boad

last Thursday of month LOCATION: Conference Rooms DETAILS: March 27, Total Knee Replacement presentation by orthopedic surgeon Dr. David

and 11:30 a.m. meeting every Wednesday LOCATION: Meadowbrook Cancer Prevention and Commons, 25075 DETAILS: \$24 per annual

> DETAILS: The Cancer Project a national nonprofit dedicated to advancing cancer prevention through education and research is offering a free, eight-session cooking course designed to help Novi residents prevent and survive cancer through proper diet

## (248) 465-5455 to register.

CONTACT: James Tester at

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CONTACT: Melissa Cohn (248)

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# 'Distinguished Visitors' board aircraft carrier

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 voca-tion, volunteers as coordinator of the Distinguished Visitor outreach program, where she selects busiprogram, where she selects ous process and community leaders to sail aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt, a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier.

Fifty-100 miles off the coast of

guished 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

"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 civilian support said, "There is no room for error." two-ring, to snow eventual support to Navy sailors and to educate the public on the professionalism and dedication of the 19-year-old men

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

John Lindow, a Northville resi-

hour work day seem negligible. But then, war never sleeps. The Distinguished Visitors have too dent and vice president at Masco, and Jim Howard, of Novi, were chosen to sail on the active ship much adrenaline running through for a tour that took place on their veins to get any shuteye, and "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

September for active duty to points unknown to civilians. But Howard suspects the 5,500 Navy safors wiff he freaded somewhere in harm's way.

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asidor. The group tours the ship room by room, asking the sailors questions about their jobs while a life-changing experience. This a life-changing experience ballet. But in this act, one false that gets a person selected; it's the move and a pilot's life is over.
"The pilots are putting their lives in these kids' hands." Volk

The ship is restless The pilots get the most sleep at

hour snooze. But the sailors are

Meanwhile, pilots take off and ficient in landing and taking off on

breadth of their network.
"We show support by telling our about what these sailors go

Volk organizes tours three to far less than a civilian's eight- four times per year, with the next voyage coming in June. To apply to become a Distinguished Visitor, contact her at (248) 974-5093. lucky to eatch four or five hours in a 24-hour period because their shift can be anywhere from 12-20



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# New Asian diner offers Mandarin-style wok cooking

Pei Wei open in Novi Town Center

By Kelly Murad

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 pre-pares 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 Ara Topouzian, economic development manager fo the City of Novi. "It adds to th

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 carryingout, the exhibition-style kitchen
provides onlookers a firsthand look at the technique of work cooking. With every item on the menu being cooked in a wok which reaches temperatures of 500-600 degrees, Pei Wei 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." Per Wei's quick and convenient cuisine also provides lunch-goers a variety of options on a tight

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

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The interior of Novi Town Center's Pel Wei restaurant. The Asian food restaurant's name comes from the name of a famous Chinese chef who

# Asian Diner

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soup and sandwich. You get good cooked food, fairly quickly."
The menu includes some traditional favorites, as well as items unique to Pei Wei.
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Topouzian said. "My favorite is the (Mandarin) Kung Pao chicken and the Lettuce Wraps."
Another favorite item among guests are the fortune cookies and the cookies are per welcome to help them. and any of the Sunday through the cookies and the cookies are per welcome to help them.

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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, 2006 at 7:00 PM. in the Novi Citic Center, 45/75 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF PPOPOSED MAP AND TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF NOVI MASTER PLAN FOR LAND USE. Such hearing is being held pussant to requirements of Act 285 of the Public Acts of 1931, as amended.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal commer and at the hearing and any written comments must be recei-

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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.

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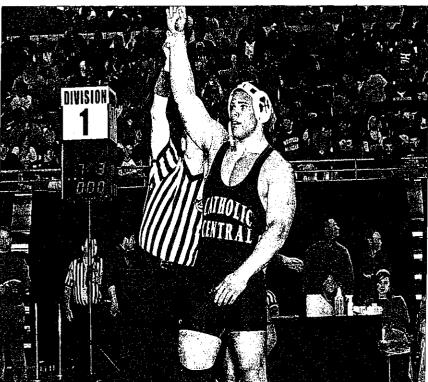
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SPORTS SPOTLIGHT: ALL-AREA WRESTLING

# Martin Wrestler of the Year ... aga



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

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 remember one reversal marter 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

After Martin's final match, he

All-Area Wrestling

Wrestler of the Year Mike Martin, CC senior

And the state of t

his wrestling days, and he said, "Who knows," with a smile.

Now, Hancock thinks it might

not be the end either.

Devin Boria, Milford soph Shea Butler, South Lyon senior

"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

mind he can be a collegiate

See WRESTLING, 2B



The Catholic Central bowlers proudly show off their 300 pin earned after bowling a perfect baker game.

# **CC's Erlingis** anchors area's top bowlers

Novi's Bivens on First Team

By Jeff Theisen

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 bowl-

ing team included.
"I wish he could bowl for a

"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

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 Ail-State team, they "For the Att-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; just unbelievable, He's got a lot of honors this year, and he's deserved all of them."

One of the highlights of the

One of the highlights of the ar came when the Shamrocks came when rolled a perfect 300 in Baker for-mat. (Baker format is when five teammates throw two frames each for one combined score.) Erlingis

one combined score.) Entragis by the fifth and 10th frames. When we shot the 300 baker game, he went up and just ham-mered three strikes in a row," Bridges said. "To be the anchor man, you have to be solid as a rock 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 Erling's, CC senior

Bryan Bivens, Novi Kerry Kirsch, CC Mike Clemente, CC Dan Dwyer Northylle Matt Aumann Milford dustin Pelc, Lakeland Doug Farmer, Lakeland Josh Harper, South Lyon 🖙

Honorable Mention Mike Jacoboni Northvill Jeff Kjegon Lakeland Matt Harrison, Lakeland Chase Siburt, Lakeland

Crain Reid, Lakeland Trey Brown, Milford Freddle 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 play-er."

### First Team

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

Kirsch provided another sea-sonal highlight with a 300 game

See BOWLING, 2B

# TJ Hohl centers All-Area Hockey

### ■ Novi goalie Michalzuk 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

Mustang head coach Clint

Robert said things changed dra-matically this year, and it helped the Mustangs roll to the regional finals before losing a heartbreaker ual co-champion Orchard Lake St. Mary's.
"We had a rule on the team tha

if you get your second penalty of the game, I enforced a 10- to 15minute benching," Robert said.
"That happened once early in the season, and after that, I would imagine T! averaged only a penal-

ty every third game or so.
"He cut down dramatically from last season the penalties he

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 "He really became an allaround 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 multi-ple stitches around the student's eye. But that type of determination is something the other play-

bring to the games.
"That's exactly what you in a captain," Robert said. "I the gays really followed by exam-ple to what he was doing."

Robert said junior teams were scouting Hohl at different times

throughout the season, expects his playing days will con-

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



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The Waza FC U13 Boys Team won the Elite Division of the Jefferson Cup (a top-5 national tournament) in Richmond, Va., March 15-16. In the preliminary games, they beat a team from Maryland 4-0, a team from North Carolina 3-1, lost to a team from Virginia 3-2, but made it into the playoffs as the wildcard team. In the semifinals, they beat a very ta ented team from Connecticut 3-2 in overtime. In the finals, they beat a team from Maryland, 4-1. Waza FC was led by Novi's Matt Wilson (7 assists) and Trevor Nessel. Front row, from left: Ronnie Basin (Farm. Hills), Aleksandar Isaevski (Westland), Nick Yang (Sterling Heights), Aaron Krupa (Ann Arbor), Matt Wilson (Novi), Colln Warner (Northville) and Tommy O'Connor (Northville). Back row: Trevor Nessel (Novi), Matt McAuliffe (Livonia), Dominique Hajdu (Brownstown), Connaugh McLaughlin (Bloomfield), Justin Cohen (Ann Arbor), Rickie Carter (Commerce), Brent Winkler (Farm. Hills), Donald Payne (Ypsilanti), Alex Arlin (Farm. Hills) and coach Dan Diac with son Alex.

### ■ HOCKEY: Michalzuk makes All-Area First Team

### continued from front First Team

Novi goalkeeper Kevin Michalzuk receives All-Area First Team honors.

Michalzuk was a steady force or a team that often struggled to score.

"Kevin had an excellent goals against average and led the team o the the second lowest goals nst (71) in (earn history,) i head coach Todd Krygiei

said. The lowest goals agains

was 70. Of the 71 goals against. six were empty netters."

The rest of the All-Area First Team includes Lakeland's Matt Busterna and Trevor Lloyd: Milford's Mike Whiteman; South Lyon's Chris Eckler Catholic Central's Mike Bourgon, Brent Darnell, and Mertill; and Northville's Ted Keranen and Jordan Duff.

The All-Area Second Team includes two more Wildcats: Mark Bernier and Adam Szajner. Bernier was the top defenseman, playing during all scenarios. Szamer led the leam in scor

ng despite playing through shoulder miuries.

The rest of the Second Team includes Jayson Cronk, Michael Mention Denston and David Hench from

**All-Area Hockey** 

First Team

Player of the Year ---

Matt Busterna, Lakeland senio Trevor Lloyd, Lakeland junior Chris Eckler, South Lyon junior Mike Bourgon, CC senior Brent Darnell, CC sophomore Ted Keranen. Northville junior

Kevin Michaizuk, Novi senior Second Team Jayson Cronk, Lakeland junior Michael Denston, Lakeland jr. David Hench, Lakeland Junior Mike Hoy, South Lyon soph.

and CJ Pobur from Catholic Central: and Wes Gates and Matt Kreager from Northville.

### Honorable Mention

The Aff-Area Honorable team includes Northyifle's Kevin Uetz, Alex Brewin, Alec Arthur, Joey Castelli, Ross Riehl and Case Moreman, Lakeland's Neil Graf, Andrew

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Lyon and Milford. Jeff Theisen drid

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the Shamrocks and rolled a two-game series high of 533. "He's just a good leader and a good captain," Bridges said. Novi's Bryan Bivens also makes the First Team with a sea-

"We took over first place that day (Catholic League) when he threw it," Bridges said. "That was

the highlight of the season for

Clemente was a co-captain for

against Divine Child.

sonal average of 200. The rest of the First Team includes Northville's Dan Dwyer, Milford's Matt Aumann, South Lyon's Josh Harper and Justin Pelc and Doug Farmer from

### Honorable Mention

The All-Area Honorable Mention

Connelly and Sean Staples; Milford's Will Saley; South Lyon's Nathaniel Johnson, Jake Green and The All-Area teams are nomi nated by coaches and submitted from Novi, Northville, Lakeland, South Lyon and Milford. Jeff Theisen and Patrick Pinter comprised the teams.

Martin's strength, athleticism and size combined to create a monster on the mat for heavy weights.

weights.

"You get your great athletes, but I don't know if you're going to see as good an athlete as Mike Martin." Hancock said, "It's to see as good an athlete as Mike Martin," Hancock said, "It's When I think of Matt, I think how fast and how strong he is."
Hancock would love to have Martin for a least a compare of the strong he is." Martin for at least a couple of

more years, but there is one things he isn't going to miss about the two-time state champ. "I definitely won't miss wrestling him in practice, but it Ridenour qualified at 189.

Thomas racked up a 44-8 was fun." Hancock said. "I haven't had that much of a challenge since college. I would get in on his leg and it was like hug-

The All-Area First Team is filled with players that qualified 35-13.

ging a tree. It's amazing."

Catholic Central has seven state qualifiers in all, including Martin. The rest of the Shamrocks include Eldridge at 119 pounds, Trevor O'Connor at 135, Shea Hasenaeur at 140, Stefan Gait at 160, Matt Aubrey at 189 and Joe Kinville at 215. Hasenaeur (33-6) faced three wrestler that all placed in mak-

ing the finals, despite having a shoulder injury that ultimately "Courageous. It was pretty impressive to see what he did at the state meet ... with one arm," Hancock said. "I think he's

last meet.
"I think coaching him was just a pleasure," Hancock said. "He's the kind of guy who would run through a wall for anybody. He's a workhorse." Gatt (38-8) placed for the sec-

wrestling as a sophomore and

losses on the year.

### ond-straight year at state, this time with a seventh-place finish.

team includes Northville's Mike Jacoboni, Milford's Trey Brown, South Lyon's Freddie Ringrose and Jeff Klegon, Matt Harrison, Chase Siburt and Craig Reid from Lakeland.

James Stratton; and Catholic The All-Area teams are nominat ed by coaches and submitted from Novi. Northville, Lakeland, South

If he puts the work in this sum-mer, he's going to get into the top three. He just keeps coming." Aubrey earned his 30th win of the year at the state meet. He lost

teammate. He's a great athlete. He's the epitome of captainship." Novi also sent a pair of senior wrestlers to the state meet; highlighted by Ryan Thomas' fourthplace finish at 152 pounds. Ryan

record and showed his courage by scoring five points in the final 30 seconds in a 6-5 loss in the third-place match at state. Ridenour made leaps and bounds in making his way to the

includes Milford's Devin Boria, South Lyon's Shea Butler and Northville's Jonny D'Anna and

### Second Team

Novi wrestler Robbie Yusko receives All-Area Second Team

state finals and earned several top finishes at tournaments throughout the year.

Team are Jimmy Schroader, Billy Curry, Kyle Liddell, Scott Oerther and Rocky Mikulec from Milford; Matt Thomas and Max going to be the main to bean next year."

Hill from Lakeland's Dee Powell Kinville (39-5) powered his way to a fifth-place finish at his last meet.

Hebert and Nick Mudar from

The All-Area Honorable Mention Team includes Northville's Mike Bagian and Aaron Towne; Milford's Nick "When I think of Stefan, I think of toughness," Hancock said. "He started varsity Burt and Keith Hartley Lakeland's Jake DeGrendal Jeremy Sherman and Nick Fiebke; South Lyon's Chris Emery, Brook O'Brien, Justin

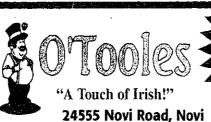
placed as a junior and senior."

O'Connor racked up an impressive 43 wins with just 11 "I think he just does everynated by coaches and submitted thing right," Hancock said. "He's a perfectionist. He does everyfrom Novi, Northville, Lakeland South Lyon and Milford Jeff Theisen and Patrick Pinter comthing we ask of him and more." Theisen and Patt Eldridge, the lone sophomore prised the teams.

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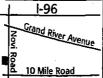
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# Thompson races to Skier of the Year



South Lyon senior Jeffrey Thompson is the All-Area Skier of the Year.

By Patrick Pinter and Jeff didn't have the same success his SPORTS WRITERS

Living within the shadows is something South Lyon scalor Jeff Thompson does not have to worry first two years. Being in that shad-

measure himself against the onship it rea accomplishments of his older that shadow." brother John whea it came to skiing. After this season Jeff's South Lyon boys ski team to its
accomplishments have him standing above the rest. Thompson is
the 2008 All-Area Skier of the
Individually, Thompson had an

"When Jeff was younger he and regional slalom titles. He also

ow is what I really think propelled him. When he won the champi-onship it really took him out of

brother John had John made states three years and was All-State two years," said South Lyon head ski coach John Thompson. "Jeff didn't make it to states his,

amazing season. He won the state Farley and Eric Jones.

the KVC race in the Stalom and Gant Stalom. He also had an 11th place finish at the state finals in the GS.

Sam Mehr. place finish at the state finals in the GS. "He really felt confident in his

is what propelled him in those last

ability, and [ knew he could do it." said Thompson. "He had the con-fidence in himself and I think that

First Team Novi places a pair of skiers on the All-Area First Team in Garett

earned second place finishes in includes Lakeland's Justin

Racers earning Honorable Mention are Novi's Jordan Feight; Lakeland's Michael Smallegan and Kyle Griffen; Milford's Rob Pierson; and South Lyon's Ryan Andrews and Adam

Honorable Mention

The All-Area teams are nomi-The rest of the First Team nated by coaches and submitted

Jeff Thompson, South Lyon sr.

Garett Farley, Novi Eric Jones, Novi Justin Janssen, Lakeland senior

All-Area

Adam Magaluk, Milford Garrett Gelfund, South Lyon sr. Boys Skiing Sam Mehr, South Lvon fr Player of the Year -

**Honorable Mention** Kyle Griffen, Lakeland Ryan Andrews, South Lyon Adam Lalik, South Lyon

# Two-time champ

### Lakeland's Pointer wins title as senior. freshman

By Patrick Pinter and Jeff

Winning an individual state title as a freshman was a huge deal for Lakeland's Addi Pointer, but with the title came huge expectations. And Pointer did nothing but meet those expectations during her four years on the Lakeland bowling team. She capped off her career this season by winning her

title, and she is the 2008 All-Area Girls Bowler of the Year. "When she started out expectations were high, and people expected a lot out of her," said Lakeland girls head coach Vaughn Richmond. "After winning that first state title she followed through on all those expectations."

During the regular season Pointer finished first in the Kensington Valley Conference with a 206.37 average, and she helped lead the Eagles to a third-place team finish. This season she was also selected to the All-State First Team. Pointer vill continue her bowling career at Alahama A&M

This year Pointer became the first bowlers to win two individual Ramsey: South Lyon's Chelsea titles. She added the 2008 title to go along with her 2005 title.

Brown: Northville's Angie Ramsey: South Lyon's Chelsea titles. She added the 2008 title to go along with her 2005 title. three. She sadd to 2005 title.

"I have not seen someone more determined to win as her this year."

Milford's Tori Brown and Jessica Guertin.

said Richmond. "At states this year the was in her own little world. Seeing her bowl so good at the start of the season, I told her if she kept it up she would make another un at a title. She is the most con-

Honorable Mention

Bowlers receiving Honorable Mention are Northville's Sarah

Marilley; Milford's Jessica Crunk

South Lyon's Lindsay Heikkinen

The All-Area First Team honorees include Novi's Leslie nated by coaches and submitted South Lyon and Milford. Jeff prised the teams.

All-Area Bowler of the Year, Addi Pointer (middle) is flanked by Milford's Jessica Guertin and Torl Brown, who are on the All-Area First Team. All-Area Girls Bowling

Player of the Year --

First Team Leslie Brown, Novi Angie Ramsey, Northville Tori Brown, Milford Jenna Law, Milford

Jessica Guertin, Milford Chelsea Allen, South Lyon Brittany Henry, South Lyon

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Honorable Mention Sarah Marilley, Northville Jessica Crunk, Milford Jessica Dart, Milford Samm Buth, Lakeland Olivia Weak, Lakeland Lindsay Heikkinen, South Lyon

from Novi, Northville, Lakeland, Theisen and Patrick Pinter com South Lyon and Milford. Jeff prised the teams.

# **Youth swimmers** shine at state meet

Continuing to build on last first State Championship in the year's success, the Spartan Aquatic Chub placed 12th out of 60 teams at this year's State Championship meet held at Lake 15th, and she swam on the 200 15th,

Orion High School.

This year the team was lead by

The other swimmers on the Buha. She was the 10 under girls State Champion in the 50 butter(ly (30.80), 100 but. Mayoras. trifly (1:09.41b), 100 backstroke (1:08.89) and the 100 individual represent them at this year's state medley (1:10.71). Buha finished second in the 50 backstroke second in the 50 backstroke

(31.64) and in the 200 IM

(2:35.15). Buha placed second overall for the best 10-under female swimmer in the state (highpoint winner).

Mandy Washko (11) swam in the 11-12 division and placed fourth in 100 free (57.44), sixth 100 free (57.44), sixth 100 free (1:06.43), 13th in the 15 free (26.40) eight in the 150 fty (32.63), red (but in the 150 fty (32.63), and (but in the 150 fty (32.63).

in 50 free (26.40), eighth in the 100 fly (1:17.73) and 19th in the

the 400 IM (5:10.21). He placed fourth in the 50 free (25.80). fifth in the 50 fry (29.33). 10th in the 100 IM (1:07.54). 11th in the 50 breast (34.94) 12th in the 100 IM (1:07.54). 50 breast (34.94) 12th in the 200

12th in the 100 breast (1:17.00), 100 lM with a personal best of 19th in the 500 free (5:41.94), 1:12.58. 22nd in the 200 IM and in the 50 The Spartans swim out of the 22nd in the 200 IM and in the 50
breast along with a 28th finish in
Novi High School.

200 IM (2:24.52), ninsh in the 500 free (5:33.22), 16th in the 200 free (2:08.79), and 17th in the 400 IM (5:10.21).

relay team were Mallo

meet. They were Camden

Arthur Shi (10) competed in fly (2:30.73), and 20th in the 100 his first State Championship in the 100 Fly. Kenta Onimura (12) breast. the 100 Fly. Kenta Onimura (12)
Catherine Cui (12) placed also competed in his first State sixth in the 200 breast (2:40.03), Championship swimming the

breast along with a 28th hmish in
the 200 backstroke.

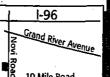
Leah Quinn, (10), has been
swimming for only two years,
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n estimated I million Americans live with Parkinson's disease (PD) an age-related degenerative neurological disorder. Many struggle with tremors, sufficess, slowness of movement and impaired balance. 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 belp 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

"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 diseases and lived help lives to the fullest. According to the National Parkinson Foundation of 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.

### ■ 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 nutritions related diseases and prevent hospitalization. · 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

### 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.



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."

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"Moving Forward," Teva's practical guide to living with PD, recently was translated into Spanish. The Spanish version is titled, "Hacia adclante," 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 to contact their Teva representative, or visit

Art for a Cause

lena Tuero was only in her mid-20s when she began experi-

eneing disturbing symptoms, such as loss of balance and termors. By 27, she was diagnosed with young-onset Parkinson's. For the next 17 years, Tuero fought a losing but lewith the disease as it slowly stole her most basic capabilities, like walking, diessing and feeding herself.

Then, in 2003, Tuero underwent a successful surgical procedure, and with a combination of PD medications, is now better able to

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"When you have Parkinson's disease, the idea of picking up a pointhrush 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

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

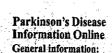
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Parkinson's sites, publications and information of interest.

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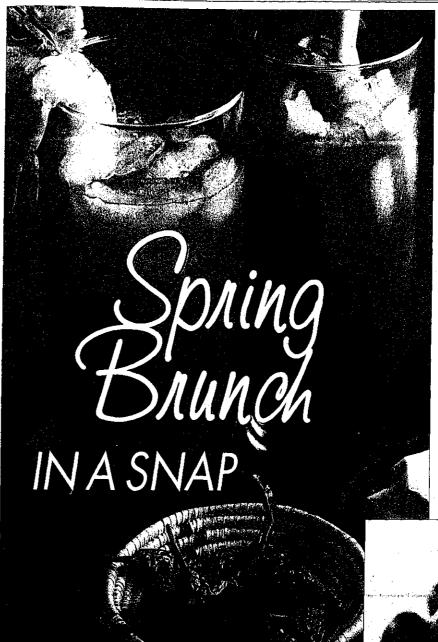
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# MY FOOD FOR THOUGHT





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

Start off with marinated otives — savory fittle 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.

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As a main dish, serve up an elegant fillata.

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 Gournet Garden squeezable herbs and spices, which are ready to use for up to three marks and each a found in the fresh products.

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 margarita veniont 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.

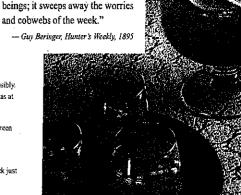
### Brunchology The Study of Brunch

- 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 squeezable herbs and spices have
- no additives or preservatives. For more recipes, visit 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

### Olive-alogy

- 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 to help pick just



### Bloody Maria

1 bottle Jose Cuervo's

- 1/3 cup Jose Cuervo Clásico
  3 cups tomato juice
  2 teaspoons Worcestershire
- 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 pitches and stir. Pour into large highball glasses filled with ice, and garnish.

### Tomato Olive Frittata

Serves 4 to 6 6 large eggs
1 tablespoon flour
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
1 1/2 teaspoons Gournet Garden
1 talian Seasoning
2 cups shredded Fontina, cheddar

- 1 (ablespoon 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

ately. Toss with lemon juice and serve warm or at room temperature.

Mediterranean

Serves 4

White Bean Salad

- 1 can (3.8 ounces) Lindsay Sliced Ripe Olives, drained
  1/2 cup thinly sliced green onion
  1/2 cup chopped, seeded fresh 1 tablespoon Gourmet Garder Squeezable Oregano 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/3 cup thin strips Canadian bacon 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 immedi-

or Monterrey Jack cheese

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 lish. 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

"Brunch is cheerful, sociable and

inciting. It puts you in a good

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- 1 tablespoon Gourmet Garden Italian Seasoning
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  1/2 teaspoon Gourmet Garden
  Squeezable Garlic
  1/2 teaspoon Gourmet Garden
  Squeezable Chili Pepper
  1 tablespoon lemon juice

In a jar with tight fitting lid, combine all in a jar with tight in hung titl, combine an 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

### Tequila Sunrise Sangria Serves 16 to 18

- \*1 bottle (750 milliliters) Jose Cuervo Golden Margarita
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  1 cup of orange juice
  1 lime, juiced
  3 oranges, sliced into rounds
  2 mangos, peeled and diced
  12 to 16 maraschino cherries
- wine, chilled

  liter lemon lime soda, chilled
  Garnish: orange slices and
  maraschino cherries (used

from the sangria fruit)

 In a pitcher, combine margarita, orange juice, lime juice, oranges, mangos, 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.

# REGIONAL MARKETPLACE

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

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Sick House Syndrome occurs when a house can't "breathe". A home needs to breath 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 Syndrom

Common sources of indoor police tion 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 harm ful 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

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



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# **Everything Grows colors gardens economically**

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 gar-dens 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.

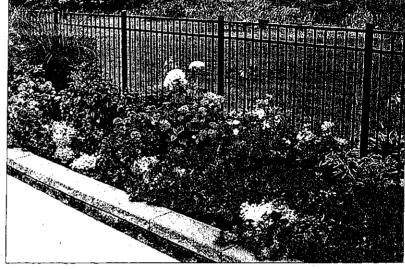
Jodi's expertise is even more important today because of the Michigan economy. She knows that many homeowners are choosing to invest in upgrading their homes — to increase the value and enhance the look of their outdoor spaces Having a healthy and colorful garden will enhance any home. She also knows 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

"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

Slankard of Everything Grows specializes in.



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 canvas, 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 color) or polychromatic (opposite

sides of the color wheel). "Your garden is

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 earder than just color.

more to a beautiful garden than just color. She considers the unique features of the yard, too, such as shade, sunny areas, or

"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 cor-

"Most plants need six hours of sunshine "Most plants need six nours 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 classics."

# EXPERIENCE + MICHIGAN LIVING = BEAUTIFUL GARDENS

Jodi combines her experience as a mas ter gardener and her Michigan roots to put a valuable stamp on every garden she cre-ates. Not only can she renovate an existing bed that is overgrown or planted haphazardly, she can also change the soil compo-sition 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 under some the the property required to

much easier by the compost provided to Everything Grows by local business, Tuthil's Farm. "They have the best com-post 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

### FLEXIBLE, TOO

lodi'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

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

tle 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 ets, 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," Todi 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

### **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
- een and mulch (shredded pinebark) to keep weeds down

Perennials and annuals are a big part of the gardens that Jodi Water regularly

