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Ribbon cutting

Zoup! Fresh Soup Company will be holding a ribbon-cutting ceremony from 5-6 p.m. Thursday, July 9 at the new Novi Grand River location. Novi City Manager Clay Pearson will be in attendance. The band, Riley, of Novi, will set the stage for an evening of fun, food, friends and music. College students and Zoup employees, Dan Nufer, 18 of Walled Lake and Ryan Anderson, 19 of Wixom play in the five-member band each summer. Located across from Providence Park Hospital, the new 2,000 square foot Zoup! will seat 50 customers and feature all of the company's signature menu items.



Blood drive

A summer scholarship blood drive will be held from 1-7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14 in the Main Street Atrium of Novi (east of Novi Road, next to Mixx Lounge). Call (248) 974-4485 for more information.

E-Newsletter

The *Novi News* will offer E-Newsletters on Thursdays, and local business and entertainment newsletters will come out once a week.

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Coffee chat

Come and have a cup of coffee with the Novi News editor, Cal Stone, and discuss the newspaper, story ideas and issues in Novi at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 16 at Biggy Coffee (northeast corner of Novi Road and Grand River Avenue).

Providence Park welcomes new president

■ She says it's not just about technology

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Talk about climbing the ladder. Jean Meyer, R.N., M.S.N., started her career in medicine as a nurse. She now serves as the new president of Providence Park Hospital.

Meyer, a native of the Chicago area who now lives with her family in Northville, has a degree in public health education from the University of Wisconsin's Lacrosse campus. She then received her bachelor's degree and master's degree in nursing from

Loyola University in Chicago. She lived in Indianapolis for 16 years while working as a senior vice president and chief nursing officer for Ascension Health, St. John Health System's parent company, before moving to Michigan.

"Ascension Health is the largest nonprofit, faith-based health care system in the country," said Lou Martin, director of public relations for Providence Park Hospital. "They (company representatives) work closely with the folks in Washington, D.C." About a year and a half ago, an

MEYER TO VISIT NOVI LEADERS

Jean Meyer, MSN, RN, the new president of Providence Park Hospital in Novi, will pay a visit to Novi City Council on July 21. The council meets at 7:30 p.m. at Novi City Hall. Her comments will also be posted live on the city's Web site, www.ci.novi.mi.us.



JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jean Meyer, CEO of Novi's Providence Park Hospital, strolls with her morning coffee through its ground floor level.

executive in Indianapolis moved to Michigan, assuming duties for St. John Health System, that consists of seven hospitals, as well as Ascension's

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Crowning achievement

■ Novi grad wins Miss Michigan title

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Dance instructor Julie Hughes knew Nicole Blaszczyk was destined for stardom when she first stepped into the studio at the age of 3.

By the time she was 7, Hughes said Blaszczyk "stood out like a shining star" during performances at Sheryl's School of Dance in Novi, and had an aspect about her that "it didn't matter how many kids were on stage, you just watched her."

So on June 20, it was no surprise that Blaszczyk, now 22, had all eyes on her once again when the crown of Miss Michigan 2009 was placed on her head.

"I never thought in a million years I would be in this position," the Novi High graduate said. "Of course (winning) was the ultimate goal, but not something I thought was feasible. It still feels a bit fuzzy and crazy, but definitely is an honor."

Blaszczyk is the second Miss Michigan winner Hughes has coached in dance, the first being Madonna K. Emond, who claimed the title in 2003 and finished in the top 15 at

Miss America.

Hughes said while both women were extremely talented, there is "something about Nicole that makes her different."

"(Madonna) you did not think of as the Miss America-type, but Nicole has looked like Miss America her whole life," she said. "I definitely see her as Miss America, no doubt in my mind. She has that twinkle in her eye."

Two years ago that twinkle was hard to see as Blaszczyk was dealt back-to-back second place finishes at the Miss Oakland County and Miss Wayne County pageants. In 2007, she lost to Kirsten Haglund, who went on to win Miss Michigan and Miss America, while in 2008 she was bested by Ashlee Baracy, who won Miss Michigan and finished in the top 10 at Miss America.

Giving up after those disappointments would have been easy, but she was determined to keep performing because of the many scholarships and opportunities the pageants presented.

Fresh off being named Miss

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Nicole Blaszczyk was crowned Miss Michigan 2009 by last year's winner Ashlee Baracy at the Miss Michigan pageant on June 20 in Muskegon.

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Expo seeks to help those interested in film industry

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

The film industry in Michigan has been excelling after tax incentives put in place last year made the state an economical place to film movies.

But just because studios were filming in the state didn't mean they were using Michigan workers. Many of the studios brought employees with them because there were not enough qualified people in the state, a practice CBS RADIO Detroit hopes to help change.

CBS RADIO is teaming up with the Rock Financial Showplace on July 12 to host the "Michigan Makes Movies Expo," an event open to anyone who

EVENT DETAILS

What: Michigan Makes Movies Expo
When: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Sunday
Where: Rock Financial Showplace, Grand River Avenue (between Taft and Beck roads)
Other: Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Must be 16 or older to attend.

is interested in learning more about the Michigan film industry.

"The purpose is to help the Michigander, especially those out of work or those who have an interest in the film industry,

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Antil interviews for Troy city manager post

Novi's assistant city manager one of five finalists

BY NATHAN KUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Novi Assistant City Manager Pam Antil is one of five finalists for the city manager position in Troy.

Antil, who was contacted last week by a recruiter for the city to replace another finalist who pulled out, said she spoke with Novi City Manager Clay Pearson who encouraged her to pursue the job.

"I love my position in Novi, but this is a wonderful opportunity for me," she said on Monday. "With the support of the city manager and council, I have decided to step into that ring."

Antil has been the assistant city manager for three years, coming to Novi after working in a similar position in Ann Arbor. She works in an operations role for the city, collaborating with the different departments to roll out initiatives and making sure everything that is budgeted happens according to plan, among several other responsibilities.

The other candidates vying for the Troy position are Jane Bais-DiSessa, city manager of Berkley; Steven S. Auld, chief financial officer for HP Pelzer Automobile Systems Inc. in Troy from 2005-2007; John



Novi Assistant City Manager Pam Antil is one of five candidates for the city manager position in Troy.

Gabor, city manager of Marine City; and James C. Payne, former city manager of Rio Rancho, N.M.

Antil and the four other candidates were expected to meet the city staff on Tuesday, with an interview with the city council occurring on Wednesday.

"I'm excited, nervous and everything in between," she said.

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PROVIDENCE PARK

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entire Michigan market, that consists of five health care systems.

"She called a few of us in Indianapolis and said, 'I could use some help up here,'" Meyer said. So, several administrators made the move to Michigan.

When Meyer arrived in Michigan in January 2008, she was the chief nursing officer for the entire St. John Health System, with responsibility for all of the hospitals in the system.

Last July, she was asked to take on the position of chief operating officer for both Providence Hospital in Southfield and Providence Park Hospital in Novi, with the goal being to try to integrate the two campuses.

"I think for a while there, it was such that they were competitors, and that did not make sense," Meyer said. "There's too much competition in health care anyway."

"The goal now is to share programs, staff and resources. We're one medical staff, and we have a lot of people who go back and forth between the two hospitals."

Last fall, Rob Castolou, former president of Providence Hospital, left to pursue another opportunity, with Meyer serving as the interim hospital president.

"I decided 'I really like this,'" she said, and she was officially named president in April.

EDUCATION HER FIRST INTEREST

"My first interest was in education," Meyer said. "I wanted to be a teacher, and I got so excited about health care and wellness. But, when I graduated, there weren't a lot of positions for that degree. Some of my counterparts taught fitness classes in corporations, but that's not what I wanted to do."

She wanted to talk to patients about getting better and staying healthy. So she decided to become an oncology nurse.



Jean Meyer, CEO of Providence Park Hospital Novi, looks over a surgery schedule with Dr. Michael Jacobs on July 2.



Novi Providence Park Hospital CEO Jean Meyer stops to chat with Dr. Stephen Seward.

MEANINGFUL MOMENT

Meyer shared a story about an encounter with a patient when she was a student nurse on an oncology clinical rotation at St. Joseph Hospital in Chicago.

"I always got assigned very complex patients, because I was an older student," she said, "and I got assigned to a patient who was very sick."

He didn't say anything to her the entire time she cared for him. Then, one day as she was leaving the room, she asked him if there was anything else she could do for him. "He asked me if I would pray with him," Meyer said.

The next time she went in, she learned the man had died shortly after their moment of prayer. She felt bad he had died alone. Recently, Providence Hospital started a program called No One Dies Alone (NODA). For any dying patient who has no family, volunteers are called in to sit with the patient.

"These are the kind of programs that I think will help set us apart," Meyer said. "It's that compassionate care."

ALL IN A DAY'S WORK

Meyer said as president of Providence Park Hospital, "Every day is different." One of

the things she insists on doing is getting out into the hospital. "I make rounds every day. I talk to the physicians and the staff."

One recent morning she met with the entire operating room staff at 7 a.m.

She works with the leaders of Providence Hospital in Southfield on such things as program development, the physician staff and quality control.

"We look at patient survey data, always looking to see where we can make improvements," she said. "It's a complex place, and it takes a long time to make changes, and sometimes I get a little impatient. I'm energetic, and I try to instill that in others."

Meyer and her husband, Steve, have a daughter, Jennifer, 13, who will be an eighth-grader at Hillside Middle School in the fall. Meyer enjoys golfing, bike riding and reading in her spare time.

ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

The 200-bed Providence Park Hospital will already celebrate its one-year anniversary on Sept. 5.

"We've come so far in a year," Meyer said. "I think people underestimate the complexity of opening a new hospital." She noted that the hospital has a special focus on neurosciences, and pediatrics has been moved from the Southfield to the Novi campus.

The Stay Bridge Hotel is now open on campus, even though the hospital has a 24-hour visitation policy. Currently, the hospital sees about 1,000 patients a month, and emergency department visits have increased about 100 percent.

"We're focusing on customer service," Meyer said. "Our goal is to have a very engaged staff, and that will determine our success as we move forward. We can set the bar as high as we want. The future is in our hands."

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get the knowledge they need to break in," said Rebecca Falk, special events manager for CBS RADIO Detroit. "We wanted to put something together where they can learn from the industry experts and get their questions answered."

The expo is not a job fair, but the majority of the information being provided is geared toward helping people find employment. There are 35 breakout sessions touching on everything from casting, how to become an extra, production assistant boot camp and more. An opportunity is also

available for screenwriters to get critiqued by a panel of experts.

CBS RADIO got behind the expo because of the feedback they received from listeners on WWJ-AM 950 who kept calling the station asking where they should send their resumes and how do they get involved.

"People will be able to walk away from this with knowledge for what their next step needs to be," Falk said.

The expo runs from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and tickets cost \$20 (bought in advance, \$25 at the door). For more information, visit www.michiganmakesmovies.com.

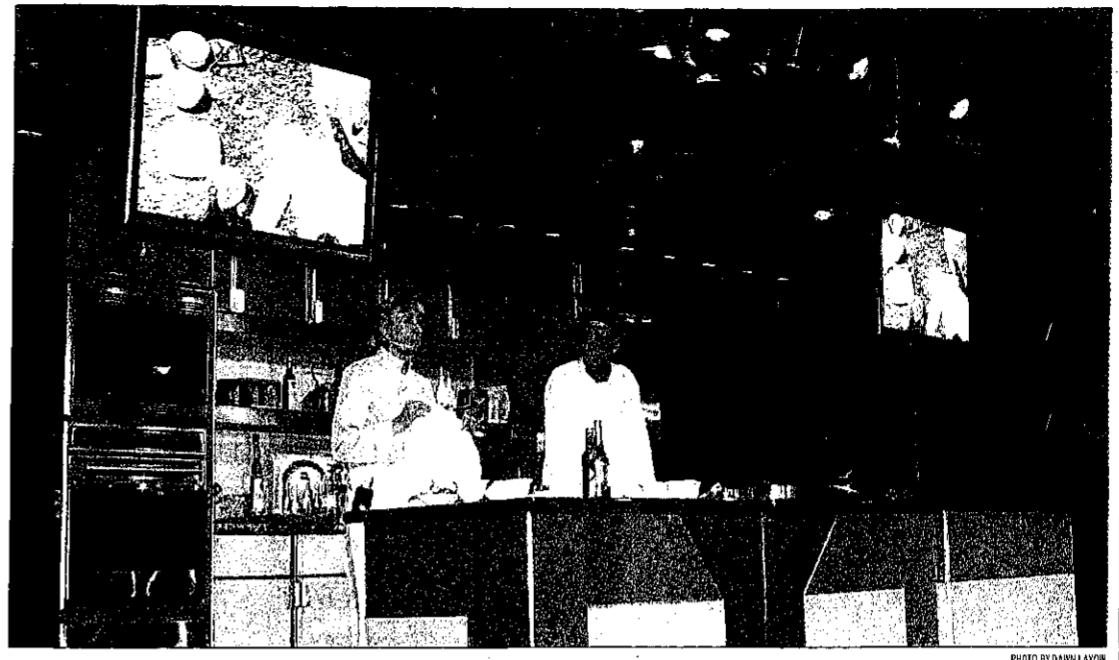
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Certified Executive Chef Mary Brady of Milford and Nick Layson, her assistant from Holland America Cruise Line, during a cooking class on the Alaskan culinary cruise in September 2008. Her next cruise, slated Oct. 31-Nov. 7, will feature the cuisine of the Eastern Caribbean.

Local chef plans Caribbean Culinary Cruise

Brookside Travel handling bookings

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

If you like cooking and the Caribbean, Certified Executive Chef Mary Brady has something right up your alley (or, rather, oyster).

Brady, who owns Diamond Jim Brady Bistro in Novi, is partnering with Brookside Travel of Northville to offer a Caribbean Culinary Cruise in October.

The cruise will set sail Oct. 31 on Holland America Line's new ship, the Eurodam.

To kick off the fall 2009 cruise, a special "Escape to the Caribbean Dinner" has been planned to show-

case the diverse foods of the Eastern Caribbean. Brady, of Milford, has planned the themed dinner at 6:30 p.m. July 20 that will include a question-and-answer session about the cruise and a meet and greet, with dinner set for 6:30 p.m. Dinner tickets are \$24.99 plus tax and gratuity.

The dinner will feature food and drinks of Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, The Bahamas and Turks & Caicos. For reservations to the dinner, call Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro at (248) 380-8460.

SECOND YEAR FOR CRUISE

For the second year, Michiganans will be able to take a one-of-a-kind culinary excursion where they will be

able to learn first-hand from Brady. She will provide cooking sessions on board the ship. The first culinary cruise Chef Brady hosted sailed the Alaskan waters in September 2008. The Eurodam will set sail for seven days, Oct. 31-Nov. 7, from Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The Caribbean cruise will sail to St. Thomas, the U.S. Virgin Islands; San Juan, Puerto Rico; Grand Turk, Turks and Caicos; and Half Moon Cay, Bahamas. Add on airfare available on Delta/Northeast airlines from Detroit to Fort Lauderdale.

Prices start at \$699 per person. The price has been locked in, and add-on packages are also available. The \$660 bonus value added amenities will include a welcome cocktail party, two culinary sessions with Brady, a chef's recipe collection, private wine tasting with sommelier, Pinnacle Grille

Private Dining for two, private gallery tour and a farewell cocktail party.

Bookings made at the July 20 dinner will include an American Express gift card valued at \$25 per cabin. In addition, anyone who books from July 20-July 25 will receive a \$354 on-board value booklet, (which is in addition to the \$650 added value amenities bonus that they are already receiving.) The deposit will also be reduced to \$100 per reservation.

For more information on the Holland America Line Caribbean Culinary Cruise - hosted by Brookside Travel of Northville and Mary Brady, CEO, call Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro, call Jim Ehehalt at (248) 344-4747 or visit www.jebrookside.com.

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JULY 20 DINNER SLATED

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THE CARIBBEAN MENU

The menu at the July 20 dinner in Novi will include:
Passed Appetizers
Rum Dalquiris and Cruzan
Dum Dark Rum Mainhattan
Salt Cod Crispers - Red Pepper Remoulade
Caribbean Spiced Chicken Salatas
Blue-iced Crab Cakes - Guacamole Aioli
San Juan Black Bean Soup, Fried Flour Tortilla Straws
Crumbed Salad with Lime Vinaigrette - Rex Reisinger
Half Moon Cay Lamb Curry - Saffron Rice - Mango Chutney - Presidente Lager
Cajun BBD Pork loin with Coo-Coo Cakes (Communal And Okra)
Cypress Sauvignon Blanc
Pesca Asado - Snapper with Onions And Almonds
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New Look

A worker puts some finishing touches on a new facade rooftop of the Novi Town Center on July 2.

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There's been a lot of heavy equipment moving around the grounds of the Novi Town Center recently as they've been putting the finishing touches on installing new facade work on the shopping facility at the northeast corner of Novi and Grand River Avenue.

NOVI COMMUNITY BRIEFS

City to help with cost of repaving Novi Road

The Novi City Council approved clipping in an estimated \$415,500 to repave Novi Road from Grand River Avenue to Twelve Mile Road.

Initially, the Road Commission for Oakland County received \$827,000 in grant money from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to fund the project which only included the portion of Novi Road between I-96 and Twelve Mile. The RCOG then decided to extend the project south, but the grant was capped at the original request amount, and the remaining project costs have to be split between the commission and the city of Novi.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$1,659,900 and includes the repair, mill and overlay of the existing road as well as the extension of the northbound right turn lane from the northern entrance to Twelve Oaks to Twelve Mile Road.

The final plans have been submitted to the Michigan Department of Transportation and if the project is bid on in August, construction would begin in September with a completion date in November.

Proposed club to look into more parking

The owners of 29 Park, a proposed Novi nightclub, were told Monday by the Novi City Council to explore more parking options, especially the use of valet.

The request for approval of a preliminary site plan and shared parking study was tabled for up to a month for the owners to gather more information to present to council.

29 Park, which has two locations in Canada, would occupy 10,000-square-feet of space at 43155 Main Street (corner of Main Street) in the existing Novi Main Street Development. There are 1,008 parking spaces within an 850-foot distance of the Main Street businesses, and some council members were concerned that 29 Park would be occupying several of those spaces, thus taking them from other businesses.

"When we are talking about parking we are talking about a safety issue," said Mayor David Landry. The owners plan to look to see how they could find more spaces prior to coming back to council for approval, but finding more spaces is not a requirement for approval.

Fifth Avenue Ballroom shuts down

The Fifth Avenue Ballroom in Novi appears to have closed its doors for good.

According to local business owners, the 11 year-old establishment located at 25750 Novi Road closed abruptly on June 20 with employees being notified of the closure the day before.

Calls to the business were not returned and the Web site has been removed from the Internet.

Road work update

The Meadowbrook Road bridge over I-96 will be closed for rehabilitation until mid-August.

Continuing local construction includes:

- * Northbound and southbound Novi Road entrance ramps to eastbound I-96 are closed until mid-September.
- * Halsted Road in Farmington Hills is closed over I-696. Full closure between Hills Tech Drive and Howard Street is expected until late August. Halsted traffic will be detoured to Haggerty Road.
- * Ramp from southbound M-5 to westbound I-96 until late July. Westbound I-96 traffic will be switched towards the median to maintain three through lanes of traffic during peak travel periods on westbound I-96 from the interchanges with I-275/M-5 to Beek Road.

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DON'T MESS WITH THE MITTEN

Idea helps unemployed auto workers

■ Create MichiCAN and Don't Mess with the Mitten T-shirts

Lisa Burnia and Northville resident Terri O'Brien, two women who grew up in Southfield, sat at their desks in a small marketing firm a few months ago, crying as they watched the auto bailout fiasco unfolding on the news. As the automotive leaders begged for help from Congress in D.C., they knew that the outcome would either save the jobs and livelihood of their friends, family, and neighbors or not. Elected representatives from across the country held their husbands, sisters, cousins, and neighbors lives in their hands. What would become of the state that these ladies called home?

A few days later, Mitch Albon said it all in the article he wrote for *Sports Illustrated* Magazine, and the two friends decided to put their thoughts on paper. They wanted to express how they felt about the state they grew up in and knew that no matter what, Michiganders would survive this incredible one-two punch.

Lisa and Terri met with Scott Pryor from Pryor Design www.pryordesigns.com in Ann Arbor and told him about their ideas. Scott and his creative team decided to donate their creative design services to help with the vision of the thoughts and ideas that the ladies created. Don't Mess with the Mitten and MichiCAN were born. The concepts are now being produced on T-shirts and will be available online at www.yesmichican.com and also at some local retailers, like Dancing Eye Gallery in downtown Northville, in the Detroit area. The shirts



Terri O'Brien

will also be available at Plymouth's Art in the Park July 10-12 in Downtown Plymouth. "We will be donating a percentage of the sales of the T-shirts back to help unemployed Michigan residents," said O'Brien, a member of the Board of Directors for Schoolcraft College Foundation. "The funds will be used to support local charities that help unemployed auto workers with food, shelter and college fees. There are good things

MORE INFO

For additional information on purchasing or selling the T-shirts, please contact Terri or Lisa at Street Marketing at (248) 347-4350 or lisa@streetmktg.com.

going on in Michigan and we want to be part of the positive energy in our state." The friends feel it is important to not only promote their great state of Michigan but they also wanted to find a way to help their family and friends.

"Maybe MichiCAN will mean I support Michigan businesses, or I can volunteer at the soup kitchen, or I can go back to school," said Burnia. "We wanted to be the first to say I can help and we decided that our idea could help some of the laid off workers get a fresh start and stay right here in Michigan."

The T-shirts were bought from Broder Bros. in Plymouth and the screen printing was done at The Identity Source in Livonia. Donations of the sales of the shirts will be given to Bridgepointe, Schoolcraft Foundation and Cleaners.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Chamber golf outing

The Novi Chamber of Commerce's 22nd Annual Golf Outing is Tuesday, Aug. 18 at Tanglewood Golf Course. Fee per golfer of \$145 includes 18 holes of golf, coffee-and-danish breakfast, lunch by Carrabba's Italian Grill and a pig roast dinner; foursomes are \$560. Call the chamber at (248) 949-3743.

'Oliver' auditions

Novi resident Barbara Bloom will be directing the Spotlight Players upcoming presentation of "Oliver" at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill (204300 Cherry Hill Road, Canton). Auditions will be held at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, July 12 (for ages up to 16); and at 6:30 p.m. on July 13-14 (ages 16 and older). Performances dates are Sept. 18-20, 25-27. Follow Oliver, an orphan, from the workhouse of his birth to an upper class neighborhood in London and meet all the strange, wicked, miserly and nice people that enter his life including Fagin, Nancy and the Artful Dodger through wonderful songs and a light hearted approach to a very dark Dickens tale.

For more information contact (734) 480-4945 and leave a message for Barbara Bloom and visit www.spotlightplayersmi.org or http://www.spotlightplayersmi.org.

Input sought regarding Landings Property

The City of Novi has retained the services of Burchler-Arroyo Associates Inc. to create a comprehensive study of possible uses for the city-owned property commonly known as the "Landings Property" at the northeast corner of South Lake Drive and Old Novi Road. The property totals approximately 11 acres and has substantial frontage on Walled Lake. Presently, the property is vacant, but historically was the site of an amusement park, a dance hall (The Walled Lake Casino) and various public recreational uses. The city acquired the majority of the property in the mid to late 1980s.

A critical component of creating a land-use study is citizen input, which can be shared in a variety of ways including an on-line survey via cityofnovi.org, survey drop boxes located at the Novi Civic Center, Novi Public Library, Senior Center and Ice Arena or by attending a public input session scheduled for Tuesday, July 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center (45175 West Ten Mile) or Wednesday, July 15 at 6:30 p.m. at Lakeshore Park (601 South Lake Drive).

Please RSVP to attend a Public Input Session to the Novi Parks Department at (248) 347-0400.

The comprehensive study will be completed in September and presented to City Council for future decision making discussions. For more information regarding citizen input opportunities or the land-use study process, please contact Randy Aulier, director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services at raulier@cityofnovi.org or (248) 347-0405.

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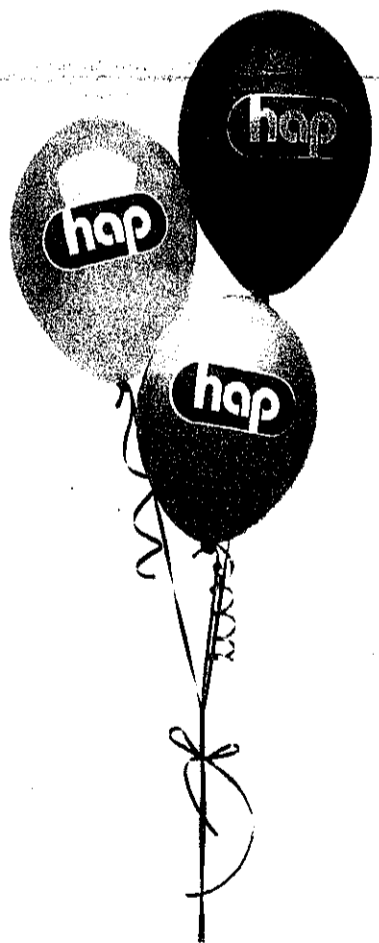
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Ryan Churilla, 11, cuts what will become a wallet out of a juice carton during a June 30 "Re-Crafting" session at the Novi Public Library.

Tanzar Waterwalla, 11, works on creating a bubble-wrap pillow during a June 30 crafts day at the Novi Public Library.

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FRANK J. BONGIOVANNI Age 87, a lifelong resident of Northville, passed away July 1, 2009. He was born January 2, 1922 to Frank and Mary (Sicilia) Bongiovanni.

DONALD LEE Age 90, passed away July 5, 2009. A funeral mass was held July 8, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon.

CALENDAR

For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Novi Calendar online at www.hometownlife.com.

JAZZ AND JAZZ JAM TIME/DATE: 9-11 p.m. July 30, Aug. 7 LOCATION: Biggys Coffee, 4336 Grand River at the corner of Grand River Avenue and Novi Road

EVENING IN THE GARDENS TIME/DATE: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 9 LOCATION: MSU Extension Tollgate Education Center, 2815 Meadowbrook Road, Novi

ROCK FINANCIAL SHOWPLACE LOCATION: 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi CONTACT: (248) 348-5600 Michigan Makes Movies Expo TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday, July 12

Midwest Sports Collectors Show TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. July 18-19

Ward Church expands discount groceries

Ordering slated this weekend. Feeling the economic pinch at the grocery these days? Hundreds of families struggling to make ends meet in these tough economic times are seeing significant savings on their grocery bills because of the Grace Groceries program run by Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville Township.



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Your Invitation to Worship

Worship listings for various churches including Brighton, Milford, Farmington Hills, Highland, New Hudson, Northville, Livonia, Westland, and Whitmore Lake.

NEIGHBORS

NOVI NEWSMAKERS

Riley honored

Sportsmen and women from all over the state honored George F. Riley, of Farmington Hills, as he was presented with Michigan United Conservation Clubs' 2009 Special Conservation Award at the organization's Annual Convention.



Riley

"George Riley has combined his passion for the outdoors and hard work ethic to give youngsters an opportunity to experience conservation and outdoor recreation at its finest where that opportunity would have not existed," said MUCC Executive Director Dennis Muchmore. "For his dedication to Michigan's youth and conservation education, MUCC is honored to present him with our 2009 Special Conservation Award."

Together with his wife, Dolores, and children, Riley established The Riley Foundation, a conduit through which many recreation, education, and conservation projects and programs will forever pay dividends. Specifically, through the Novi Chapter of Safari Club International, The Riley Foundation has created the "Michigan Wilderness Student Adventure" program which sends about 80 boys and girls to MUCC's week-long summer conservation camp each year.

The program places an emphasis on sending children to camp who have limited outdoor experience, limited financial support, and/or lack of an active mentor to expose them to outdoor activities. Since the program's inception, about 550 children have spent nearly one week in a wilderness setting where they are exposed to fishing, canoeing, swimming, archery, firearms safety, orienteering, and the pure joy of being in the outdoors.

Children aren't the only beneficiaries of Riley's benevolence. The Riley Foundation has donated \$261,000 to the Novi Chapter of SCI and the Foundation has also funded numerous other educational, humanitarian and conservation projects and programs throughout the world. "I can't fix everything, but we take care of the things we know about. It's a good feeling to help people, but I don't look at it as something special. I look at it as something that's got to be done. It's a commitment," said Riley.



ELAYNE CROSS PHOTOGRAPHY

Mark Adler just completed his book "Production Algebra: A Handbook for Production Assistants."

Author gives inside look at life in film

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Mark Adler has always been a strong proponent of the film industry in Michigan.

He is co-founder and director of the Novi-based Michigan Production Alliance, an organization that lobbies on behalf of Michigan's film industry, and just recently completed his book *Production Algebra: A Handbook for Production Assistants*.

"The book gives people a real strong overview of what the industry is about and what to expect," Adler said. "The main focus is on production assistants, but also touches on Michigan's film industry

and the status of the industry across the country.

Adler said when he started in the production business he came from cable television and did not know much about commercial and feature work. Much of it he learned "trial by fire," and he wanted to give people another option to be better prepared.

In 2003, he started Michigan Production Alliance and the signature event was a production assistant boot camp that helped people learn the basics. He started writing down what he said during those camps and then wanted to get real-life situations and quotes from people in the industry about what it was really like. Through those notes, the book was born. He

said the purpose behind the book was to help those who want to break into the industry an advantage he didn't have.

"Many times over the years I have heard that PAN are the most important assets even though they are the lowest paid," he said. "They are the glue that binds the show together."

Adler just finished working on a film called *Stone* with Robert De Niro and Edward Norton, and is expected to be signing copies of his book at the "Michigan Makes Movies Expo" on July 12 at the Rock Financial Showplace. The book was published by Northville-based Nelson Publishing and Marketing.

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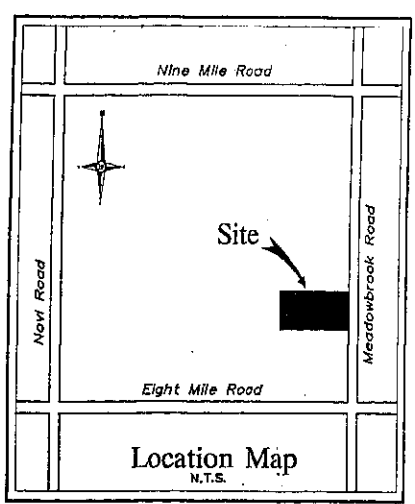
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 29, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **NORTHVILLE COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL, SPO-17, FOR SITE PLAN AND SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 8S, NORTH OF EIGHT MILE ROAD, WEST OF MEADOWBROOK ROAD, IN THE R-1, ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.** The applicant is proposing to use two classrooms for their preschool program located in the Meadowbrook Congregational Church at 21365 Meadowbrook Road.



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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, July 29, 2009.

Novi Planning Commission
David Green, Secretary
Public: July 9, 2009

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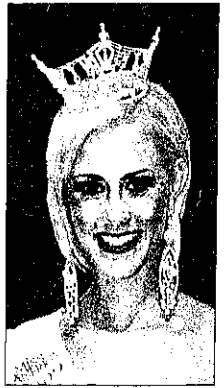
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Dance of Michigan in 2008, Blaszczyk, a marketing student at Wayne State University, once again competed for Miss Wayne County because she could not hold two titles. The Oakland County pageant was held before Wayne and she had to fulfill her requirements as Miss Dance of Michigan first.

"I think being first runner-up (twice) made her stronger," Hughes said. "She was ready and kept telling me that she was not going to win."

As Miss Michigan, Blaszczyk will be spending much of her time in Muskegon preparing for the Miss America pageant in January in Las Vegas, and making appearances speaking on her own personal platform, "Families Facing Substance Abuse," as well as the pageant's national platform, Children's Miracle Network.

She plans on returning to



Novi High School graduate Nicole Blaszczyk will compete for the title of Miss America in January.

Novi at the end of August for the opening of Fuester Park.

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PROVISIONS OF THE NOXIOUS WEED ORDINANCE

TO: All owners, occupants or possessors of subdivided lands or lots:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with Chapter 21, Article II, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Novi, Michigan, all noxious weeds, or other weeds, grass, brush, or detritus, unhealthy growths exceeding a height of eight (8) inches, growing standing or lying upon any property in the City of Novi, shall be cut down, destroyed or removed as the case may be, at least twice in each year, once during the last half of the month of May and again during the last half of July of each year and more often as may be necessary.

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Charles Bonard, Building Official
City of Novi

Public: July 9, 2009

Patterson's bill becomes law

Senator Bruce Patterson's (R-Canton) legislation to require the licensure of physical therapist assistants (PTAs) was signed into law recently.

The new law also institutes professional development requirements for physical therapists and PTAs. Michigan was one of only four states that did not regulate PTAs.

Of the 46 states that regulate PTAs, 38 require them to be licensed. With the signing of this legislation into law, the talented individuals who chose to be trained as PTAs can be licensed in Michigan and stay here to offer their services.

"This new law was needed to keep dedicated and capable professionals in our state," said Patterson. "This also makes certain that patients are getting the best care possible."

Because of changes to Medicare regulations, new physical therapist assistant graduates must pass a national exam to provide service to Medicare patients. However, new graduates may only take the exam in conjunction with a licensure application. Now, with this new law, all recent and future PTAs do not have to leave the state to get licensure as had happened in the past. These talented individuals can now stay in Michigan to be licensed and to work.

Also, the new law will help ensure that payment is received from third party payers. Some insurance companies only reimburse treatment provided by a licensed professional. In the past, this has caused problems for the PTAs, the insurance companies and the patients.

NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Vandals litter house with feces

A home Wintergreen Circle was damaged after unknown suspects smashed feces on the front window, inside the keypad to open the garage door and destroyed a landscaping light.

The incident occurred between 3:30 p.m. June 27 and 1:30 a.m. on June 28. The homeowner said there were no issues with the home prior to leaving, but when she returned, she noticed the feces on the window.

The woman has replaced the garage door opener and fixed the landscaping light.

Items stolen from car

Approximately \$700 worth of property was stolen from a four-door Ford parked on Cavendish Avenue between 8 p.m. on June 29 and 7 p.m. on June 30.

According to the police report, the driver entered his vehicle and noticed his sunglasses, laptop computer, iPhone car charger, flashlight and less than \$5 in change was taken. There was no damage done to the car.

Later in the day on June 30, the Northville Police Department discovered the laptop in the southbound lane of Novi Road near Eight Mile Road.

Police have no suspects at this time.

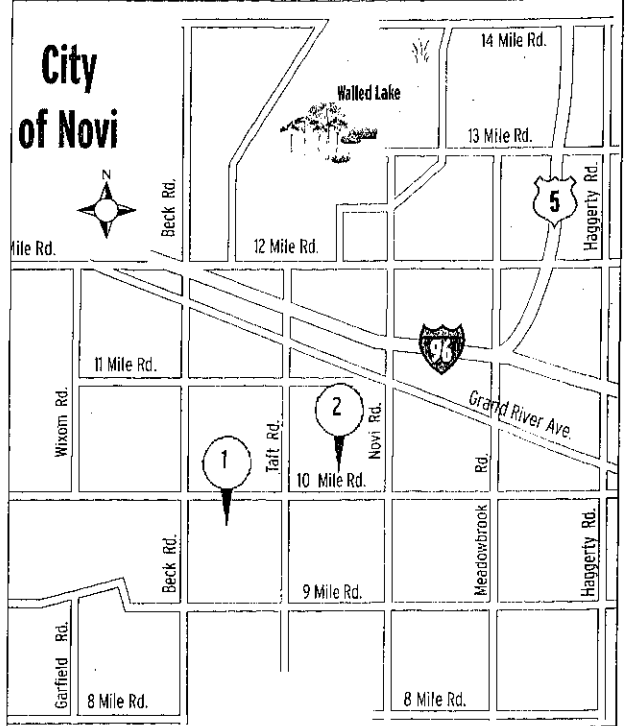
Unlicensed driver arrested

A 41-year-old man was arrested at 5:55 p.m. on July 1 for driving while license not valid on Grand River Avenue.

The man was initially pulled over because a rear brake light was out, but when the officer asked the man for his driver's license, the man said he did not have it on him.

He was then arrested and taken to the Novi Police Department where he posted bond and was released.

Compiled by Nathan Mueller



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OUR VIEWS

Help Red Cross: Be a blood donor

The American Red Cross has come up with a list of 10 reasons why you should give blood. They range from "it's the right thing to do" and "being someone's hero" — you may give a newborn, a child, a mother or a father, a brother or a sister another chance at life — to the practical reason that no one can ask you to do any heavy lifting as long as you have on an "I donated" bandage.

And the American Red Cross has 10 excuses people do not donate, from the plausible not liking needles and being scared of needles to the highly unlikely "no one ever asked" and not realizing blood is needed.

Consider yourself asked! There is simply no other way to supply the blood needs of hospital patients except through donations from people like you. Every two seconds, someone in America needs blood. More than 38,000 donations are needed every day in communities across the U.S. The fact is, you can help save up to three lives with just one donation. And it's easy to do. It only takes about an hour and you can make the donation at a donor center, or at one of the Red Cross mobile blood drives being held at locations around metro Detroit.

Blood donations dwindle during the summer. Schools and many colleges and universities, which are prime sites for blood drives, are closed and many people are on vacations, especially at this holiday time. The state of the economy also has trimmed the number of business locations that offer blood drives.

The need for blood remains constant. Donor centers in the United States predict that if just 1 percent more Americans gave blood, all national blood shortages would disappear for the foreseeable future.

So what can you do to help this summer? Be a donor. Roll up your sleeve and give the gift of life. A summer scholarship blood drive will be held from 1-7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14 in the Atrium of Novi (Suite 2316, second floor) on Main Street just east of Novi Road. Call (248) 974-4485 for more information.

Appointments are available on July 9, 11, 13, 16 and more, at the American Red Cross Farmington Hills Donor Center, 31150 Hagerty, south of 14 Mile.

To find all local blood drives and to make an appointment, visit www.givelifetoday.org and type in your ZIP code for a full listing. If you're an employer, sponsor a blood drive. All you need to do is provide the space for the blood drive and a coordinator to educate, motivate and recruit donors and work with the local Red Cross. If you're interested in becoming a blood drive sponsor, call (800) GIVE LIFE (800) 448-3543 for details.

We urge readers to take the time to donate blood. Do it for yourself, do it for others. Besides, if you donate between now and Sept. 13, you have a chance of winning a 2010 Mercury Milan.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What do you think is Novi's biggest asset?



It's a nice cozy community. A lot of businesses here. Good schools and transportation.
Keshav Rao

It's got a little town atmosphere.
Ron Hammer

It probably would be the mall - 12 Oaks - and the retail. A lot of people from Detroit come to the mall.
Allen Ross

The trails and the lakes. It has a nature side to it; maybe not as much as Millford or other nearby communities.
Bob Stefan

IN YOUR VOICE

The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues in Your Voice, on the Web at hometownlife.com.

EDITORIAL: Proposal A: How much longer?

The only problem from the perspective of the State, however, is the former affluent suburbs are the "haves" in this equation and the other school districts in the state are the "have nots."

Proposal A put the majority of the school districts in the state on a fixed dollar per pupil system. Since some districts would be cut too drastically, some districts were allowed an extra allowance. The bulk of these districts in the state are in the Detroit Burbs (i.e. Novi and Northville).

Most other districts get by on less money. Before Prop A, rich districts had over a 4:1 funding advantage. After, it's a little over 2:1.

In spite of the rhetoric, to many districts pre-Prop A will not be considered "the good old days." There needs to be some type of "lock box" proposal for education funding rather than the "general fund" negotiations that occur at the State level.

NoviWolverine

The education funding system is broke. There is no easy fix. This will probably

Rock president supports keeping auto show in Detroit

What a mess! Now the state is holding it up. It is going back to Detroit and will have all the same problems it has had in the past. How long before the Casinos start closing for lack of business?

What happened now?

I don't think the casinos are in danger of closing anytime soon. I could see them closing off those hotel towers since those won't be filled, and possibly closing most of their fancy restaurants. (Maybe sell an in-casino McDonald's franchise.)

Most gamblers would rather gamble than cut anyway. In April 2009, only Greentown was under the \$1 million/day revenue mark pulling in a paltry \$880,000 per day (MGM \$1.4 mil/day, Motor City \$1.28 mil/day).

These numbers represent a revenue decrease, but it is a long way from closing the doors.

You're probably right, the hotels and restaurants will go first. Amazing that with the Michigan economy in shambles and massive layoffs in metro Detroit, there is still more than \$2.5 million earned daily by the casinos. What on earth are the priorities of those funding the casinos? While the schools and city infrastructure are collapsing around them, they keep feeding the slot machines. There seems to be something wrong with that equation.

What happened now?

Does the GM journey cover China?

There is an ancient Chinese saying, "A journey of a thousand miles began with a single step." General Motors recently entering bankruptcy has begun the first step in a long process to reinvent itself. Will this journey cross China?

What GM, a symbol of American industrial might, is attempting to do in bankruptcy is nothing short of launch a new company against a backdrop of ever-increasing global competition. GM is planning to emerge from bankruptcy a smaller, leaner, greener car company.

Ironically, China's economic stimulus initiatives, cutting taxes and encouraging consumer spending on 1.6 liter engine auto's has spurred sales of GM's cars in China. It has taken U.S. lawmakers over a half a year to pass "cash-for-clunkers" legislation to help spur auto sales in America. China has been and will continue to be a major profit center for GM.

David E. Cole, chairman, Center for Automotive Research (www.cargroup.org) puts it this way, "China is extremely important to GM and for ever car maker in the future." He continued, "global manufacturing scale will be GM's savior — volume will rule — and China offers volume."

What if the impossible isn't?

The GM crisis certainly provides the danger but also the opportunity to think differently and create anew. All reality begins with a dream. In this flattened, fast-paced, hyper-competitive, disruptive, transfor-

mational, technologically driven, global economy, perhaps it is not so far fetched to think the impossible.

Are there opportunities for additional U.S./China auto alliances in the future? Chinese businesses are always on the prowl to extend their global reach. In mid-April of this year, without much fanfare, Delphi Corp., itself in bankruptcy, announced the sale of its suspension and brakes businesses to China's newly founded Beijing West Industries Co. Ltd.

Tengzhong Heavy Industrial Machinery Co., Ltd (Tengzhong) and General Motors are in discussions to sell Hummer to Tengzhong, a Sichuan, China-based heavy machinery company. GM said it expects the deal if successful to secure more than 3,000 U.S. jobs.

Is it possible GM will sell one or more of its remaining auto brands to China? There may be benefits for both a Chinese business and GM alliance including:

- Creating an instant Chinese presence in the United States.
- Providing GM with much-needed capital to help emerge from its mounting debt.
- Creating a distribution system through the existing GM dealerships slated to close, which would help struggling dealers (along with the U.S. communities where they operate), many which will go under without new product to distribute.
- Adding an inexpensive low-end auto to the American mix of cars.
- Providing much needed research and

development and technology transfer to and from Chinese partners.

- Providing the expertise to the Chinese to navigate the costly and tough process of meeting safety and emissions standards in the U.S.
- Providing the technical and management expertise that is developing, but perhaps not knowledgeable enough in existing China car companies, about U.S. culture, government regulations and other Byzantine nuances of the U.S. car business.
- A good offense also is a good defense. In this competitive global auto market, the correct global partner could block a competitor (think Toyota, VW, Honda, Hyundai) from doing the same.
- A bigger piece of the fastest-growing auto market in the world — China. The right alliance would create a bigger footprint in China's exploding global market where it is estimated that only 50 out of a thousand people currently own an auto.
- China has excess capital and is looking for global partners.

The past 100 years for GM have been like a roller-coaster ride on steroids. I suspect the next 100 days will be like a bumper car ride during an earthquake.

Stay tuned, there are many more steps GM must take in this long journey of recovery.

Tom Watkins is a business and education consultant in the U.S. and China. He has traveled in and written extensively about China for the past 20 years. Read Tom's recent China/Change blog at: <http://p0d08.prspero.com/tomwatkins>.



It's cool
Camp Maybury counselor Nick Yaghy sprays off a bunch of campers on June 25 including Ben Metzyk, 7, and Jey Scott, 10, middle. Camp Maybury began the second week of June and will run through the second week of August. Each week has a different nature theme including birds, insects, water, and trees. For more information on the camp and other Northville Parks Dept. summer fun, call (248) 349-0203.

What type of company should your business be?

How should my business be owned? As a corporation, limited liability company, partnership or sole proprietorship? If I'm a corporation, should I be an S-corp or a C-corp? A limited partnership or general partnership? There is no one answer to that question. It depends on the type of business and who are the owners. This topic will be covered in other columns; today will just be an introduction to some of the overall differences.

The best way to determine what the proper entity for your company is to slowly eliminate these types that do not fit your business or personal goals. Makes it easy when you see how the sole proprietorship and general partnership operate; these entity types do not insulate you from personal liability at all. This means you and all of your personal assets are on the line for the debts and claims made against your business.

Obviously no one wants to be sued, but no one wants their personal assets subject to the creditors of their business if they are sued. A sole

Are you an entrepreneur at heart?

On Monday morning, June 22, I heard a report on NPR's Morning Edition about a venture in Detroit that hopes to train and nurture local entrepreneurs who have a great idea, but are unsure how to start a business.

Dan Gilbert, head of Quicken Loans and numerous other ventures, has created Bizdom U (www.bizdom.com) in Detroit.

According to the website, "This non-profit academy trains, mentors and finances young entrepreneurs and their start-up businesses in the city of Detroit. Bizdom U's mission is to create successful businesses, jobs, growth and wealth in large urban cities." They are looking for people who have:

- 1. Passion for entrepreneurship.
 - 2. Demonstrated high achievement in past professional and/or academic endeavors.
 - 3. A college degree or technical training (preferred, not required).
 - 4. Leadership or team experience.
 - 5. A desire to accept and apply feedback.
 - 6. Excelled under difficult or stressful circumstances.
 - 7. The ability to synthesize information and draw reasonable conclusions.
 - 8. Clear and effective communication skills.
- The NPR story, by Judy Woodruff, focused on 25 year old John Hughes, who is developing a customer loyalty card for local stores and restaurants to reward customers and encourage them to patronize other member businesses. The overall concept would also encourage consumers to spend their money locally, which will help rebuild the economy in Detroit.
- Hughes has taken classes at Bizdom U to learn how to start a business and has consulted with their advisors. His next step is to present his business plan to the Bizdom U funding panel to apply for start up funds. Hughes needs about \$200,000 to launch his idea and achieve his dream of running his own business and making a mark.
- Bizdom U wants to encourage more people in the area to take a chance and pursue their dreams of owning a business. Their mission is to "A mission to usher in a new, prosperous era of entrepreneurship in the great city of Detroit by empowering tomorrow's top entrepreneurs to launch innovative, growth-oriented, Detroit-based businesses."
- The Bizdom U program is described as "intense and demanding because entrepreneurship is intense and demanding. We will take you from idea generation, to isolating a need, to identifying a target market, through developing a sales process, all the way on up through the nuances of business plan development. All of this is provided at no cost to those who are accepted into the program and living stipends are available."
- If you are accepted into the program you'll receive:
- A year of training
 - Feedback and consulting on your concept
 - Introductions to a network of experts
 - Successfully completing the program allows you to:
 - Have an opportunity to develop your plan and present it for funding approval
 - Use of a modern, temporary work space as your office — the "Launch Pad"
 - Continue receiving consulting and mentorship and guidance
 - If your plan is approved for funding, you'll receive help obtaining investments and a share of equity based on milestones and performance.
 - Bizdom U is currently accepting applications for September 2009. Intrigued? Go to their website at <http://www.bizdom.com/> to learn more or call 313-883-7800 or email them at info@bizdom.com to request a reservation at one of the upcoming informational meetings. During these meetings they will provide information and application materials.

Martha D. Adamson is a consulting professional with a diverse background in Human Resource Management and Career Development. She is a Certified Career Development Facilitator, a Certified Career & Job Search Coach, and a Certified Professional Resume Writer. She is the co-author of Job Search Navigator, a workbook-style guide to assessing yourself and managing your job search (www.jobsearchnavigator.com) which was first published in 1999 by Prentice-Hall and revised and republished by Success Press in 2005. From 1993 to 1996, she authored a monthly column "Your Job Search" in the Saratoga Springs, N.Y. newspaper — The Saratogian.

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The owners' personal assets are at stake. So what then?

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Now, if you are a member in a limited liability company, however, your membership interest is not subject to creditor forfeiture. The Michigan LLC statute provides that judgment creditors (and most other creditors) are only entitled to a "charging order" against your membership interest. This is similar to a garnishment of

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"With 14 percent unemployment in Michigan — the highest in the nation — the need to reach more people in the Western suburbs continues to grow," said Alan Adler, founder of Grace Groceries. "Since the program began, we have helped more than 600 families save on their food bills. We hope to help to help a lot more people in coming months."

Because the Hillier's part of Grace Groceries has an order limit, it is open to residents of Northville, Novi, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Livonia, Plymouth, Canton and Westland plus Ward Church members from any community. Greenbarrier boxes can be purchased by anyone in any quantity regardless of where they live. Grace Groceries has no income qualifications.

More than 70 volunteers, including several who have no regular contact with the church, keep Grace Groceries running. One team leader, Sue Engler of Northville, called to volunteer after seeing a story about Ward's involvement with Angel Food in the Record. Other non-Ward member volunteers who participated in the program come from Detroit and Canton to help out on distribution Saturdays when Grace Groceries customers come to Ward to pick up their orders.

Orders for July are being accepted in person at Ward Church, 4000 West Six Mile in Northville Township from noon-2 p.m. Saturday and from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday. Cash or checks payable to Ward Church are accepted. The pickup date for this month is 10 a.m.-noon on July 25. Unclaimed orders will be donated to the Salvation Army.

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4000 SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

LOCATION: 4145 Hereville Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi
CONTACT: (248) 349-0565
Sunday Schedule
TIME: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE

LOCATION: 2801 E. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpres.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:30 a.m.
Walking in the Park
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every Saturday
LOCATION: Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads)
DETAILS: Group meets for lunch afterwards.
Single Place Ministries
TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8:30 p.m. program, every Tuesday
DETAILS: Informative and entertaining programs of interest to singles; \$5 per person. Check Web site for details singleplace.org

ONE POWER CHURCH

LOCATION: 5020 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 or visit onepower.org
Worship Services
TIME: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday
ReNew Life Ministries
TIME/DATE: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday
DETAILS: Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning and change from a Christian perspective.
CONTACT: For more information or to register call (248) 912-0043 or visit onepower.org
Charmed Influence
TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday
DETAILS: Studying the book "Surviving a Spiritual Mismatch in Marriage."
CONTACT: Joy Ruffy at joy@onepower.org or call the church.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NORTHVILLE

A Stephen Ministry church
LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-9444 or luncheon@thallie.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 8:30 and 10 a.m. through Labor Day
DETAILS: Pastors Rev. Dr. Steve Buck and Rev. Steve D'Angelo
Coffee hour at 10:55 a.m.
Healing Service
TIME/DATE: 4 p.m. first Monday of every month
Medical Joy
TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. first and third Thursday of every month
DETAILS: All women seeking to strengthen their faith and connect with other women

NEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LOCATION: 4167 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 or visit unmcnwi.com
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:45 a.m.
Healing Service and Holy Communion
TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month
Peace Vigil
TIME/DATE: Noon first Sunday of every month
LOCATION: In front of the church
DETAILS: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.
Advent Service
TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. Sunday
MAD EPISCOPAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 374-7400 or (248) 374-5578
Sunday Worship
TIME: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Traditional; 9:30 a.m. Contemporary.
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Service Broadcast
DETAILS: 11 a.m. every Sunday on WDFW-AM 560, The Whole World Station.
Single Point Ministries - 45 and older
TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. Sunday for fellowship and Bible study.
Single Focus Ministries - 35-50 years
TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. Sunday to deepen your personal relationship with Christ.
Single Purpose Connections - 20-30 years
TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. Sunday in the Chapel for singing, Bible study and fellowship.
DETAILS: For single adults. Active ministry offering various Bible study classes, volleyball, bicycling group, tennis group, support groups, support group for widowed over age 50, fellowship, friendships and more. Contact the number below for more information.
CONTACT: (248) 374-5920
Bible Studies and Prayer Nights
Learner's Bible Study
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Mondays Room A21

NORTHVILLE / NOVI AREA CHURCH EVENTS

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

LOCATION: 207 N. Wing
CONTACT: (248) 349-4030
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.
Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.
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EDUCATION

NOVI STUDENTS ON CAMPUS

Northern Michigan University
Students with a grade point average of 3.25-3.99 qualified for the winter 2009 semester dean's list, including Novi students Kevin O'Keefe and Johnathan Ross.

Alma College
Junior Kathryn Weickel of Novi was named to the dean's list for outstanding academic performance during the 2009 winter term. Students who achieve a 3.5 or higher grade point average during the term, while carrying a minimum of 13 credits, at least eight of which are evaluative grades, are named to the list.

Northwestern University
Laura M. Jok of Novi has been named to the dean's list for the winter quarter with a 4.0 grade point average.

Northern Michigan University
Northville students Ashley Susick (speech, language and hearing science, cum laude) and Sarah Schmidt (environmental science) satisfied their bachelor degree requirements in May 2009.

Savannah College of Art and Design
Craig Chupinski (broadcast design major seeking a bachelor's degree) was named to the dean's list for spring quarter 2009. Full-time undergraduate students who earn a grade point average of 3.5 or above for the quarter receive recognition on the dean's list.

Boston College
Caitlin Stark of Novi has graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education and mathematics from the University of Saint Joseph and Saint Mary's School of Education. More than 3,300 undergraduate and graduate students received degrees at the University's 133rd Commencement Exercises, held on May 18 in Alumni Stadium on the campus in Chestnut Hill, Mass.

Texas Christian University
Having completed spring 2009 classes with at least a 3.4 GPA, Christopher Kim of Novi was recently named to the dean's list.

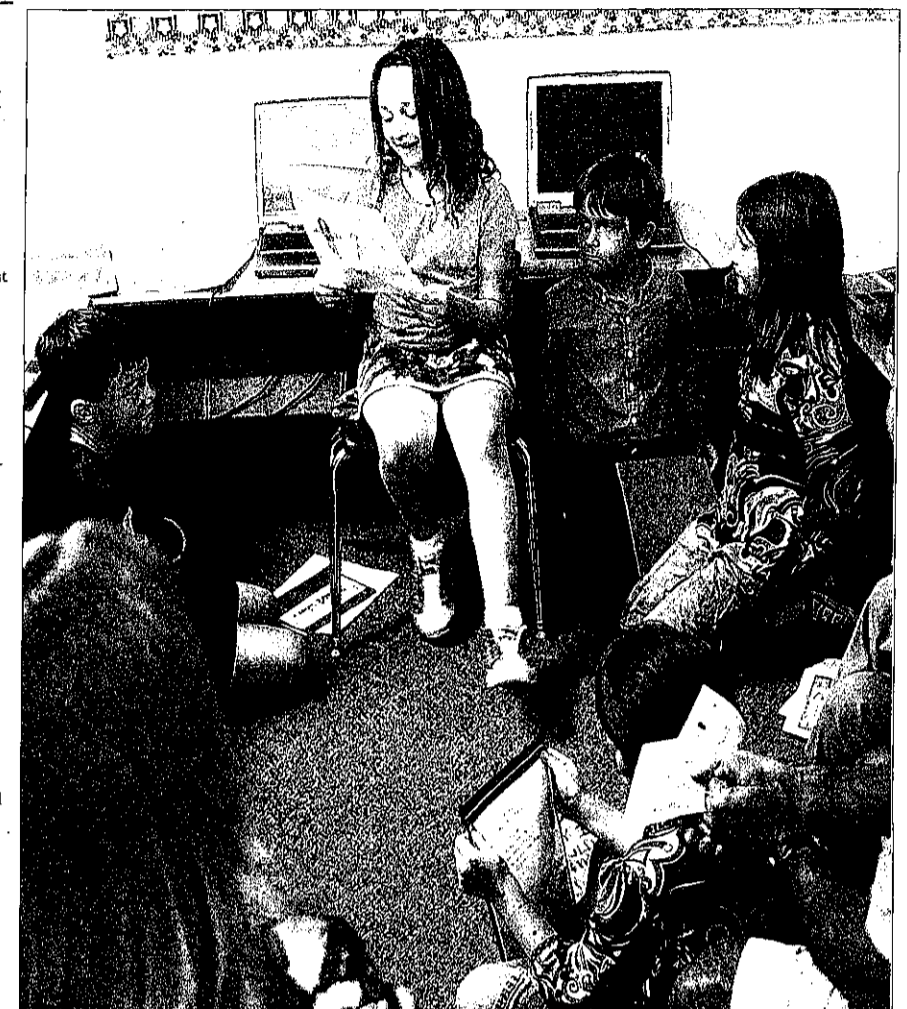
Michigan Technological University
The Dean's List for the spring 2009 semester, recognizing students who achieve grade point averages of 3.5 or higher, includes five Novi students: Brian Gulevich, senior, construction management; Justin Hodges, junior, civil engineering; Eric Jones, sophomore, chemical engineering; Eric Joseph, mechanical engineering; and Ashah Shah, senior, mechanical engineering.

Saint Mary's College
Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind., named several local students to the Dean's List for the spring 2009 semester: Katherine Cheek and Megan Flaherty of Novi, and Katherine Goebel of Wixom. A student must achieve a grade point average of at least 3.4 on a 4.0 scale to earn academic honors at Saint Mary's.

Michigan State University
The College of Law conferred Juris Doctor degrees during the spring 2009 commencement on May 15 at the Wharton Center for Performing Arts on the MSU campus. Among the graduates awarded a J.D. were Novi's Shawn Goldman and Geoffrey Montagne.

The dean's list includes the following students from Novi: Ryan Adams, Ashley Babinech, Michelle Buelow, Kristen Bhehal, Melissa Gasiorok, Jessica Giancy and Lisa Schindler.

The spring semester graduation list includes the following students from Novi: Jordan Barnes, Stephanie Barth, Leah Bateman, Alexander Baum, Jordan Bavarskas, Kelli Black, Andrea Brancheau, Michelle Buelow, Brendan Buff, Steven Dailey, Eric Deighton, Calan Depotter, Troy Dupree, Erin Dwyer, Jason Eroyan, Sarah Felosak, Gabriela Frask, Cathleen Garbacci, Leigh Gasworth, Jessica Giancy, Matthew Gomula, Amanda Hawley, Kelly Hebert, Andrew Hoffman, Atanas Ilev, Chrisanthi Karanikas, Ashley King, Robert Kramer, Scott Krystoff, Ryan Lomas, Tiffany Lynch, Julia Lyckaw, Andrew Megrini, Marybeth Miles, Jacqueline Peruski, Ashley Powell, Kaitlyn Rich, Robert Riehl, Alyssa Roland, Laura Rybicki, Zain Shannon, John Sherbeck, Mary Simkins, Amanda Smith, Kyle Smith, Bradley Spisich, Kristi Tamar, Eric Tingwall, Laura Vaughan, Jessica Wayne, Jason Wigley, Nancy Wilson, Samantha Wilson, Katalin Zerio and Shan Zhang.



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DETAILS: Admission is \$6. Anyone under 18 years must be with a responsible adult to attend this show. Parking is \$5.

Commerce Golf Outing
TIME/DATE: 8:30 a.m. registration, 9 a.m. shotgun start on Aug. 18
LOCATION: Tanglewood Golf Course
DETAILS: Fee per golfer of \$145 includes 18 holes of golf, continental breakfast, lunch by Carrabba's Italian Grill, and a pig roast dinner.

Novi Senior Activities Center
LOCATION: Located in the Meadowbrook Commons Senior Complex, 25075 Meadowbrook Road.
CONTACT: (248) 347-0414

Novi Rotary 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; novirota.org.

Library Lines

Novi Public Library Lines
LOCATION: 45245 W. Ten Mile Road
SUMMER HOURS: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Standard hours resume after Labor Day



Andrew Jamison, 11, squirts dye onto his tie-dye t-shirt during a June 23rd activity at the Novi Library. The tie-dyeing event was just one of many that the library will hold over the summer for its young readers. For more information, call 248-349-0720.

Seniors
NOVI SENIOR ACTIVITIES CENTER
LOCATION: Located in the Meadowbrook Commons Senior Complex, 25075 Meadowbrook Road.

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LOCATION: 27475 Huron Circle (adjacent to Twelve Oaks Mall)
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Fox Run
LOCATION: 41000 W. 13 Mile Road
DETAILS: More than 800 people live at Fox Run in Novi, an Erickson full-service retirement community that combines a vibrant maintenance-free, active lifestyle with an ever-expanding host of amenities, social activities and wellness and medical centers.

Nixon Public Library
LOCATION: 49015 Pontiac Trail, Wixom
HOURS: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday; and 15 p.m. Sunday

Youth Summer Movie
DATE: Wednesday, July 15
TIME: 3-5 p.m.
DETAILS: Cool off indoors with a summer movie! All youth invited!

Novi City Council Meeting
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. first and third Monday of month
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 347-0470

Novi Youth Assistance Citizens Meeting
TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. first Tuesday of each month
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CONTACT: (248) 347-0410

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don't you. These members may elect one or more people to act as the manager of the LLC, but the members still have the ability to act on behalf of the LLC in several ways. Essentially, any restrictions on the members' actions must be clearly stated (or formal, similar to a corporation).

What else differentiates the LLC from the corporate form? The internal structure and formalities of these entities are different under Michigan law. A corporation is a bit more formal. It requires officers and directors, annual meetings, issuance of stock certificates, meeting minutes and actions are through corporate resolutions.

The LLC is run a little less formally. Members may (it's not required) sign an operating agreement and make the day-to-day business decisions on behalf of the LLC. It is possible to simplify some of the corporate formalities through the company's by-laws or internal agreements to be a little less formal, but that is something the shareholders (e.g. the owners) need to take active steps to accomplish.

Managing these entity types is also a little different. This may not seem clear, but let me say it this way. If an LLC's members make all of the decisions, having three to five members may be tolerable. How about if there are 15-30 members making all of the decisions? Now you have a lot of people to keep track of,

How to Boost Your Social Security

DEAR SAVVY SENIOR: I know that the size of a person's Social Security retirement benefit is based on how much they earn over their lifetime. But beyond earning a higher paycheck, which isn't likely for me, is there anything I can do to boost my future Social Security benefits?

Approaching Retirement
Dear Approaching, Most people think that there isn't much they can do about the size of their future Social Security retirement checks. But that's not true. There are actually several strategies that can boost your benefits. Here's what you should know.

WAITING PAYS
The most common strategy people use to increase their benefits is to delay taking them. While workers can start collecting their Social Security retirement benefits as early as age 62, postponing them to full retirement age (which is 66 if you were born between 1943 and 1954), or better yet to age 70, can make a big difference. Let's say, for example, that you're eligible for \$1,000 monthly benefit at age 62. By waiting to 66 your monthly benefit would increase to \$1,333. And by waiting to age 70, you would boost your ben-

efit a whopping 76 percent to \$1,760. Waiting beyond age 70 will not increase your benefits. I do, however, want to add that if you're strapped for cash or in poor health and don't expect to live much past your mid-70s, you're better off collecting early benefits. See www.ssa.gov/estimator to calculate your benefits at different retirement ages.

STRATEGIES FOR COUPLES
In addition to delaying benefits, there are two strategies that can help married couples too. The first one is the "file-and-suspend" strategy. Here's an example of how it works: Let's say that you are age 66, but want to keep working until 70 to collect a higher benefit. Let's also say your wife is a nonworking spouse who just started 62 and would like to start receiving spousal benefits on your work record. The problem is she can't get them until you sign up. So you file for your Social Security benefits but request an immediate suspension which allows your wife to claim spousal benefits, without locking you into a lower payment for life. Then when you do decide to start collecting, by

age 70, you end the suspension and receive a higher benefit for delaying. It will also increase your wife's survivor benefit. Another benefit-boosting option few people know about is the "claim now, claim more later" strategy. This option lets you draw on your spouses Social Security benefits (once you reach full retirement age), while delaying the start of your own benefits. Here's how it works: Let's say that you and your wife are both 66. You're still working and you'd like to delay collecting benefits based on your own earnings record until you're 70. Your wife can collect full benefits based on her work record - and you can collect a spousal benefit which is half of what she gets. Then, once you reach 70, you stop receiving the spousal benefit and switch to your own benefit, which will be 32 percent higher than the benefit you would have collected at your full retirement age.

BORROW AND INVEST STRATEGY
This is an option for wealthier retirees with other sources of income. How this works is you start collecting early Social Security benefits as soon as you retire, and you then use that money to save and invest that money. Then at age

80, you file a withdrawal application form 521 at your local Social Security office and pay back the benefits that you've received, with no interest or adjustment for inflation. Then you reapply for Social Security, claiming a larger monthly check based on your older age. And, you keep the profits you earned from the benefits you invested. For more information see www.ssa.gov/retiree/withdrawal.htm.

FAMILY BOOSTERS
Having children under age 19 who are still in high school can also boost your benefits. Each dependent child is entitled to benefits worth up to half of what you're collecting. And if any child is younger than 16, your spouse can also qualify for additional benefits as a caregiver.

To learn more about these options visit www.socialsecurity.gov or call 800-772-1213.
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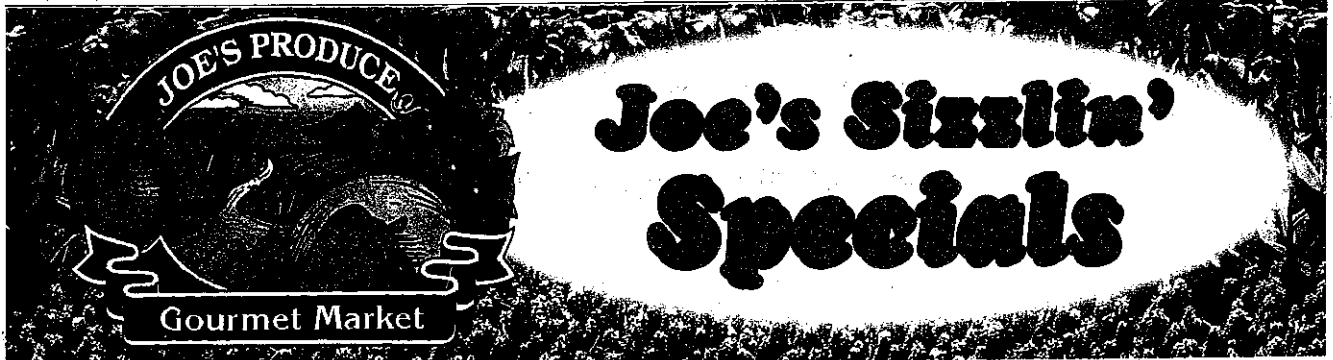
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South Lyon's DiRado brings the defense

ALL-AREA LACROSSE

Player of the Year
Nick DiRado, South Lyon

First Team

Tyler Corcoran, South Lyon
Paul Favorite, Novi
Matt Mandeville, Novi
Jack Petroskey, Novi
Chris Nemes, CC
Mitch Burgin, CC
Robby Brzezinski, CC
Kevin Lerg, CC
Ian Meador, Northville
Alec Stirling, Northville
Connor Sulton, Huron Valley
Kasey Mardis, Huron Valley

Second Team

Dylan Pesch, South Lyon
Adam Lalik, South Lyon
Nathan Haynes, Novi
Sean Murphy, Novi
Tom Machisak, Novi
Nick Diegel, Northville
Dylan Gelven, Northville
John Dwyer, CC
Jason Roberto, Huron Valley
Ron Cain, Huron Valley

Honorable Mention

Will Marnell, South Lyon
Corey Cupp, South Lyon
Dan Burris, Novi
Andrew Donatto, Novi
Dan Stern, Northville
Drew Lamoureux, Northville
David Kettelhut, Northville
Mike Birney, CC
Phil Garcia, Huron Valley
Cody Muirhead, Huron Valley

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

While scoring is necessary, having a strong defense can keep a team in every game. South Lyon's Nick DiRado was the rock on the Lion defense that went all the way to the regional finals for the first time in school history.

He was voted First Team All-State unanimously for his efforts.

DiRado led the team with 90 ground balls while finding the time to chip in 10 goals and three assists.

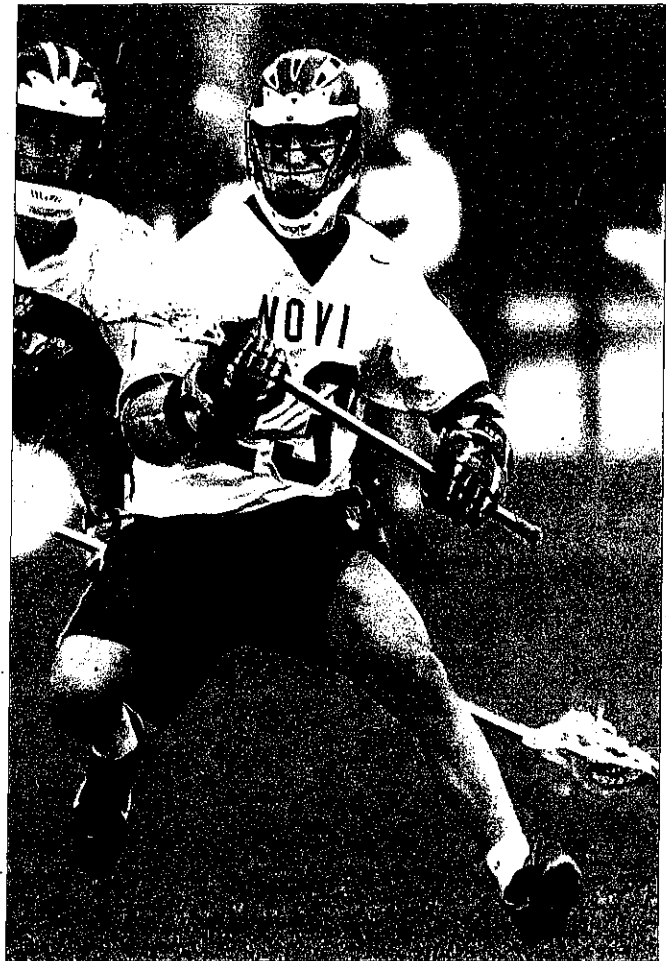
"Nick was our emotional leader and leader by example," said head coach Joseph Laird. "When he was on the field, it pumped up the rest of the team. When we were down, he got us up."

"Nick played offense and defense and, at times, was a clearing machine. I hope that he continues to play lacrosse well beyond his high school years."

Laird said the team didn't keep stats on takeaway checks, but his ability to do so is what set him apart. He used his 6-3, 215-pound frame to jar the ball loose whenever possible.

"If we needed one on one defense to prevent a goal, we marked up Nick on their man because of his ability to take the ball away," said Laird. "As well as if we needed the ball back at any time, he was the one that was going to get us the ball back."

DiRado is the 2009 All-Area Lacrosse Player of the Year.



JOHN HENDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Wildcat Paul Favorite makes a move against South Lyon.

"It was definitely a pleasure having Nick as a player," said Laird. "The nice thing is he has such a good knowledge of the game that us coaches did not have to spend a lot of time with him. It allowed us to develop our other guys, as well as having him help us develop the other guys when we were not able to."

FIRST TEAM
Tyler Corcoran

South Lyon

The Lion midfielder helped out in many ways. He was second on the team with 31 goals, led with 40 assists, won 68 percent of faceoffs and was second on the team with 83 ground balls. He received First Team All-State for his efforts.

Matt Mandeville, Novi
The senior led the Wildcats in goals (48) and overall points (70). He produced a seven-goal

game during the season and was pulled well before the end of the game. He is headed to Grand Valley State to continue his career.

"He's just a true goal scorer," said Novi head coach Tom Stephanoff. "We relied on him when we needed a big goal, and he usually came through for us."

Paul Favorite, Novi
Along with Mandeville, the



SUBMITTED

CC's Chris Nemes captured the Shamrock's into the final four of Division I.



SUBMITTED

Goalie Kevin Lerg (First Team) and defender John Dwyer (Second Team) each receive All-Area honors.

senior provided a potent scoring compliment. He finished second on the team in scoring with 39 goals and 24 assists. "Paul is the best athlete I've ever coached," said Stephanoff. "I couldn't take him off the field. He never got tired."

Jack Petroskey, Novi
The senior handled the chores of anchoring the defense and taking on the opponent's best attackman. "He was probably our smartest player... like an on-field

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Northville's Reynolds vaults to the top

ALL-AREA GIRLS TRACK

Athlete of the Year
Amy Reynolds, Northville

First Team

Elizabeth Roach, Northville
Katie O'Leary, Lakeland
Stephanie Lock, Lakeland
Kristyn Wade, Lakeland
Lauren Kettle, Milford
Margeaux Canup, Milford
Nicole Prokes, Milford
Jenna Law, Milford
Elle Robinson, Novi
Jasmine Ward, Novi
Brittany Davis, Novi
Kelly McCloskey, Novi
Katelyn Shelar, Novi
Katie Liebig, South Lyon
Megan Morad, South Lyon

Second Team

Ashley Mancogna, Lakeland
Hannah Wikaryasz, Milford
Heather McKeachie, Milford
Rachel Hofsess, Milford
Jenna Bedich, South Lyon East
Lindsey Green, South Lyon East
Alyssa Sandell, South Lyon East
Lyndsay Tyler, South Lyon
Heather Armiak, Novi
Abby Chandler, Novi
Emily Hall, Novi
Michelle Steslicki, Northville
Sarah Rounsifer, Northville
Jaclyn Konopka, Northville

Honorable Mention

Meg Stando, Milford
Claire Slaughter, Milford
Kat Slaughter, Milford
Kayla Schoenle, Milford

Taylor Remstad, South Lyon
Tori Remstad, South Lyon
Maggie Sadler, South Lyon
Christina Swain, South Lyon
Caitlin Millis, South Lyon
Miranda Spencer, South Lyon
Lauren Timm, South Lyon East
Liz Fortino, South Lyon East
Leah Creech, South Lyon East
Paige Whitaker, South Lyon East
Chelsea Ciampa, Northville
Julie Davison, Northville
Amy O'Brien, Northville
Shelby Johnson, Northville
Gina McNamara, Northville
Courtney Minghine, Northville
Alexandra Moynes, Northville
Shannon Lohman, Northville
MaryKay Brzesinski, Northville
Chloe Presley, Northville

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

Northville's Amy Reynolds is known for being a high flyer.

She capped off her track career with a fourth-place finish at the State meet, clearing 11-6.5 in the pole vault for a new school record.

She is the 2009 Girls Track Athlete of the Year.

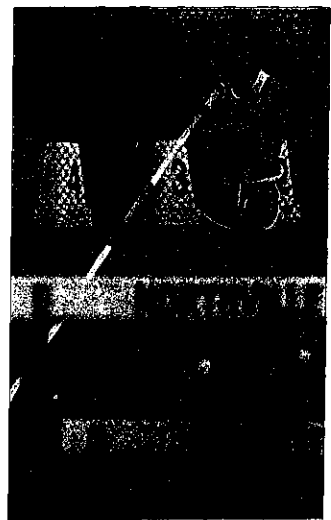
"Her approach to vaulting was based on exceptional technical detail and a focus on continued improvement," Northville head coach Kerry Barnett said.

Reynolds was a two-time All-State performer. She was also a two-time division, conference and regional champ for the Mustangs.

Reynolds was also a star performer for the Northville gymnastics team, a sport which obviously lends some of the same characteristics of athleticism to pole vaulting.

For her efforts, Reynolds was awarded a spot on the Midwest Meet of Champions as one of the top three senior class vaulters in

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Northville's Amy Reynolds prepares for the pole vault attempt. She is the 2009 All-Area Girls Track Athlete of the Year.

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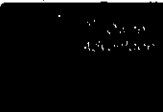
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Novi pom teams Grand Champs

The Novi JV and varsity pom teams recently participated in the Mid-American Pom summer camp session held June 28-July 1 at Northwood University in Midland. At right, Novi's Varsity Pom Squad earned the coveted Grand Champion Award for the week with its excellent routines, speed learning and high kick categories. Novi varsity pom head coach is Kristy Higgs with assistant coach April Brouseau. Members of the Novi varsity pom squad are Gi Hong, Alexa Borst, Taylor Borst, Nicole Ripston, Kimberly Powers, Captain Macare Schillf, Kelsie Kutterson, Brooke McKnight, Emily Scriba, Nicole Kozinski, Paige Juzwick, Katie Groschel, Ashley Wojtylo, Captain Nicole Lang, Julie Comilla, Mackenzie Kelly, Jessica Ogasola, Mikaela Faiselli, Juliana Parks, Marisa Ciampa, Jillan Kaminski, Ashley Miller, Lindsey Darling, Meghan Stickler and Morgan Shepard. At left, the Novi JV team also earned the Grand Champion Award by at the camp. In addition Novi JV pom brought home the Showmanship Award and the Team Unity Award. The team is coached by Erin Barots. Novi JV pom team members are Aditi Chada, Alex DelCruz, Captain Angela Sherman, Christy Lon, Delaney Uffe, Desi Sheppard, Drew Thomasson, Emma Weil, Renee Weil, Jackie Mullins, Kately Opat, Kately Kennedy, Lauren Collins, Mackenzie Belts, Maddie Egner, Meg Wallace, Megan Jamroz, Mariah Smith, Mary Favorite, Paige Gurizian and Sara Hudgens.



All of the Novi girls represented on the All-Area Team contributed to a regional championship at the 14-team event in Milford.

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Risk vs. Reward: Pros say playing it safe is often the best choice

By Susan Smiley

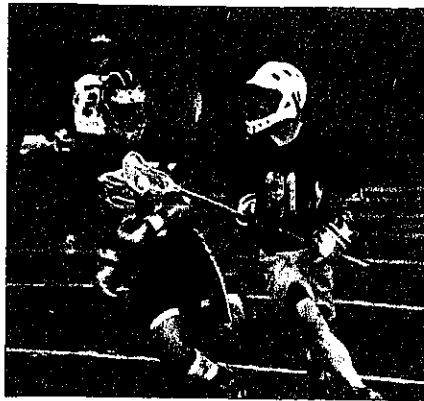
Golfers are constantly trying to lower their score by perfecting their swing or finding just the right club with their pitching wedge. But Carl's Gotland PGA Professional Joe Fortillo says better course management could help most golfers shave strokes quickly.
"Most players should play many shots lower than they do without even improving their shots and just by using better course management and making better decisions," Fortillo said.
He realizes it is tempting to try and make the ESPN highlight type of shot, but taking the safe shot, what some might deem the boring shot, is often the best strategy. The golfer first needs to think about where their game is on

that particular day and then weigh the risk and reward of taking the shot they are considering.
"I think most people take too much of a chance where there is no reward for taking the chance," Fortillo said. "They turn a potential par or bogey into a 7, or 8, or 9. I always tell my students, it only takes one good shot on a hole to make par. At least give yourself that opportunity. If you have to chip out of the trees, who is to say that next shot won't be close to the pin and a tap in for par?"
Here are some tips from Fortillo that address the most common dilemmas in which golfers find themselves:
• In the rough, don't hit long clubs that have a lot of loft. Try a 7-iron and

don't try and lift the ball. Hitting out of rough successfully requires a special shot that incorporates more of a chopping motion. Take the club up steep on the backswing and chop down to get it out of long grass. It is a downward "V" type of motion.
• If you are in the trees and are trying to decide if you should chip onto the fairway or try and shoot through the trees or over the trees, most of the time a short chip to the fairway is the proper choice. Trying to hit through or over the trees or trying to shoot the ball through a narrow window between two trees will get you into more trouble if the shot is not executed perfectly.
• If you are in a position where you would have to hit over a sand trap to go for the pin, stop and consider your options and decide how good you feel

to save yourself a shot? If you are confident that you can make the green with the club you have in your hand, and then go for it. But if the choice is between laying up and shooting an 8-iron to the green or going for it and possibly going into the water or having a chip onto the green, laying up is probably the better choice.
• When it comes to cutting off dog legs, check your confidence level. If you are feeling confident that you can go over or through the trees and it is not going to cost you strokes, then proceed. But if there is not going to be much reward in trying to do that, why bother?
• If you are in a position where you would have to hit over a sand trap to go for the pin, stop and consider your options and decide how good you feel

about the club that you are using. You might feel more comfortable hitting to the side of the green so you don't have to go over the trap and leaving yourself with a longer putt. Players assume they should go for the pin and that is not always necessarily so.
"I think a lot of times, players go out and get in trouble and all of a sudden they are trying to hit shots they've never tried before or taking big risks that they really don't need to take," Fortillo said. "Try to think about what is going to give you the best opportunity for success on a hole."
Susan Smiley is the Manager of Membership Services & Communications for the Golf Association of Michigan.



South Lyon senior Nick DiRado is the 2009 Lacrosse Player of the Year.

LACROSSE

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coach almost," said Stephanoff. "We would put him on their best attacker, and he usually shut them down pretty good."

Chris Nemes
Catholic Central
The senior also received votes for Player of the Year after helping to lead the Shamrocks to the final four in Division 1. He poured in 29 goals and 19 assists to earn All-State First Team (unanimous) and All-America honors.
Catholic head coach Dave Wilson called him the emotional and team leader for the Shamrocks.

Mitch Burgin
Catholic Central
The sophomore played like anything but an underclassman. He netted 29 goals in just 16 games.
"He has a nose for the net," said Wilson.

Robby Brzezinski
Catholic Central
The junior midfielder stepped up his game during the playoff run for the Shamrocks.
"He was responsible for owning the ball during the playoffs," said Wilson. "He went 50 percent against Brother Rice in the semifinals."

Kevin Lerg
Catholic Central
The netminder was the last line of defense for the Shamrocks in a brutal Catholic Division which featured three of the final four teams in Division 1 and a finalist in Division 2. He received Third Team All-State honors.
"He can take over a game," said Wilson.

Ian Meador
Northville
The junior was all over the place. He won better than 90 percent as a faceoff specialist, scooped up 93 ground balls, scored 20 goals and handed out 16 assists. He received First Team All-State honors.

Alec Stirton
Northville
The senior defender received Second Team All-State honors for his work against the opponent's top attacker throughout the year. He also led the team with 109 ground balls.

Connor Sutton
Huron Valley
The defenseman was responsible for marking the top attacker every game and didn't disappoint.

Sean Murphy
Novi
The senior midfielder helped provide support on both offense and defense for the Cats.

Dylan Gelven
Northville
The sophomore attacker led the Mustangs in points with 27 goals and 38 assists. He earned All-Region honors.

Nathan Haynes
Novi
The senior midfielder helped provide support on both offense and defense for the Cats.

Sean Murphy
Novi
The senior midfielder also had to provide a two-way game for Novi to make it back to the regional finals.

Tom Machisak
Novi
The senior attacker helped lead the Wildcats offense to the regional finals.

Dylan Pesch
South Lyon
The Lion attacker led the way with 65 goals and provided 10 assists.

Adam Lalik
South Lyon
The Lion netminder stopped 65 percent of the shots he faced, guiding the Lions to their furthest finish ever.

HONORABLE MENTION
Receiving All-Area Honorable Mention are South Lyon's Will Marnell and Corey Cupp; Novi's Dan Burriss and Andrew Donato; Northville's Dan Stem, Drew Lamoureux and David Kethlut; Catholic Central's Mike Birney; and Huron Valley's Phil Garcia and Cody Muirhead.

John Dwyer
Catholic Central
The senior defender will continue his career at University of Detroit.
Jason Roberto
Huron Valley
The junior tallied 22 goals and 20 assists for the Titans.
Ron Cain
Huron Valley
The senior scored 12 goals and passed out nine assists from the midfield position.
Nick Diegel
Northville
The senior received Third-Team All-State honors after pouring in 29 goals and 16 assists despite missing 12 games because of an injury. He was voted team Comeback Player of the Year.



Shamrock Mitch Burgin worked his way onto the All-Area First Team.



Novi's Jack Petresky receives All-Area First Team honors.



Novi's Matt Manóville moves upfield with the ball.

GIRLS TRACK

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Michigan. She will attend Grand Valley State University next year.

FIRST TEAM
The All-Area First Team is loaded with medal winners at both the regional and State level.

Elizabeth Roach
Northville
The sophomore has the make-up to be a top performer for the next couple of years for the Mustangs. She cleared 5-5 in the high jump for sixth place at State and also set a new school record in the process of her All-State performance.

Jenna Law
Milford
She graduates as one of the top throwers in the area three years running. She was undefeated in six dual meets in the high jump and third at the conference meet. She was also seventh in the discus at the conference and regional meets. Her personal bests were 31-7 in the shot put and 103-7 in the discus.

Stephanie Lock
Lakeland
The sophomore traded the top spot for the Eagles with O'Leary in the throws all year. She was third in the discus (106-1) at the conference meet and fourth in the shot put (32-3.25). She also placed fifth in the shot and eighth in the discus at regionals.

Kristyn Wade
Lakeland
The junior specialized in the 100 hurdles. She won the divisional meet, was seventh at the conference meet and fifth at regionals. She just missed advancing to State in the 300 hurdles, placing third at the regionals. Her personal best in the 100 was 16:3 and 49:7 in the 300 hurdles.

Lauren Kettle
Milford
The sophomore provided a ton of versatility for the Mavericks. She competed in events from the 400 to the 3,200. She qualified for State in the 1,600 and as part of the 4x800 relay.

Margaux Canup
Milford
The Maverick sophomore was the KCAA Conference champ in the 100 hurdles and was fourth at the Oakland County meet. She also competed in the long jump, high jump and pole vault for Milford.

Nicole Prokes
Milford
Teamed with Canup to form a potent 1-2 punch in the hurdles. She qualified for



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the State finals and reached the semifinals in the 100 hurdles.

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HONORABLE MENTION

Receiving All-Area Honorable Mention are Milford's Meg Stando, Claire Slaughter, Kat Slaughter and Kayla Schenck; South Lyon's Taylor Remstead, Tori Remstad, Maggie Sadler, Christina Swain, Caitlin Millis and Miranda Spencer; South Lyon East's Lauren Timm, Liz Fortino, Leah Creech and Paige Whitaker and Northville's Chelsea Ciampa, Julie Davison, Amy O'Brien, Shelby Johnson, Gina McNamara, Courtney Minghine, Alexandra Moynes, Shannon Lohman, MaryKay Brzesniski and Chloe Presley.

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IT'S YOUR NOVI BUSINESS - Q&A WITH FOX RUN

NEWSMAKERS



Gloria Whan, Bernie Lucas and Jytte Winn enjoy a bike ride through the Novi senior community Fox Run.

Tell us about your business, including types of services and/or products you feature.

Fox Run is Oakland County's largest retirement community. We sit on 110 beautifully manicured acres with ponds, wooded trails and natural wetlands. Fox Run is a very active community for people over 62 years of age with over 100 clubs and groups on campus for people to stay socially involved. A healthy lifestyle is the attraction for over 900 people who live at Fox Run.

How did you first decide to open your business?
Oakland County has the largest growing population of seniors in the southeastern Michigan area which is causing a need for senior housing.

Why did you choose Novi?
Novi was attractive because of their reputation as a strong community supporter and a great location making it easy access for families to visit our community with all major freeways intersecting nearby.

What makes your business unique?
Fox Run is unique because we are the "old fashion" neighborhood everyone used to live in years ago that still celebrates neighbors coming together to create a community. Many people compare us to living on a

DETAILS

Business Name: Fox Run
Address: 41000 W. 13 Mile, Novi, MI 48377
Your Name/Title: Fred Moschetta / director of Sales and Marketing
Your Hometown: Novi
Business Opened When: June 30, 2003
Number of Employees: 608
Hours of Operation: 24-hour community
Your Business Specialty: retirement community
Phone: (248) 926-5200
Website: www.ericksoncommunities.com

cruise ship. How has it changed since you opened?

Over six years, we have changed by being able to offer more services and amenities to our community from the finest health care, active lifestyle from your own personal trainer, Comerica Bank on site, our own performing arts center and even a pharmacy. You can walk anywhere on campus without going outside in the rain or snow. All of our buildings interconnect through covered bridges.

Do you have a funny tidbit or story about your experience as a small business owner to share with our readers?

I enjoy watching people moving into Fox Run and truly enjoying their new home by becoming involved and active again. Our residents are enjoying volunteering, golfing, traveling, going to the theater or taking part of a lecture. I have seen many relationships start, others renewed and some turn into marriages. It's what our community is all about — celebrating life.

How has the recent economy affected your business?
We have only become busier at Fox Run in lieu of the economy. We are busier due to a program we have that is unique to Fox Run — Erickson Moving and Realty Services. This program actually sells people's houses/condos for them. We provide a personal moving consultant to create a plan including downsizing, staging and a sales plan.

Any advice for business owners?
Listen to your customers and get creative to meet their needs. And, enjoy your work and your customers will recognize that.

What's in store for the future of your business?
A sold-out community by the end of 2009 that shares our gifts to celebrate life.

National medical society honors Providence surgeon

Jack M. Kartush, M.D., an internationally recognized Michigan surgeon, has recently received the Lifetime Distinguished Achievement Award by the American Society of Neurophysiological Monitoring for his extensive contributions to intraoperative nerve monitoring. The presentation was made at the ASNM 20th annual meeting held in April in Vancouver, Canada.

The award recognizes those who have demonstrated life-long excellence in the area of neurophysiologic monitoring as well as dedication to the advancement, understanding and quality of neurophysiologic monitoring in the medical field. Kartush, who specializes in neurotology and skull base surgery, was the original founder of the society in 1989 and the co-inventor of one of the most commonly used monitoring devices in the world in which nerves are monitored during surgery with small electrodes placed in muscles. He has published more than 150 scientific articles and has lectured around the world.

"Twenty-five years ago, monitoring the facial nerve during tumor surgery to reduce the risk of facial palsy was considered a controversial 'gimmick.' Today, monitoring has become routinely used in brain, spine, carotid, thyroid and numerous other operations. Paralysis of nerves and spine have been avoided in countless patients," said Kartush.

The ASNM was founded in 1989 to promote neurophysiological monitoring which is now used to assess the integrity of the nervous system either in the operating room, the intensive care unit or other acute care settings. Kartush is the president of the Michigan Ear Institute; chief medical officer of Biotronic NeuroNetwork; staff surgeon — Otolaryngology, Neurotology and Skull Base Surgery at Providence and Providence Park Hospitals; and clinical professor — Department of

Otolaryngology at Wayne State University, Detroit.

Allstate recognizes Novi entrepreneur

Allstate Insurance Co. has recognized Allstate exclusive agency owner Bruce Faber with the Regional Champions award for high standards in customer satisfaction, customer retention and profitable business growth.

The Faber Agency is now one of the top Allstate agencies in the nation in auto, property, commercial, power sports insurance and financial services sales.

With a team of dedicated employees, Faber is committed to helping customers meet their protection and retirement needs while managing a successful small business.

"It's a tremendous honor to earn Regional Champion recognition," said Faber. "My agency's commitment is to serve our customers and the Novi community."

Bruce is a respected member of the business community," said Thomas F. Clarkson, vice president of Allstate. "We are proud that our customers in this area are being serviced by an agency with such a fine reputation."

The Faber Agency is located at 43343 Grand River in Novi and can be reached at (248) 344-0460.

Paul an 'Elite' member

Richard W. Paul, certified financial planner and president of Midwest Financial Consultants, an independent financial and retirement planning firm based in Novi, was recently admitted into one of the nation's most exclusive groups of financial advisers — Ed Slott's Elite IRA Advisor Group. It is an influential organization dedicated to solving one of the country's biggest and most complex financial problems — effectively managing the distribution of assets from Individual Retirement Accounts.

To become a member, Paul had to meet the group's strict educational requirements and make a commitment to continue IRA training with Ed Slott and Co. This training involves multiple live sessions as well as ongoing instruction throughout the year.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Premier helps Hope Closet

Premier Relocations, an agent for Mayflower Transit, has donated warehouse space and transportation services to Hope Closet — Michigan, a nonprofit organization working to provide young women the opportunity to attend special high school events with a dress of their choice regardless of financial constraints or limitations. The donation from Premier Relocations will help Hope Closet decrease their annual budget by more than 25 percent.

"As a proud member of the Detroit metro community, giving back is important to us," said Kirk Hensler, general manager of Premier Relocations. "I have two daughters who have attended their high school homecoming and prom and know how important these events are to a young woman during high school. Helping Hope Closet was a perfect fit for our team." Premier Relocations is an unbelievable partner for Hope Closet. Our volunteer base is thrilled. Premier will allow us to grow and expand our reach in 2010 and beyond," said Emily Baker, vice president of Hope Closet.

Hope Closet's volunteers spend each year collecting thousands of formal gowns. In April, they open up a makeshift boutique inside a local church. Girls from across Michigan make appointments to visit the boutique where a volunteer personal shopper helps each girl select the perfect dress and one accessory. In 2009, they helped send 422 girls to prom and in 2010 they hope to help more than 700.

Headquartered in Novi, Premier Relocations specializes in household and office moving, local and long distance, storage and local distribution of furniture, fixtures and equipment. They service Oakland, Genesee, Livingston, Macomb, Washtenaw and Wayne counties. Premier Relocations is an agent for Mayflower Transit. Further information about Premier Relocations is available at www.premier-mayflower.com.

Snap's Biggest Loser

Snap Fitness in Novi will be running a "Biggest Loser" Contest this summer to help area residents and workers reach their fitness goals. This contest is open to both members and nonmembers, with prizes awarded for different categories.

The program starts July 13 and ends Aug. 22. All participants will receive a fitness assessment, nutrition information, fitness water bottle, a work-

out plan, access to the club, supervised workouts, discounts on personal training, weekly informational newsletter, and weekly weigh-ins.

The grand prize winner in each category will receive a free Snap Fitness membership. Prizes will also be awarded to the second- and third-place winners in each category. The grand prize winner will be the individual who loses the largest percentage of body weight, plus the individual who loses the largest percentage of body fat. This way, everyone has an equal chance to win.

For more information, contact Snap Fitness at (248) 347-1788, visit Snap Fitness located at 41774 10 Mile, Novi, or visit the Web site at www.snapfitness.com/novimi.

Art Van hosting free design classes

Art Van Furniture will once again host its free design classes. This educational program will be presented by Art Van's Visual Merchandising team and the curriculum will cover four main topics: Determining Your Style, The Impact of Color, Furniture Placement, and Accessorizing.

The free Tuesday classes in Novi will start in September (15, 22 and 29) and end Oct. 6. The classes will begin at 6:30 p.m. and refreshments and giveaways will be provided.

Week one classes will focus on Determining Your Style, which teaches participants how to make smarter decisions about major purchases, increase confidence with making choices, and how to make a home more comfortable for the family.

Week two classes, The Impact of Color, will explain the value of color and how to pick the perfect color for your style.

Week three classes will focus on Furniture Placement, which will hit on functionality, traffic patterns, finding/creating a focal point, creating floor plans, and the importance of visual balance.

Accessorizing will be the focus of week four classes, and will clarify how to clear clutter, work with pieces that hold emotional connection, and how to put your old and new pieces together.

The Kids Castle will be open and offer a free supervised play area for children. With climbing structures, ball playing areas, a TV room, and other activities offered, The Kids Castle allows even busy parents to learn their way around design projects.

Reservations are requested for the Art Van design classes. To register for this series or for a particular class, call (888) 619-2199.

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