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## NUTSHELL



Grievous Angel

### Free music/art

Twelve Mile Cross at Fountainwalk is hosting a free Summer Sidewalk Series with art and music from 4-7 p.m. every Saturday in August at the mall's roundabout.

Schedule includes: Aug. 22 - Grievous Angel (Americana) with artists Mary Tassone and Peter Jackson; Aug. 29 - Spangler/Tope Trio (Jazz). Artists who wish to participate on this day should contact artsnovi@yahoo.com for more information.

Please bring a lawn chair for this fun outdoor event (Lucky Strike will host in the event of rain).

### School board election

There is no longer a race for the two open seats on the Novi Community Schools Board of Education as one of the candidates, Dave Brown, has pulled out.

It appears current board president Ann Glubzinski will be re-elected to a second term, and Shari Lebo, a two-year resident of Novi, will be replacing Jeff Nielson, who decided not to run for re-election, if there are no write-in candidates at the November election.

### After 5 Barbecue

Do you own a classic or muscle car? Bring it to the After 5 Men's Roundtable event from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27 at Financial Planning & Investments Inc., 43390 W. 10 Mile Road in Novi.

Come meet Miss Michigan Nicole Blaszczyk and enjoy summer food outside.

Cost is \$15 for pre-registration; \$20 at the door. Call the Novi Chamber of Commerce (248) 349-3743.

### Blood drive

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 2-8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 31, at the City of Novi offices (10 Mile Road, between Taft and Novi roads).

For more information, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or register at www.givelife.org and enter the sponsor code "badges."

## Parking lot improvements aim to make Village Oaks safer

Nearby residents frustrated they weren't notified

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

The safety of students has been a key factor behind several upgrades taking place at Village Oaks Elementary throughout the past two years.

Last year the district added a third crosswalk and crossing guard near

Oak Tree and Willowbrook to encourage students to cross onto school property from Oak Tree rather than walking on Willowbrook. They also put up "No Left Turn" signs on Willowbrook and at the school exits to improve traffic flow.

This summer the focus shifted to the parent drop-off loop and parking lot,

separating the two and increasing the size of the drop-off loop to help avoid traffic congestion and dangerous situations for the students.

"One of our biggest concerns (with the old configuration) was that you had traffic coming and going into a drop-off loop and vehicles entering the parking lot using the same thorough-



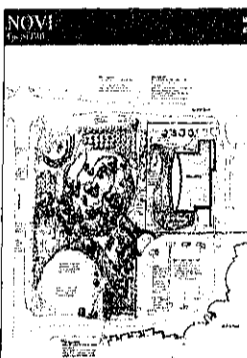
NATHAN MUELLER | STAFF WRITER

Silvia Huth, who lives in the home pictured, is upset with how close the new entrance to the main parking lot is to her home. Other residents in the area also were frustrated they were not notified about the construction taking place at Village Oaks Elementary this summer.

fare," said Principal Sae Burnham. "To make it safer and more efficient, they separated the entrances and exits of the loop and parking lot, and the result

Please see PARKING LOT, A9

## Get 'Fuerst' look at Novi's newest park on Friday



Despite improvements, some still upset with development

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

The new Fuerst Park is being billed by city officials as the gateway to the Civic Center campus and a jewel in the city.

Featuring a new 150-seat amphitheater that incorporates the old Township Hall, lush landscaping with fieldstone walls and hundreds of perennial plants, Wi-Fi access, several pathways for walkers and runners and room for more expansion in the future, the park offers numerous opportunities for everyone in the community.

"The park is an investment in the community," said Randy Auler, director of parks, recreation and cultural services. "Companies and individuals want to locate to a place that has a high quality of life and parks play a major role in that. It enables us to be competitive recruiting businesses and residents as well as retaining people.



The grand opening of the new Fuerst Park is set for 7 p.m. Friday, with an official ceremony at 8 p.m.

"This park will benefit this community for many years, and it's something the community can truly be proud of."

The eight-acre park, located on the corner of Ten Mile and Taft roads, celebrates its grand opening at 7 p.m. on Friday, with an official ceremony taking place at 8 p.m.

There will be live entertainment, refreshments, family activities, a visit from Novi resident and Miss Michigan 2009 Nicole Blaszczyk and the showing of the movie "Kung Fu Panda" at the amphitheater.

The park is expected to draw stu-

dents from Novi High School during the school year, be used for community events like the Sizzling Summer Art Series, and the Township Hall and amphitheater are available for rent by community groups.

While the park appears to have a lot to offer, not everyone in the community is excited about it.

Fuerst Park, formally known as Fuerst Farm, was home to the Fuerst family's house and barns from about 1918 until last year when they were removed for the construction of the new park. A group called the Friends of the Fuerst Farm presented a peti-

tion last year with over 1,300 signatures from Novi residents in opposition to the demolition and in support of preservation, but in July 2008 the city voted against the preservation idea because renovating the facilities would have been too costly.

Dan Tollis, who lives in the Addington Subdivision across Taft Road, said he is "heartbroken" because he believes the city "traded something valuable for something less valuable."

"We traded our history, something

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## Some residents irked about speed limit change

Study shows new limit consistent with speed cars were traveling

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

A recent speed limit increase on Meadowbrook Road has several homeowners concerned about their safety.

The change, which happened a couple weeks ago, raised the speed limit from 30 miles per hour to 35 mph on Meadowbrook Road between Ten Mile and Eight Mile roads.

Sandy Mitchell, a resident of her Meadowbrook home



JOHN HENDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The speed limit along Meadowbrook Road from Ten Mile to Eight Mile was recently upped from 30 to 35 mph. Some local residents believe it should return to the slower speed.

for 40 years, said she did not find out about the change until she saw the signs, and feels

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# Harwell resting after release from hospital

For the first time in his 91 years, Tigers broadcasting legend Ernie Harwell is battling a serious health concern. Harwell spent most of last week hospitalized with an obstructed bile duct, according to Gary Spicer, his friend and attorney. Spicer said Saturday the obstruction was dislodged, Harwell was released Friday, and he was resting at his home in Novi.

Spicer said Harwell needed additional tests and, because of doctor's recommendations of rest, had canceled appearances and appointments for the next several weeks. Spicer declined to reveal more details about Harwell's health.

During his 55 years as a broadcaster in the major leagues and 42 years with the Tigers, Harwell missed two games: for his brother's funeral in 1968 and for his induction into the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association in 1989.

Harwell canceled an appearance Wednesday in Lansing in his role as fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. Spicer said it was the first time Harwell had to cancel anything in 31-plus years of working with him.

Since retiring from broadcasting in 2002, Harwell has hardly slowed down. He writes a weekly column for the Free Press, he does his work for Blue Cross, and he fields countless requests for his time, energy and voice. (Spicer said Harwell insisted on writing his Free Press column for this week and next before entering the hospital.)

Spicer said that while resting, Harwell was looking forward to his 60th wedding anniversary with Luhi on Aug. 30. His 92nd birthday is Jan. 25.

From the Detroit Free Press

# Fox Run hosts Cheesecake Bake-Off

To celebrate National Cheesecake Day, dozens of residents at Fox Run Village in Novi participated in the first annual Erickson Way Cheesecake Bake-Off both for the camaraderie and for the pleasure of judging/sampling luscious cheesecakes that staff submitted to the contest.

Fox Run Village is developed and managed by Erickson Retirement Communities.

In all, from four cheesecake entries, the top prize—for a White Chocolate Raspberry Cheesecake—went to staffers Katy Corpus, human resources manager, and Andrea Peragine, senior community services manager.

"When this contest came up, Katy and I thought it would be fun to enter even though neither of us had ever made a cheesecake," Peragine said with a grin. "Our recipe sounded like the best and easiest for first-time bakers, but it still was a bit of a challenge. We're so glad everyone had a chance to enjoy themselves at the judging."

Sikneh Achi, assistant restaurant manager at Fox Run and bake-off coordinator, provided bite-size samples of each entry for residents to taste-test before casting secret their votes for the best all-around entry. The recipe was posted in the restaurants on campus and published in the staff newsletter.

Coincidentally, the Corpus-Peragine team also won a rib



The White Chocolate Raspberry Cheesecake made by first-time cheesecake makers Katy Corpus and Andrea Peragine won Fox Run's first-annual Cheesecake Bake-Off to commemorate National Cheesecake Day last month.

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Mike Morelli before and after his dramatic weight-loss of 207 lbs.

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# Boyer Country Sports opens in new location

Move near Twelve Oaks intended to improve visibility

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

Visibility is key to the owners of Boyer Country Sports. And the new location of the business, just outside Twelve Oaks Mall off Novi Road, addresses just that.

Center across from Borders for more than 10 years, began the move in March when the lease expired. Turnell said the move was strictly for "more traffic."

When the business reopened last Thursday, the first 50 customers were given free lift tickets to Boyer Mountain or Boyer Highlands. They also got a first-hand look at some of the newest golf, tennis, ski and snowboard equipment on the market.

Some of the highlights of the store are the junior ski package, which allows people to buy equipment for their children and return it by a certain date to get 100 percent credit toward another rental or purchase, and the express rental service, which lets people get fitted for equip-

ment at the store so when they head up to Boyer Mountain or Boyer Highlands they will not have to wait in line for that service.

Turnell also said the store is better equipped than big box sporting goods stores when it comes to answering questions or giving advice because the store only concentrates on four sports.

"We focus on those sports only and can better serve our customers," he said. "Everyone that works here plays the sport and are passionate about it."

Boyer Country Sports is located at 27782 Novi Road. For more information, visit www.BoyerCountrySports.com or call (248) 347-3023. Hours, which expand during winter, are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.



Assistant manager Shawnee Morningstar and manager Rob Turmell are helping reestablish Boyer Country Sports in its new location off Novi Road near Twelve Oaks Mall.

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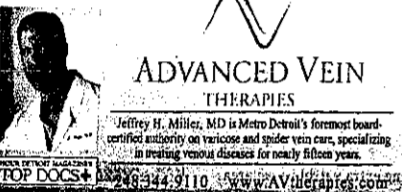
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# PUBLIC SAFETY

## NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

### Teen arrested for minor in possession

A 17-year-old male was arrested at 12:04 a.m. on Aug. 11 for minor in possession after being stopped by a Novi police officer on patrol on a mountain bike.

According to the report, the officer was patrolling the area of White Pines Drive and Whitehall Lane when he saw two subjects walking down the street. They said they lived in the area and were out for a walk, but while talking to them, the officer smelled a strong odor of intoxicants and noticed one of the subjects had bloodshot eyes.

The one teen said he had nothing to drink and the 17-year-old said he had one shot at his home. Both subjects submitted to a preliminary breath test, which registered .000 for the one teen and .093 for the second teen.

The second teen was then arrested for minor in possession - consumption and transported to the Novi Police Department. The other teen was taken to his vehicle.

### Man caught with marijuana

A Novi police officer was patrolling the Pavilion Court Apartments on Aug. 12 because of several larcenies from vehicles when he found and arrested a man for possession of marijuana.

While on patrol around 2:15 a.m., the officer observed a man walking east on Rotunda Court and enter his vehicle. The officer approached the man who said he had just come from a friend's apartment and took the officer to the apartment to verify that he actually was there.

### Trailer stolen from business

A 12-foot enclosed utility trailer containing tree stands and a tarp was stolen from behind a business on the 46000 block of Grand River Avenue about two weeks ago.

According to the report, the owner last saw the trailer on Aug. 5 and some workers noticed it was missing the next day but thought the owner had taken it.

### Items stolen from unlocked car

An Apple iPod Touch and chrome harmonica were stolen from a Ford Focus parked in front of a residence on Winfield Road between midnight and 5:30 a.m. on Aug. 16.

The owner of the vehicle said he left his vehicle unlocked overnight and the items were taken from his glove box and center console.

### Novi homes damaged by unknown suspects

Three homes on Picadilly Circle suffered damage overnight on Aug. 15 and 16. The first incident was reported around 12:30 a.m. when police were called to a home for damage to the garage, landscaping lights and van.

The subjects cracked a pane on the window to the garage, pulled three lights out of the ground and bent the antenna on the van.

### Indecent exposure trial postponed

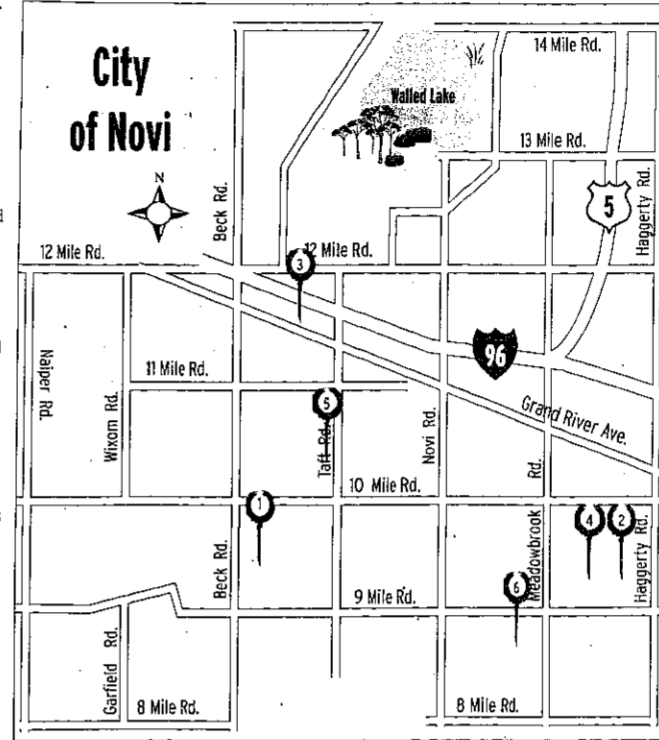
The bench trial for Sheila Grogan -- the Novi woman charged with indecent exposure after police said she was engaged in a sex act outside a condominium complex with an Oakland County commissioner -- has been postponed, court officials say.

Grogan was to appear Aug. 10 before District Judge Dennis Powers. Grogan's trial will now be held in October. Her attorney, Leon Weiss, did not return calls for comment.

The charges stem from an April 18 incident in which police said Grogan and Commissioner Kim Capello, R-Nowi, were found by a police officer engaged in a sex act.

In June, Capello was sentenced to two years of probation after pleading guilty to indecent exposure. At the hearing, he denied having sex outside and said he was urinating.

— From the Detroit Free Press



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LARRY DWAYNE BAILEY Age 62, passed away August 14, 2009. Larry was born on January 16, 1947 in Kentucky...

WILLIAM G. COLLETT Age 85, August 13, 2009. Funeral was Monday, August 17th, Holy Family Church, Novi...

PAULINE M. "PAT" GODWIN Age 84, died August 11, 2009. A Funeral Service was held on Saturday, August 15, at Phillips Funeral Home...

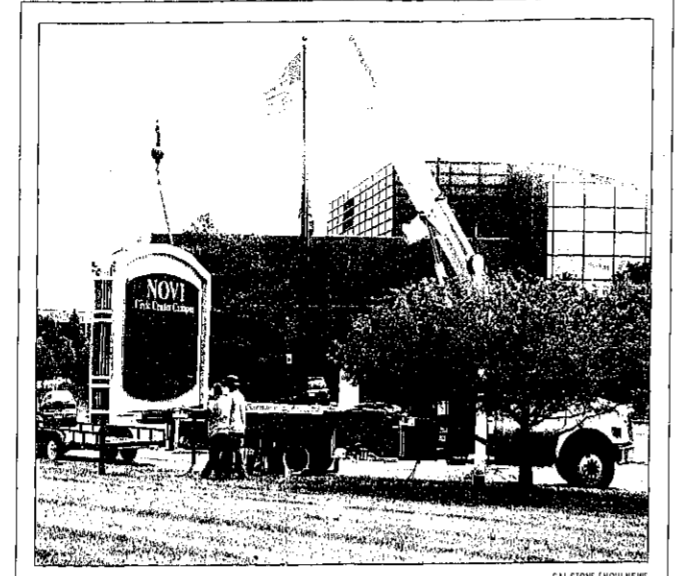
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DANIEL LEE KIMEL Age 79, passed away August 15, 2009. He was born on July 22, 1930, in Detroit, to the late John and Emma (Goebel) Kimel...

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# EDUCATION

## Student athletes perform better in the classroom

Play It Again Sports encourages parents to sign kids up for activities

For many children in the Novi area, the arrival of the back-to-school season means they'll soon be hitting the books as well as hitting the books. But, for those students currently not involved in a fall sport, Play It Again Sports of Novi is offering compelling reasons for why they should become engaged.

"Everyone knows that regular exercise and activity is good for a child's physical development, but of equal importance are the mental benefits that can be reaped from sports participation as well," said Ian Somerville of Play It Again Sports of Novi, which buys and sells quality used sports and fitness equipment. "As children adjust to the academic challenges of a new grade level, involvement in an organized sport can stimulate their brains and boost self-esteem."

According to Team-Up for Youth, an organization dedicated to strengthening youth and communities through the power of sports, children who participate in sports have better academic outcomes in the classroom. For example, adolescents who engage in

moderate physical activity five or more times a week are more likely to achieve an "A" in math and science than their peers. Furthermore, sports participation has been associated with lower dropout rates among high school students.

"Considering the links that have been made between performance on the field and performance in the classroom, we encourage parents in the Novi area to enroll their children in after-school sports," said Somerville.

"Even if you have tried in the past or feel that your child may not be athletically inclined, the beginning of this school year is an ideal time to tackle something new." With sports options such as soccer, lacrosse, field hockey and football, Somerville notes that the fall season offers a variety of activities suited for both genders and a wide range of ages. For those students looking for more of an individual pursuit, wrestling and cross country are worthwhile considerations.

"Finding the sport that's best suited for your son or daughter may take several tries, but what's most impor-

tant is that the child enjoys the activity and the sense of friendly competition," added Somerville. "If participation is viewed as a positive experience, then the child will begin to develop confidence in his or her abilities, which will motivate him or her to better respond to challenges in the classroom."

Somerville does acknowledge that the process of trying out different sports can turn into an expensive endeavor for parents, since they are often required to purchase different gear for each sport. But, Somerville notes that at Play It Again Sports of Novi, used gear that is in good condition can be traded in for new merchandise and equipment.

"As children switch between sports and outgrow their gear, parents may find themselves with an attic or a garage filled with perfectly good but unused equipment," said Somerville. "At Play It Again Sports of Novi those items can act as cash when they are traded in for new or gently used merchandise. That way, helping your child find his or her sports niche doesn't have to break your bank."



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

### 'Brother shocker'

Abbey Brucker, 9, invented a "Brother Shocker" device at Novi Middle School's Camp Invention last week. Brucker said that when you pressed the button, a person could be shocked by the device. Abbey's mother, Pam, said when Abbey's brother went through the same camp years ago he made a "Sister Shocker" - for Abbey.

## Fall fashion trends from the '80s shape back-to-school styles

This fall, as Novi-area teens and 20-somethings head back to school, clothing trends are heading "Back to the Future," mimicking the styles rocked by the fashion conscious in the 1980s. But although the look of the season is full of expression, Plato's Closet of Novi is recommending a few tips to keep teens from looking like retro-fashion victims.

"Parents may find it hard to believe, but many of the punk rock and heavy metal themes popular in the '80s are reappearing in the must-have looks for this fall," said Paul Wells of Plato's Closet of Novi. "It's a funky style that may seem like a departure from traditional apparel, but it's really a great way for young adults to get creative with how they choose to express themselves as they head back to school."

According to Wells, since many of the fashion elements of the season have an edgy flair, it's all too easy to go overboard and look overdone. So, Wells suggests the teens and twenty somethings in the Novi area keep the following fashion elements in mind when emulating the glitz and glam of the '80s:

**\*All American Denim** - When asked what they prefer to spend their dollars on, girls placed denim as their top choice. Whether you are a guy or a gal, dressed up or down, denim always looks good. From skinny to straight and boyfriend to

flare, denim remains top on the hot list. **\*Heavy Metals** - Bright colors are shown aside in favor of black, metallics and grays this fall, all of which give outfits a rock-star feel. **\*Black jeans** will be en vogue and will look best when paired with a solid, shiny top.

**\*Fitted Finds** - When it comes to the cut of your pants, skinny jeans and fitted styles complete the quintessential '80s look. Skirts and dresses should be short but not too short, with the ideal length hitting at mid-thigh. **\*Short Jackets** - A good jacket is a must-have for transitioning from school to hanging out with friends, and this season the jacket to wear should be cropped. Tweaks give crop jackets texture without weighing them down. Leather jackets can give any outfit an '80s feel.

**\*Classic Pieces** - Layering is an important part of achieving the season's look, so there are certainly staples that should always be on hand. Fitted tees, leggings and a long cardigan sweater are all fundamentals for the fall. **\*DIY Accents** - This season's style is all about artsy features, from belts and sashes to icy details. And, when it comes to accessories, adds Wells, young adults should not hesitate to be their own designers and get creative. Keep in mind that a great

necessary or two can change the entire look of an outfit. "The '80s were all about mixing and matching different pieces, so this back-to-school season is a great time for Novi-area teens and young adults to take an inventory of their wardrobe and compile the pieces that they can work into their signature style," said Wells. "By holding clothing swaps with friends or visiting stores like Plato's Closet of Novi, where gently-used clothes can be traded for new items, local youth can fill their closets while keeping money in their pockets."

Wells notes that even though the back-to-school shopping season can be a time consuming chore for young adults and their parents, the local Plato's Closet offers a solution to appease all parties involved. While teens and twenty somethings get all the styles they want, parents also get the satisfaction of seeing their kids' perfectly good, used clothes act as cash.

"It's ironic, but in the early '80s, our country was coming out of a recession, and the pieced-together fashions of the time reflect people's attitudes about spending money," said Wells. "Today, parents and teens are finding themselves in a similar predicament as they shop for back to school. Fortunately, there are ways for them to rock their style without breaking the bank."

### NOVI STUDENTS ON CAMPUS

#### Ohio State University

Brooke Vermillion, 2008 graduate of Novi High School, was on the Dean's List for the spring quarter at The Ohio State University. She was also on the Dean's List for the prior winter quarter.



Western Michigan University  
Michael Kreutzjans was recently selected by Western Michigan University as one of

2009's Future Intellectual leaders during the International Society for the Comparative Study of Civilization Conference in May. Kreutzjans is a Millard High School 2005 graduate. A senior at Western, he is finishing his Finance, Commercial

Law degree in the Hworth School of Business. He is the son of Tim and Janet McCoy. Grand Valley State University  
More than 2,250 students earned degrees from Grand Valley State University in April, including Novi's Rebecca Haller, BS, Veronica Kirin, BA, and Michaela A. Wasek, BA.

## PARKING LOT

FROM PAGE A1



One phase of the construction at Village Oaks Elementary this summer was resurfacing the main parking lot and moving the entrance to it further south down Willowbrook.

will be a much safer process for kids and parents." The entrance to the drop-off loop, which now can hold up to 18 cars at a time as opposed to about six in the past, was moved further south away from the bus loop exit driveway, and the separate parking lot driveway was moved south as well, directly across from Guilford Street.

Four crossing guards will be serving students, one at the new parking lot driveway, and three on the school side of Willowbrook, one each north of Guilford, Franklin Mill and Oak Tree. Silvia Huth, who lives on Willowbrook Drive next door to the new parking lot entrance, said she is all for the safety of kids considering she has two of her own, but was disappointed in the lack of communication. She said she was never notified about the summer projects, finding out only after a fence was put up next to her home and after

speaking with construction workers. "By having an active driveway running along my property I am concerned about my kids being in the front yard now," she said. "And in my opinion they are spending a lot of money to fix a problem when maybe they should have gone to the people living in the area to make sure they are addressing it the right way."

Sheryl Clemons, Huth's neighbor, agreed that the lack of advanced warning about the

construction was frustrating. "I would have felt more comfortable if I would have had some input and they would have explained to me what they were doing," she said. Burnham said she is confident issues changes address the safety issues surrounding the school, and "there probably was some oversight in notifying the residents" that the school will address in the future.

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**City of Novi Public Hearing Notice**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 08, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center 45175 W. Ten Mile Road to consider:

**Case No. 09-034 43180 Nine Mile Road**  
The petitioner is requesting an extension to variance ZBA07-087 to allow the existing off premises SHIRO Restaurant pole sign to remain on the northeast corner of Nine Mile Road and Novi Road in the RM-1 district. The properties where the sign and the restaurant are located are both owned by Arkin Enterprises.

**Case No. 09-035 40812 Thirteen Mile Road**  
The petitioner is requesting an extension to the granted variance ZBA07-039 to allow the continued placement of a revised over sized height real estate marketing sign located on M5 for Lennox Park. The property is zoned RM-1 and is located west of M5 and north of Thirteen Mile Road.

**Case No. 09-235 28178 Cabot Drive**  
The petitioner is requesting a variance to allow installation of 6 (30" x 76") banners 2 on each pole to be mounted from 3 existing light poles in the east parking lot of The Art Institute of Michigan located in Haggerty Corporate Center Park. The property is zoned OS1 and is north of Thirteen Mile Road and west of Haggerty Road.

**Case No. 09-037 48320 W. Nine Mile Road**  
The petitioner is requesting a height variance of 5 feet to allow construction of a (1) story 19 foot high barn style garage addition to a relocated garage at 48320 W Nine Mile Road. The property is zoned R-1 and is located west of Beck Road and north of Nine Mile Road.

Published: August 20, 2009

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, per Section 389.1272 of the School Code, Novi Community School District will conduct a public hearing to seek input on the feasibility and need of implementing a breakfast program. This public hearing will be held on August 27, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Tift Road, Novi, Michigan 48374-2423.

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**CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 09-175**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 09-175 TO AMEND CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE II, ENTITLED "OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION" TO ADD SEC. 22-41 REGARDING FINGERPRINTING, AND TO ADD SEC. 22-41 REGARDING DETENTION FOR PURPOSES OF IDENTIFICATION.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, August 10, 2009 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk

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**CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 09-81-24**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 09-81-24 TO AMEND CHAPTER 33, "TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES," ARTICLE II, "UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE," OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF NOVI TO ADOPT BY REFERENCE THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE FOR CITIES, TOWNSHIPS, AND VILLAGES (UTC), AND OTHER STATE TRAFFIC-RELATED REGULATIONS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REGULATING TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES IN THE CITY OF NOVI; TO MAKE CERTAIN ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATION; and to repeal the version of the CITY UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE AS PREVIOUSLY SET FORTH IN ARTICLE II.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, August 10, 2009 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

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# NEIGHBORS

## Longtime resident of Novi celebrates her 90th birthday

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

Peg Deming may have just celebrated her 90th birthday on Tuesday, but she hardly shows her age.

The 35-year resident of Novi lives alone, still drives, is active at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, goes for walks and knits regularly.

She moved to Novi because her and her husband were attracted to "the country living" and stayed through the growth because she "felt comfortable and safe" here.

She cherishes the old times in Novi when there was a dairy farm on the corner of Meadowbrook and Ten Mile roads and when the library was in a little house on Novi Road and Grand River Avenue. And she also enjoys the present, making friends in her condominium complex and celebrating her birthday with friends and family on Sunday at her son Terry's Livonia home.

"It makes me feel fortunate to have so many friends and family that are so good to me," she said.

Deming said being active is the key to her good health and her doctor told her "to keep doing whatever I am doing because it works." Her knitting hobby keeps her especially busy, as she has knitted afghans for all of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, 27 total with number 28 on the way.

The birthday party on Sunday featured her three children, eight grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and several friends and neighbors from past and current neighborhoods.

Irene Rochette, one of Deming's daughters, said her mother is "amazing" and she "marvels at her all the time."

"It was very special for me and gave me an opportunity to think about what she has meant to me and how much she has given me and what a great mom she has been," Rochette said.



Peg Deming, a 35-year resident of Novi, celebrated her 90th birthday with friends and family on Sunday. Pictured with her is her son Terry, his wife and children and grandchildren.

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Yardi is board certified in Family Practice and Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment (OMT). He is a member of the American Osteopathic Association, the American Academy of Osteopathy and the Cranial Academy. Yardi has an OMT based practice with Abode Integrated

Medicine located at 25500 Meadowbrook Road, Suite 215 in Novi. The office number is (248) 888-9780.

Yardi received his medical education from West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed an internship and Family Practice residency through Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. Yardi also performed a Neuro-musculoskeletal Manipulation/OMT fellowship at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Maine.

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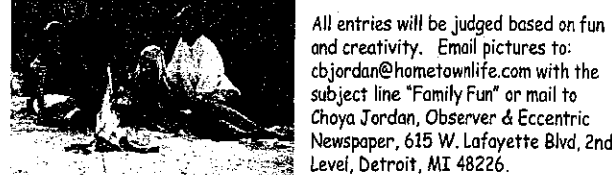
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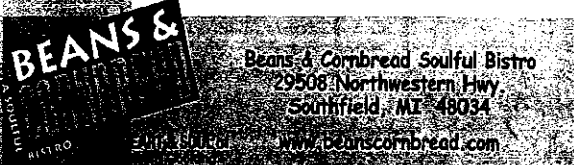


As a bonus, if you include the Observer & Eccentric Newspaper, Hometown Newspaper, or Beans & Cornbread Souful Bistro in the photo, you're entered for a chance to win movie passes.



All entries will be judged based on fun and creativity. Email pictures to: [cbjordan@hometownlife.com](mailto:cbjordan@hometownlife.com) with the subject line "Family Fun" or mail to Choya Jordan, Observer & Eccentric Newspaper, 615 W. Lafayette Blvd, 2nd Level, Detroit, MI 48226.

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## Walkers aim to make life better for mental illness patients, families

Anyone whose life has been impacted by the effects of mental illness gets a chance to help when the National Alliance on Mental Illness Michigan chapter hosts the seventh annual "NAMI Walks for the Mind of America" in some 80 communities - including Detroit - around the country Sept. 26.

The 5k/3-mile walk is expected to draw some 117,000 walkers nationwide. A key fund-raiser for NAMI, organizers hope to raise some \$8.5 million.

The Detroit walk takes place on Belle Isle, with registration at 9:30 a.m. and the walk starting at 11 a.m. There is no registration walk for participants, who are encouraged to collect donations from family members, friends, co-workers and business associates. Proceeds from the walk will fund NAMI programs in Michigan, including support, education, research and advocacy involving schizophrenia, bipolar disorder (manic depression), major depression, obsessive-compulsive disorder and severe anxiety disorders.

NAMI, founded in 1979, has affiliates in every state and in more than 1,100 local communities across the country dedicated to the eradication of mental illness and improving the quality of life for people affected.

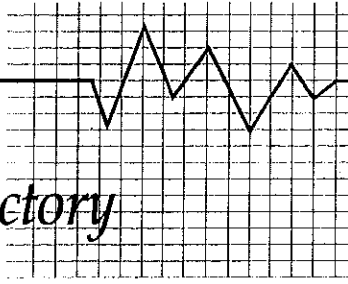
"NAMI members are volunteers whose mission is to provide help to people with serious mental and emotional illnesses and their families," said Sherri Solomon, executive director of NAMI Michigan. "The goals of the walk are to raise money to promote our mission and to increase public awareness of these conditions."

Companies that don't field teams have other ways to help. There are a variety of sponsorships available, ranging from "Kilometer Sponsor" (\$250 to "Presenting Sponsor" (\$10,000), each carrying various incentives and opportunities for recognition/publicity. Anyone wishing to register for the walk or become a sponsor can do so on-line at [www.nami.org/namiwalks/MI](http://www.nami.org/namiwalks/MI); contact walk manager Marti Bush at [mbush@gmi.org](mailto:mbush@gmi.org) or (313) 263-2370; or Solomon at [shallsolomon@comcast.net](mailto:shallsolomon@comcast.net) or (517) 485-4049.

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### ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

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

#### EDITORIAL: Do your part — buy Michigan products

I have a bone to pick re: the City of Novi and its property tax collection process. The other week I dropped off a check to pay my property taxes in the collection box in front of the Civic Center. I utilized an included envelope (that came with the tax bill) to do this. As I was dropping the envelope into the slot I noticed that my property tax payment (had I mailed the payment) was addressed for processing to a firm in the State of Illinois!

With our local economy in shambles (have you noticed all the vacant store fronts in Novi's myriad strip malls or noted the lack of revenues going to Lansing to run state government?) I can't help but wonder who at City Hall made the decision to contract out of state for services that can (read: should) be handled by a Michigan firm?

This offends me as a voting citizen and wonder what others think. Maybe some of the elected politicians in this town or salaried civil servants need a "shame on you" thrust at them.

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### COMMUNITY VOICE

Which do you prefer — seeing movies at the theater or renting videos?



Going to the movies. I don't care too much about renting. I don't go as often as I'd like to — about once every three or four months.

Jerry Moses



We like to do both. We see a ton of videos and we occasionally go to the theater, usually Emagine. But it depends — it's a money thing.

Diane Robbins



I like going to the theater. It's fun to get out. I like to watch the new, best-selling ones. I'm one of those who likes to be the first to see them.

Judy Tonak



It depends. Going to the theater is a whole experience. You spend more, but you get the big screen and the action is in your face. I like to see action in the theater; everything else I can watch at home.

Kristin Kowalczyk

### LETTERS

#### Reading program is good news

There's a lot of bad news in the media today. But there are certainly bright spots and reasons to celebrate. Despite all the tempting activities that summer has to offer, children in Novi have spent an unbelievable amount of time reading this summer, and we are so proud of them. The Novi Public Library's 2009 Summer Reading Program was highly successful again this year, with our total registration totaling almost 1,100 children. These children logged in almost 12,000 hours of reading during the six-week program.

There are many members of our community who supported the Summer Reading Program participants in their accomplishment. We could not have conducted our program without the help of our 72 teen volunteers, who helped participants in the reading program register and log their time, assisted with craft and other programs, and a myriad of other jobs. We also owe a large debt of gratitude to those who supported and encouraged our efforts. Among them are: Global Office Solutions, Auntie Anne's Pretzels, Bonaventure Skating Rink, and Carnival Boujee. Particular thanks also go to the Friends of the Novi Public Library for their ongoing dedication and financial support of our programs, underwriting of some of our prizes and performers. The Novi Parks and Recreation couldn't have been more helpful in hosting our performers while the library is under construction, and we are particularly grateful to the entire staff of the Novi Public Library, whose cooperation and wholehearted involvement in the summer reading program caused it to flourish.

Many thanks go to the Novi, Northville, and Walled Lake school districts, which kindly distributed our program brochures to their schools.

Finally, we want to thank the moms, dads, grandparents, and caregivers who brought their children to the Novi Public Library and encouraged them to read. Without their support, despite the fact that we all know the benefits that accrue to children who read over the summer, our summer reading program would not exist. We would also like to express our continuing appreciation to the Novi News for their splendid coverage of Novi Library's 2009 Summer Reading Program. We always recognize the value of your support.

**Kelly Kolchuk, Suzanne Carpenter, Jennifer Preston, Diane Schulhoff, Phyllis Weeks**  
Novi Public Library's Youth & Teen Services Department

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#### Kittens rescued

This is a open letter to the person who dropped off the two black kittens on Magellan drive in the Beck / West roads area. How cruel; you should be ashamed. What did you tell your kids? The kittens have a new home now? I hope they read this and realize just what a jerk you are! Yes, I do have them now. While walking at 11:30 p.m. they came running up to us. I tried to take them to a cat rescue but was told they are full and can't take them. So I will get them neutered and try to find them a home, which is what you should have done. I hope at least you have the decency to get the mother fixed, but I doubt it. These are lucky kittens, so far. I found a dead white kitten out there about two weeks ago that had been hit by a car. I have been saddened in the last few years I've lived here by the declining wild-life, when we first moved in there were fields and woods all around us, now we are the one of only a couple of homes in the area, the fields have been paved and ponds filled in for industrial and office parks. Many with empty buildings. We used to see and move off the roads 20 to 30 turtles a season. We had a healthy population of frogs and snakes. But no more. Last year I saw no turtles at all. The year before only a few already crushed by cars! I did see a leopard frog a few weeks ago. But nothing like it used to be. We do have one garter snake that we spot two to three times a summer, the kids used to collect hundreds during a summer. But this summer I have seen a bald eagle flying over, a grey fox, twice we've seen red fox — once with two babies. We even had a red fox stop and bark at us last night! And yesterday we got to help not one but two turtles across a busy road. Maybe the growing fox population is due to the number of kittens being dumped — Easy food supply.

Kathy Kennedy  
Wixom

### Michigan budget cuts are eating our seed corn

The Lansing-based Early Childhood Investment Corporation report a third of the state's children arrive at kindergarten unprepared for learning. These findings are based on 675 state kindergarten teachers who completed an online survey about how well students are prepared for learning.

State leaders know how to fix this problem. The question is: will they?

Investing in high quality preschool is one of the best investments we can make as a state and nation, so says a Nobel Prize-winning economist.

Dr. James Heckman, no bleeding heart educator or child advocate, but a 2000 Nobel Laureate in economics, predicts a grim picture for the U.S., unless begun investing in our youngest children.

In his research paper, "The Productivity Argument for Investing in Young Children," he argues: "Over 20 percent of U.S. workers are functionally illiterate and enumerate, a much higher percentage than leading European countries." "On productivity grounds, it makes sound business sense to invest in young children, especially from disadvantaged environments."

Heckman's research demonstrates that children who participate in high quality preschool programs "experience increased achievement test scores and high school graduation and decreased grade retention, time in special education, or experience with crime and delinquency."

Further, medical brain research has been clear for a number of years that nearly 85 percent of the human brain's capacity is developed in the first five years of life. Seems to me, we should be listening to brain researchers and Nobel Prize winning economist that tell us to invest in our kids!

As state superintendent of schools I proposed in November 2002 the following: "Every 4-year-old in Michigan shall be offered a high quality pre-kindergarten learning opportunity by the 2006 school year. This voluntary early childhood development and educational program shall be established according to nationally recognized, high quality standards. It shall be provided at no additional charge to all Michigan 4-year-olds without reducing funding for existing education, health and child development programs."

However, due to other priorities, and the economic whirlpool the state has been facing, resources for early childhood have been anemic, and in many cases disappeared.

#### THE FEES ARE IN TOWN

The Obama administration proposed budget has set aside \$20 billion dollars as a down payment for states to invest in our youngest children. Michigan must be at the head of the line for these resources.

The feds were in town recently, not the FBI, but Dr. Arthur J. Rolnick, senior vice president and director of research of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis. Rolnick has also produced research that clearly shows the economic and societal return on investment in providing high quality early childhood education.

"Investing in high-quality education for 3- and 4-year-olds yields a higher return than any other public investment," Rolnick said.

Rolnick helped create an Early Childhood Scholarship Program in Minneapolis and is hoping to bring the successful initiative to Michigan. The Early Childhood Scholarship Program consists of three basic elements: parental mentoring, scholarships for low-income families to pay for high-quality early childhood education for 3- and 4-year olds, and a quality-rating system to provide parents with information on quality early childhood programs.

Rolnick and his colleagues have helped mobilize the Michigan business community, United Way, Wayne State University, key legislators, Visiting Nursing Association, Beaumont Hospital, the Governors Office and Michigan Foundation leaders to form the nucleus of a leadership team to tap federal and other resources for our youngest citizens.

#### MAKE MICHIGAN THE BRAIN BANK OF THE WORLD

If Michigan is going to compete in the hyper-competitive, disruptive, transformational, global economy, we must invest in our human talent from the cradle to the grave. A child and society, without a solid educational foundation on which to build is the equivalent of building a deck of cards on a pile of sand. A lack of public investment in our human capital is not a winning strategy for the 21st century talent driven knowledge economy.

Our goal must be to make Michigan the talent bank of the world. Investing in our youngest children will get us closer to this goal and will have a positive pay off for our collective future.

Don't take my word for it — ask a brain researcher or a Nobel Prize-winning economist!

If you want to help, contact Rolnick at: (612) 204-5441 or e-mail: art.rolnick@mpls.frb.org.

Tom Watkins is a business and educational consultant. He served the State of Michigan as state superintendent of schools 2001-05 and state mental health director 1989-90. He can be reached at: twatkins@aol.com.

# Sew much creativity

## American sewing expo coming to Rock in September

Hands-on classes and seminars to fashion style shows and demonstrations will all be at the 10th annual American Sewing Expo at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi Sept. 25-27.

"This is the place for beginner and veteran crafters to be inspired for sewing, quilting, home décor, or needle and fiber arts," said Janet Pray, show producer. "You'll see and learn something new here every year."

Over 125 exhibitors will be displaying fabrics, sewing machines, notions, threads, patterns, yarn, sergers, technology, embellishments, kits, gadgets, embroidery designs, tools, and more from 35 states, Australia and Canada. Showgoers can participate with quick Make and Take projects at some vendor exhibits.

Attendees can learn unique tips and techniques as they make their own sewing and embellishing project to take home at the Sew Experience Café, decorate their own jeans with machine embroidery or repress them into different projects at the Re-Construction Zone and participate at the sewing lounge from BurdaStyle.com. Other options to learn new methods, improve skills and find out about the latest products and tips are available at the educational presentations at over 160 lectures, hands-on classes, seminars and all-day workshops led by industry professionals and at over 60 presentations on the free show floor demonstration stages of the largest independent consumer sewing show in the country.

Experts include Kenneth D. King, professor of the haute couture program at



Attendees enjoy the 2008 sewing show at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.

New York's Fashion Institute of Technology, sewing expert on PBS-TV series "Sewing Today" and author of Designer Bead Embroidery and Cool Couture Construction Secrets for Runway Style. He has designed clothing, home furnishings, and accessories for Elton John and Jim Carrey and will share his resources and ideas during hands-on Cool Tricks, Son of Cool Tricks, Embellishments fit for a King and Royal Tassels classes.

All day workshops will be conducted by New York fashion designer Koos van den Akker who is a master at using garments as a canvas for unusual collaborations of color and creative collage techniques. He is a featured Vogue pattern designer, has dressed Bill Cosby, Cher, Barbara Walters, Stevie Wonder and Madonna, exhibited at the New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art and sold fashions at Saks and Bloomingdale's.

Corinne Leigh, host of "Thread Heads" show and Meg Allan Cole, host of "Decor: It Yourself" show from ThreadBanger.com will share their passion and secrets for making their own fashion in the Re-Construction Zone. ThreadBanger.com is a network of forums, shows, blogs and newsletters for people who want to create and discover their own style through alternative fashion of recycling, up-cycling and re-fashioning with simple sewing tools and techniques.

Sewing Jackets, 20 Tips to Sewing Better and Easy to Make Great Fitting Clothing are the seminars presented by Fati Palmer of PalmerPletsch International School of Sewing in Portland, OR, where she trains consumers and sewing educators. She is a sewing book author and The McCall Pattern Company and Vogue pattern designer.

**DETAILS**  
Rock Financial Showplace is located at 4600 Grand River Avenue between Novi and Beck Road in Novi, Michigan. Show hours are 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday. Preshow workshops are 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 23 and Thursday, Sept. 24. Expo admission is \$12 and children 16 and under are admitted free with a paying adult. One-hour seminars are \$10, all-day workshops are \$98 to \$148 and special combination packages are available online in advance. Onsite parking is available for \$5. For more information, visit www.AmericanSewingExpo.com or call (248) 889-3111.

magazine will be held on Friday featuring garments from their publication.

PatternReview.com founder Deepika Prakash will host a Top Ten Challenge Fashion Show and Contest on Saturday in addition to being available at their exhibit.

The Innovation Generation Fashion Show Competition will be held on Saturday for 8 to 18 year olds who know the sewing process and have made their own garments. Entries are judged and then worn by the contestants on the Expo Fashion Stage.

BurdaStyle members will present the caliber of their work and designs as they show off their creations at a fashion show Saturday.

A Dream Sewing Room that includes items from Brother will be given away on Sunday. Several special exhibits will display art quilts, couture collections, fiber art and fashion designs.

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# Preparing for layoff or termination

Perhaps you've heard through the grapevine that there is another round of layoffs being planned by your employer. You've survived any cutbacks to this point - what should you do? Many people go into denial - they think that because they haven't been hit yet, that they won't be hit in the next round. The problem here is that if the worst happens, these people are shocked and angry and often unable to move forward for several weeks after the event.

Other people immediately grab their resume and update it, hoping for the best, but feeling that they'll be ready if the worst occurs. The problem with this approach is that merely updating your work history without taking time

## YOUR NEXT JOB

to review your near and long term goals and your abilities, interests and strengths may set you up to search for a job that no longer exists or that doesn't meet your current needs.

The best approach is to do a thorough review of your personal situation and sort out your immediate and longer term needs and goals. Create a defensive position that will put you into a better place to launch your job search.

Begin with a frank discussion with your spouse or partner. You both need to be aware of the possibility of a layoff that will result in a financial change to your family. Look at your budget and acceler-



Martha D. Adamson

ate payoffs of bills and debts. Cut back on discretionary expenses. Plan to live on a tighter budget for a while and try to build up a savings account that is readily accessible and not tied to your home equity. Experts suggest having up to six months of salary saved as a cushion for getting through an unemployment period.

Current data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics indicates that the average duration of unemployment in July was 25 weeks. While you can receive unemployment benefits for 26 weeks

with possible extensions available, the weekly maximum will be less than you net from your paycheck, so your savings are important in filling the gap.

Next, do a Life Management assessment. Take a look at your personal and family needs, goals and dreams. Celebrate the areas that are thriving and determine how you can maintain them. Look at the areas that are not where you want them to be, and set some goals and plans in place to address them.

Now, look at your career goals in the context of your Life Management assessment. You will be more energized and positive about your job search if you can get excited by the possibilities of a change. You have four

options when job searching - stay in the same job in the same industry, change jobs but stay in the same industry, or change industries, or change your job and change your industry.

Create some interesting possibilities for yourself without pre-judging how likely they are. Then, begin to do some research, either through print or online media or by talking with contacts - friends, family members, associates, people involved in the jobs or industries that you have an interest in, and begin the process of weeding through your choices until you have some solid targets.

If the bad news comes to you during this time, you will be mentally prepared for the

shock and will land on your feet faster and more securely, ready to move forward with confidence and energy.

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# Ideas: Lungs that breathe life into an organization

The United States Patent Office is the formally recognized institution in which there is a structured process for protecting an individual idea. It is a legally defensible process that is not concerned with who was the first one with the idea, but who was the first one to finish filling out the paperwork. Every year thousands of ideas are wrapped in this transparent veil of protection. It is a testament to those individuals who have taken the time to move an idea out of their head and into a formal structure. While many of these ideas never see the light of day, there is some satisfaction that comes from knowing that there is, at least, one instance in which you have achieved a certain level of individual recognition.

## TAKIN' CARE OF BUSINESS

It's the equivalent of sending a personally signed "Job Well Done" greeting card to your home address. Still, for many others, the process for achieving individual recognition is a little more complicated and far more elusive.

Ideas are in abundance and wander the back corridors of most organizational settings with the hope that someone will ask them to come forward. What keeps most of these ideas in the back shadows is the perception that appropriate credit will not be given and individual recognition will not be forthcoming. Thus, meaningful, productive and profitable ideas are moved out of the work setting

and stored in a file labeled "This is mine!" The need for individual recognition is not a human frailty, but it is the point of balance between personal humility and egomania on the attitude continuum. While most individuals love to share a good idea, and if the idea is implemented, they want to share in receiving the recognition. How many times has the creative faucet turned off upon finding out that an idea you shared has been acknowledged as having come from someone else? How many opportunities have disappeared in front of you because you were denied credit for something you did? There is a time-honored blur between individual recognition and individual recognition. Thus, meaningful, productive and profitable ideas are moved out of the work setting

and the context in which it was stated. Many others have found that carrying a pocket recorder has kept many an idea from disappearing into a wasteland of tasks. Written summaries, sent by email, to individuals involved in an idea-generation discussion are time-dated and formally recorded within the memory of the organization and minimize the "I said, he said, she said" conversations that can shred ideas into useless pieces.

Ideas are the lungs that breathe life into an organization. At a time when economic recovery is dependent on the flow of good ideas, committed individuals and purposeful organizations, there can be no hoarding of contribution due to lack of recognition. Global

competition demands that we broaden our approach to recognizing contribution. Relying on the distribution of a paycheck, while important in the current environment, does little more than get the job done. The next level of success comes from creating an environment in which individual recognition is highly valued, rewarded and given its proper credit.

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The amount of monthly income you'll receive from an immediate annuity will depend on your age (the older you are the more you'll get), gender (women receive slightly less because they tend to live longer), the size of your investment, long-term interest

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- Joint-life annuity:

Generally purchased by married couples, this type of annuity makes payments as long as one spouse is alive. In some cases this option will pay less money after the death of one spouse. And because two lives are covered instead of one (which makes life expectancy higher), the monthly payment is smaller than a single-life annuity.

• Fixed-period annuity: This option pays income for a specific length of time, usually ranging between 5 and 30 years. If you die early before your fixed period expires, your beneficiary will receive your payments until the term expires.

In addition to these basic payout options, many insurance companies may offer a variety of other features to entice you, but keep in mind that more features usually means a lower payout.

INFLATION PROTECTION  
Another concern with fixed annuities is inflation, which erodes the value of your payment over time. To protect against this you can get an annuity with an inflation-adjusted rider which offers a smaller payout initially but increases each year.

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To get personalized annuity quotes visit [www.immediateannuities.com](http://www.immediateannuities.com). Also be sure the insurance companies you're considering have high financial strength ratings. Look for a rating of A+ or

better by A.M. Best at [www.ambest.com](http://www.ambest.com) or call 908-439-2200. And as far as how much to invest, most experts recommend investing only a portion (25 to 50 percent) of your retirement savings in an immediate annuity, or just enough to help cover your monthly expenses.

Savvy Tip: If you buy an immediate annuity with an insurance company that goes out of business, you can count on some protection (usually between \$100,000 and \$300,000 worth of coverage) from your state guaranty association. See [www.naiha.com](http://www.naiha.com) and click on "State Associations" to learn more.

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The Farmington Players Barn Theater is holding open auditions for its upcoming holiday production, *Miracle on 34th Street*.

Auditions will be held at the Farmington Players Barn Theater, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Times are 6:30 p.m. Aug. 27 for principal characters only: Doris Walker, Susan Walker, Kris Kringle, Fred Gailey, Mr. Shellhammer and Miss Adams; and 12:30 p.m. Aug. 30 for all characters (including principals unable to make the first night).

The play opens with Doris Walker, a no-nonsense special events director for New York's iconic Macy's Department Store, finding the actor hired to play Santa Claus intoxicated only moments before the start of the big Thanksgiving Day parade. In a panic, Doris persuades a nice old man standing nearby to take his place. The kindly gentleman proves to be a sensation, and

is quickly hired to be Macy's official store Santa. Much to her dismay, Doris soon learns that her new hire claims to be the real Santa. Despite her refusal to believe, many people begin to notice there is something very special about the old man, including her young daughter Susan. What ensues is an exciting courtroom drama that quickly tests everyone's belief in the magic and spirit of Christmas.

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**Lions golf outing**

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Anyone interested in advertising in the program, with a circulation of more than 2,000 copies, should contact Susan Larsen-Heise at (313) 350-9153 or Mary Nagrocki at (248) 719-1700. The program is distributed at the game, during November Open House and is used as a promotional vehicle

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**Road budget hearing**

The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) Board of Road Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on its proposed fiscal year 2010 budget at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 27 at the Oakland County Board of Commissioners Auditorium, 1200 N. Telegraph in Pontiac.

The proposed 2010 budget, at just over \$105 million, includes plans for approximately \$38.9 million worth of road improvement projects or work toward future road improvement projects. This budget represents an increase of \$6.9 million compared to the \$98.2 million 2009 budget adopted in September of last year.

The 2010 proposed budget is larger than the 2009 budget primarily because of the \$13 million RCOC received in federal "stimulus" funds (being used for 13 resurfacing projects and one gravel-road-paving project). RCOC expects its operating budget, funded primarily through the agency's share of state-collected fuel tax and vehicle

registration fee revenues, will decline in 2010 compared to 2009 (these are the funds used to plow snow, fill potholes, grade gravel roads, etc.). This will be the fourth straight year of declining operating revenues, following 10 years in which the revenues were essentially flat.

The RCOC fiscal year runs from Oct. 1 through Sept. 30. Final approval of the 2010 budget will take place in September. RCOC Board Chairman Richard G. Skarritt will preside over the budget hearing. During the hearing, RCOC Managing Director Brent Bair will provide an analysis of the proposed budget, the agency's financial situation and reductions in staff and services. Deputy Managing Director/County Highway Engineer Dennis Kolar will review the proposed 2010 Road Improvement Program. The Board of Road Commissioners will then receive questions or comments from those in attendance.

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## Local triathlete club chases down important things in life

BY KATE SALVADORE  
STAFF WRITER

Have you ever thought of running 100 miles? How about swimming, biking, and running 140 miles? How about a 5k race? How about learning to swim? Have you ever volunteered at an athletic event? Do you live in Michigan? If your answer to any of these questions is yes, or perhaps even no, Triathletes in Action could be for you.

The real question is are you interested in giving back and supporting your community?

Locals Mark Savedes from South Lyon and Doug Herriman Jr. from Plymouth asked all of these questions and have launched a new club called Triathletes in Action — TIA for short.

The two became training partners for triathlons and realized that the support they provided each other was contagious.

"Mark and I started training together at Island Lake and it just started to grow," Herriman said. "We were just an example, and people began helping people."

Although the initial group met through athletic interest, they soon began to realize that they had many other ideals in common like interest in their communities.

"Some athletic groups can be elitist. We're not like that," Herriman said.

The group began realizing that they could really have an impact. Everyone was already competing in events and support was growing. They decided to make it official in October.

"Our goal was to create a group that everyone can be a part of. You don't have to be an athlete. It doesn't matter whether you're a sponsor, a volunteer or a participant," Herriman said.

Savedes and Herriman started spreading the word and local sponsors jumped on board. The list now includes Billy Downs, founder of BD's Mongolian BBQ, Brian O'Hara, owner of the Novi Bonefish Grill, Randy Step, founder of Running Fit, Mike Rueter of American Cycle & Fitness in Novi/Walled Lake, UPS, Five Hour Energy, MissionTri, Michigan Rehabilitation Specialists, and North Ridge Church got involved.

With the sponsors in place, it was time to make an official membership. Through word of mouth more than 65 people from



KATE SALVADORE

Triathletes in Action members (l to r) Billy Downs, Brian O'Hara, Doug Herriman Jr., Rick Smith and Dion Bourque stand in front of the Bonefish Grill, one of the group's sponsors.

several locations signed up at the kickoff event at Bonefish Grill in Novi. Racing uniforms were made and people started networking and becoming active.

"Everybody that is on board wants to be part of something or have an impact," Herriman said.

Shortly after the event, Savedes and Herriman took their ideas and racing uniforms to South Africa in April. Savedes even temporarily closed his business, Aleko's Restaurant and Catering

Please see TRIATHLETES, B3

## Area youth combine for two state titles

BY CHRIS JACKETT  
CORRESPONDENT

a trip to the July 29-Aug. 6 ASA national tournament in Leesburg, Va.

"All the way through the series of six games we were in the winner's bracket," Dowding said.

One of the teams Finesse defeated in the double-elimination tournament was the Shooting Stars, 4-3 on Aug. 4. Two days later, the Shooting Stars had a chance to redeem themselves.

"We had won the winner's bracket and the Pennsylvania state champs (Shooting Stars) had to beat us twice to win," Herrington said.

Due to a rain delay Aug. 6 and the 10-hour drive some teams had to take to get home the same evening, the one-hour, 40-minute time limit per game was shortened to one hour.

"We were supposed to play at 11 a.m. and didn't play 'til 2 p.m. (We) only got four innings in in the first game before the one-hour time limit," Herrington said.

The Shooting Stars started out hot, winning the first game 2-1 and also handed Finesse their second loss of the day and the tournament, 8-0.

"It seems like every time we played, the other team always seemed to get ahead," Dowding said. "The girls were just wiped out. It was a long day that day because there was a rain delay."

Despite the loss, the team was one of the most successful 10U teams Finesse has ever had.

"Pitcher Jacqueline Spizizen did great all season," Herrington said, noting her work in the 4-3 win & 2-1 loss against the Shooting Stars.

"Catcher Sydney (Jascoc) really hit well in the tournament. Abbey (Krzwiecki) did a great job at shortstop. We had a great year and looking to have a great year next year."

The Finesse program will hold tryouts for next year's teams Aug. 22-23 and Aug. 29-30 at Total Sports Complex in Wixom. For tryout times and more information, visit [www.eteamz.com/finesse](http://www.eteamz.com/finesse).

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer living in Redford.

## Events honor 50th anniversary of 1959 Legion championship

Teams from Michigan have made it deep into the American Legion World Series, but the 1959 squad from Detroit Edison Post-187, stands alone as the state's only champion. The team celebrates the 50th anniversary of its national title with a series of events this summer.

The American Legion will showcase the '59 champions during the Zone Playoffs at Chief Pontiac Field in Clarkston on July 25. Legendary Detroit Tiger and White Sox lefthander and native son, Billy Pierce, 82 years old, made an appearance along with storied baseball coach Art Kohn, 89.

But that was only one of several events spotlighting the squad, coordinated by Canton resident and Post-187 baseball historian Raymond Rolak.

The team was also guests of honor at the American Legion State Championship Banquet at Blissfield Post-325, and was recognized at the opening game in Adrian, Michigan, courtesy of Adrian Post-275, July 29-30 at Nicolay Field.

On Aug. 31, the Detroit Tigers will honor the group at Comerica Park in Detroit, with a pre-game ceremony. It is scheduled as a day game versus the Tampa Bay Rays. There will be a display on the stadium concourse celebrating this living history. Also, information will be available on how to get involved with American Legion Baseball.

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COURTESY EDISON POST 187

Jim Saskewitch of Detroit's Thomas A. Edison Post 187 baseball team motors into home plate for another important run during the 1959 American Legion World Series.



The Finesse 10-under softball team won two state championships and placed second at a national tournament this season.

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## Crawford wins soccer gold in Israel

The World Maccabiah Games are held every four years and it's the second largest sporting event in the world. Stephanie Crawford, a graduate of Novi High School who currently attends the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor was asked to try-out for the U.S. women's soccer team in early 2009. After being chosen as one of 19 young women from across the country to be on the U.S. Soccer Team, Crawford left for Israel on June 28 to meet up with her coach and teammates. Crawford was the only soccer player from the state of Michigan to make the team.



Novi High School grad Stephanie Crawford shows off her Gold Medal from the World Maccabiah Games.

In the first game against Brazil on July 12th, Crawford scored the very first goal as the U.S. women's soccer team went on to beat Brazil 8-0. A few days later during the Great Britain game, Crawford racked up four more goals to help her team go on to win that game. The opening ceremony took place on July 13 in Tel Aviv. Crawford paraded with other U.S. athletes into the Ramat Gan Stadium in Ramat Gan, Israel. Over 60 countries competed in this year's Maccabiah Games.

While in Israel, her schedule incorporated practice sessions and touring the country. Some of the touring sites included the Dead Sea, Ancient and Modern Jerusalem and Masada. She also went to Hebrew University where she participated in a B'nai Mitzvah ceremony. "It's a wonderful educational experience, as well as a great way to meet new people from all over the world," Crawford said. The U.S. women's soccer team games were in Haifa where they competed against Brazil, Australia, Great Britain, Canada, and Israel. Israel's soccer team won the competition four years ago with the U.S. team coming in second. This year, the U.S. team came in first beating Israel 4-0. Crawford returned to Michigan proudly carrying the World Maccabiah Games Gold Medal.

### LEGION

**DETROIT** Edison Post-187, outfielder, Rich Miller, 67, has been chosen by his teammates to throw out the ceremonial first pitch. He recently retired from DTE after 36 years of service.

Then on Sunday, Sept. 6, at the Michigan State Fair there will be an American Legion Baseball historical exhibit as part of Armed Services Day at the Hudson Auditorium. Meanwhile, as a legacy project, the team will participate in a pre-school reading clinic, sponsored by the Plymouth District Library. Former Tiger

and Plymouth resident Bill Zepp will moderate.

The team itself also has quite a legacy: • At the National Baseball Museum and Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, Chicago Cubs shortstop, Ernie Banks, awarded the Player of the Year trophy to Fred Bowen. Bowen traveled on a press tour in New York. He appeared on NBC's "Today" show and got to meet baseball legend, Ty Cobb.

"At that time, (Cobb) was already in a wheelchair because of his diabetes. He was having a good day, and I mostly remember him just repeating, do you want me to sign another ball, kid? He kept calling me kid," said Bowen.

• Bowen, 68, went on to get a baseball scholarship at the University of Detroit. He is recently retired as an educator and sports reporter.

Each Edison Post-187 team member, received the famed Hillerich and Bradys Black Bat Trophy. This was a Louisville Slugger ebony baseball bat with all the players' names engraved in gold. The Major League World Series winners also receive this prestigious award each year.

• Jim Sawkewich, 67, and Bill Takacs, 67, went on to sign professional baseball contracts. Most went on to college and all had successful careers.

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## TRIATHLETES

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in South Lyon, to participate in Ironman South Africa in Fort Elizabeth and Herriman volunteered at the race. They both also participated in the Cape Town half-marathon and did mission work while they were there.

"It was an eye opening experience. Here we chase, chase, chase and we miss certain things in life. All the distractions were eliminated while we were there," Herriman said. "It really left a mark on my life."

With confirmation of their beliefs and success on the trip, the two came home and began working with their club. The group now holds regular practices at the 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Island Lake State Recreation Area (starting at the Kent Lake parking lot).

Their members have also begun representing them at local, state, national and even international events.

Rich Smith, a TIA member from Brighton, just raced Ironman Switzerland on July 12 and raced the New Orleans half Ironman in April. An Ironman is a long distance triathlon that involves a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bike and a 26.2-mile marathon run. A half-

Ironman is just half all those distances. Other members raced in Ironman Coeur d'Alene in June and some are training for Ironman Kentucky in August.

Another member, Dion Bourque has a big 100-mile running event this September. His goal is to race and raise funds for the University of Michigan Children's Orthopedic and Prosthetics Department.

"I want to raise funds and awareness for child amputees. I have been so blessed in my life and I want to give back. It is a good tie in for me-being able to use TIA as a spotlight and to begin raising money and awareness," he said.

The best part, according to Bourque, is the support of TIA members. Many who aren't racing in the event are going to cheer or take a volunteer shift in the 24-hour-plus event at Pinckney State Park.

"If I try to run 100 miles by myself it won't happen. But with all this support I know it will," Bourque assured.

Right now, members are just choosing charities and events and are using the support from the group to make it happen. In the future, some events might be more structured for TIA to support. However, one thing will stay the same. "Everyone is welcome," Herriman said. "It's about people helping people

— giving back in sports which can be self-centered."

TIA is also partnered with MissionTri, founded by Billy Downs, a native of Northville.

"It's an organization involved in engaging athletes in mission work in and around athletic events," Downs said.

MissionTri is planning six major projects next year that involve charity and nondenominational Christian work.

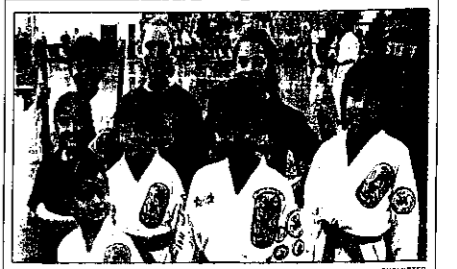
"Everybody brings something different to the table. Food, support, accountability, just anything," Downs said. "Our focus isn't on ourselves, which can be rare for triathlon."

While MissionTri is a Christian network, TIA is not.

"Us founders happen to be two strong Christians. But we are open to everyone. We don't want to shove anything down anyone's throats. TIA is simply about having a support network and for people to get involved in any way they can or want to," Herriman said.

"Our group takes the ego out of triathlon."

For more information, visit [www.triathletesinc.com](http://www.triathletesinc.com) or [www.missiontri.com](http://www.missiontri.com). Membership sign-up is still available -- or just show up at the TIA workouts. TIA racing jerseys will be available again this winter.



### Karate winners

Family Self Defense Center has returned from the Isshinryu Hall of Fame Banquet and Tournament with national winners. Two of the schools, Jr. Black Belts, Mitchell Huang and Inoue Haterawa, were voted the top young male and top young female Isshinryu Karate students in the country for 2009, while their instructors, Mr. Z and Ms. Chris Szepag, were voted the best in the nation for their contribution to Isshinryu Karate. Brenna Cameron was recognized nationally for teenage karate students, as was the school itself which received a top five ranking. The students also claimed nine trophies in the National Tournament, including three students, Tanaz, Mitchell and Devon Decaire earning first place nods in their individual categories, making them national winners. Tanaz and Mitchell also had the distinction of competing in the Black Belt Grand Championship, performing for a board of highly renowned karate masters. Pictured (l to r, front) are Joshua Huang, Mitchell Huang (National Kata Champion), (middle) Tanaz Haterawa (National Kata Champion), (right) Inoue Haterawa, (back) Ian Kosaka, Brenna Cameron and Devon Decaire (National Kata Champion).

# TEE TIME

Your local golf guide

## Like a fine wine... Golfers can get better with age

By Susan Smiley

Robert Chandler has been around the links more than a few times. The 89-year-old St. Clair Shores golfer has been playing the game since he was 15 years old and doesn't intend to stop anytime soon.

"I love the game," said Chandler, who has worked as a ranger for Sycamore Hills Golf Club for 15 years making him both the oldest ranger on staff and the ranger with the most seniority. "I started playing when I was 15 -- some of my friends played and got me into it -- and I have never stopped playing since then."

To date, Chandler has played 413 golf courses including Timberly -- the site of this year's British Open. As you might expect, Chandler was rooting for "the old guy" Tom Watson because he wants people to know that you are never too old to play golf.

"Even now I'm still tweaking my game," Chandler said. "I read this, I read that, I try this and I try that. The sad thing is I am playing courses I've played a good many years and now to hit to where I want to be I have to hit two to three clubs more than what I used to hit. Things change no matter what you do."

To help him get some needed distance off the tee, Chandler recently purchased a nitrogen-infused driver. So far it seems to be helping his game and his golf partners have noticed.

"All my buddies want one now too," Chandler said.

Mary Shaul, 89, of West Bloomfield, swears by her Dunlop graphite driver. Now she is in the market for a new putter.

"My drives are good but my putting is terrible," admits Shaul, who just learned to golf 15 years ago through a community education class.

Shaul played softball for most of her life and didn't think about picking up golf until a couple of women on her softball team took her out on the links.

"I was a pitcher for a slow-pitch team and a woman who was part of the Lady Birds golf league kept saying 'You could play golf! I know you could play!'" said Shaul. "She and another player took me out a couple of times and I was just terrible."

But that didn't stop Shaul from joining the Lady Birds four years ago. When she started, she was bringing up the rear of the C Flight and now this season she rests in first place of the B Flight. She is proof that it is never too late to learn something new.

"I love golf because when you are on the course that's all that matters," she said. "It takes you away from stress and things you would rather not think about. Plus it gets me out of the house and gets me out with younger women. Even though some of the women I play with have been golfing for decades, we can still play together and enjoy the round."

While Chandler laments his loss of distance over the years, he believes some things do get better as you mature.

"I watch some of the high school girls who play at Sycamore and a little girl who weighs about 112 pounds hits a 9-iron 130 yards and it can tell you I couldn't do that on my best day!" Chandler said. "But definitely my course management is a lot better than it was when I was younger."

Chandler and Shaul both usually play twice a week and plan to continue playing and perfecting their games for a long time to come.

"Without golf I would be lost," Chandler said. "I work a couple of days a week at Sycamore and play two days a week. I'm just a ranger but I sure enjoy it. I love the game and I love the people."

Susan Smiley is the Member Services Manager for the Golf Association of Michigan.

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CDC creates visual excitement by producing products that enhance the flow of natural lines of the vehicle, all while using factory mounting locations and hardware to ease installation and ensure proper tolerances. CDC is also one of few aftermarket auto parts companies that manufactures 99% of their products in the U.S. and provides a three-year, 35,000-mile warranty.

Best known for their styling accessories for the Ford Mustang, CDC also has product lines for the Ford F150, Dodge Charger, Dodge Challenger, Chevrolet Corvette, and the all-new Chevrolet Camaro. In addition to styling accessories, CDC has developed a team which is used to construct the '07 Flashback, a dramatically improved re-creation of the

DETAILS

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**Your Hometown:** Commerce Township  
**Business Opened When:** 1990  
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1967 Ford Mustang. With experience in the marketing vehicle arena for companies like Ford Motor Company and JHT Creative, CDC has also recently formed a joint venture named ACTION Movie Vehicle Services to support the ever growing film industry here in Michigan.

2. How did you first decide to open your business?

I have always had an enthusiasm for muscle cars. The idea of adding old styling cues to modern muscle cars was appealing. Because the first product went well, I developed other products and the company evolved from there.

3. Why did you choose Novi?

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4. What makes your business unique?

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tremendously too. Products we develop are copied and produced at a lower quality. We have to spend more money advertising to offset this.

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

It has all been a great adventure. Traveling to shows around the country meeting people. There are so many enthusiasts to meet in the most unlikely places. On a road trip through Mississippi

we were taking a scenic route. It was necessary to use a ferry to cross the river except there was not anyone around. The ferry was not scheduled to cross for another hour or so. The ferry driver saw our Mustang and being a Mustang owner himself promptly came to help. He even let our son Travis steer the boat across.

7. How has the recent economy affected your business?

Business has slowed and we are fine tuning our business plans and expenses to reflect

the changes. Classic Design Concepts is pursuing other business markets that apply to our capabilities. We are excited to participate in the film industry in Michigan.

8. Any advice for business owners?

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 Gayle's Dance Phase is accepting new students now through the holiday season. With Tap, Jazz, Ballet, Technique, Lyrical, Hip Hop and Tumbling, there's a class for any dancer age 2.5 through 18!

## Dance is Back!

Gayle's Dance Phase offers exciting non-competitive classes for boys and girls

BY ALISON BERGSIKIER  
 ADVERTORIAL COORDINATOR

Grace, poise and self-esteem. These are just a few traits children can pick up in dance classes as early as age 2.

Flexibility, coordination, exercise and friendships also make the list of the many benefits associated with dance. With a passion for dance education and performance, sisters Gayle Winnie and Tina Bishop are celebrating their 27th year in business at Gayle's Dance Phase in Wixom.

The sisters, with children of their own, run a family-friendly studio with a wide range of dance classes for girls and boys ages 2.5 through 18.

"Our studio is very family based," said Instructor Nina Yurkunas. "Education and family are the two key roles that structure the dance studio."

The studio offers classes for basic Tap, Jazz and Ballet, along with Technique, Lyrical, Hip Hop, Pointe and Tumbling.

With more than 350 families enrolled, the studio draws students not only from the South Lyon and Novi areas, but also from Livingston, Oakland, Wayne and Washtenaw counties.

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Registration going on now  
 Classes begin in September after Labor Day, but students can be enrolled any time before the holiday season.

"We will take students into the months of November and December," Nina said. "The studio follows a school calendar. We have a mid-year holiday show and four end-of-the-year recitals the second week of June."

Gayle's Dance Phase has a great tumbling program, where students develop floor skills from cartwheels to aerials.

Tumbling, along with All Male Hip Hop classes, are especially popular for boys.

"We have a special enrollment



for boys," Nina said. "If their sister takes a class here, boys can enroll in one free dance class."

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Nina, along with dance instructors Kerri Walega, Sarah Benish and Danielle Capaldi and tumbling instructor Melissa Meadows, grew up dancing from their toddler years at Gayle's Dance Phase.

"You reach a point when you're done with dancing and move on to teaching," Nina said. "We all danced at Gayle's Dance Phase. Having that family base, Gayle and Tina have brought us in as family as well."

Gayle's Dance Phase is located at 51770 Grand River Ave. in Wixom. Call 248-305-5600 to enroll over the phone.

Walk-in registration is also welcome from noon to 6 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays.

Visit the Regional Marketplace page Thursday, Aug. 27, for information on Gayle's Dance Phase Competitive Dance Program!

## Congratulations National Dancers!

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The ProMover program aids consumers by providing an identifiable measure of quality while, at the same time, enhancing the moving industry by encouraging and recognizing high professional achievement.

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Signatory Agreement affirming that they agree to uphold AMSA's Code of Ethics and bylaws, to use/display any AMSA logo, including the ProMover logo, in a professional manner, and to observe all FMCSA/STB consumer regulations.

Hino holds competition

Hino Trucks held their first ever National Service Skills Competition at their training facility in Novi. The Skills Competition brings together Hino dealer service technicians from across the country that have achieved Master Elite Technician designation and puts them head-to-head against each other in varying simulated service-related situations.

After completing one of the industry's most comprehensive training programs, the technician is ready to tackle the ultimate challenge - the annual Hino Honors National Skills Competition. This year's Hino Master Elite Technicians included in the competition were: Daniel Burstein, Rush Truck Center, El Paso, Texas; John Wiggins, Hino of Wichita, Kan.; Michael Willoughby, Rush Truck Center, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Greg Zibek, Chicago Mack Sales & Service, Summit, Ill.

### Oliver/Hatcher renovates space for GM

For 15 weeks ending Aug. 1, Novi-based Oliver/Hatcher Construction renovated 160,000 square feet of warehouse space for the new General Motors Corporation lithium-ion battery pack assembly facility in Brownstown Township.

Oliver/Hatcher's work on the GM Brownstown Battery Assembly plant included interior renovations of the facility's manufacturing and office space and new mechanical, utility and air piping systems.

GM is currently installing equipment in the facility, and will start producing battery packs in fourth quarter 2010 to support the launch of GM's Chevrolet Volt electric vehicle.

The plant will also produce battery packs for future GM extended-range electric vehicles.

The facility is in the Brownstown Business Center, an industrial park owned Ashley Capital and located about 14 miles southwest of Detroit.

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.

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BY SALLY RUMMEL  
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"In addition to our skills as primary care providers, you and your family will have access to cardiologists, orthopedic and colorectal surgeons, urologists, obstetricians and gynecologists, pediatricians and ophthalmologists at Beaumont," Dr. Nicoloff said.

Yet this large network of health care comes right down to the one-on-one personalized attention your family will receive from your primary care physician here in Novi.

Specializing in health care for women, a mother and daughter may be interested in utilizing the skills of Dr. Elizabeth Morelli. She has been practicing medicine for four years, establishing her skills as a family physician with specialized training in geriatrics and multi-generational care.

A native of Northville, Dr. Morelli joined the practice in January and already enjoys the rewards and satisfaction of practicing medicine in her hometown area. She has been a Beaumont doctor since 2007.

Dr. George Nicoloff's family practice specialty is enhanced by a subspecialty in sports medicine.

As the team physician for Livonia Stevenson High School — his alma mater — Dr. Nicoloff provides care and coverage for their entire athletic program.

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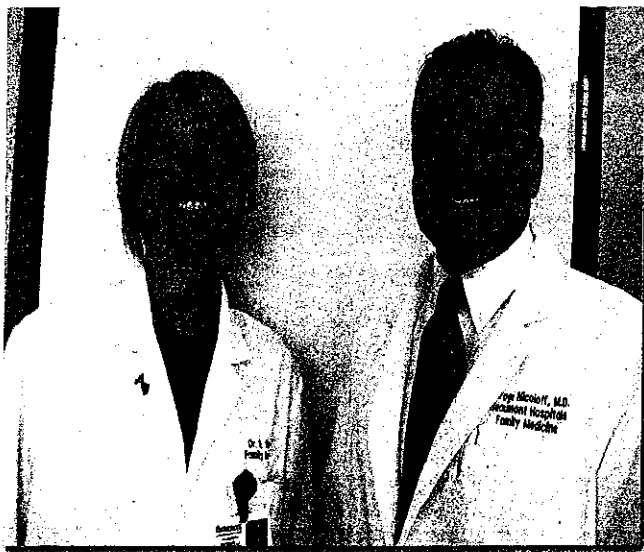
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(Above) Dr. Elizabeth Morelli, a native of Northville, joined the practice in January and has been a Beaumont doctor since 2007.



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**Answer to Last Week's Puzzle**

1 Down the road? Highway  
2 Lord of the rings? Gandalf  
3 Spicy subject? Pepper  
4 Envy? Jealous  
5 Early bird? Cuckoo  
6 N.A.S.A. toward? Mars  
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NOW **\$28,205\***

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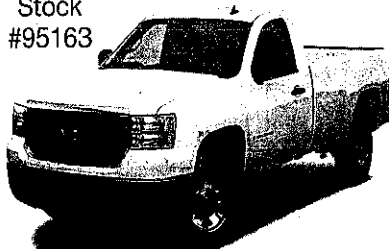
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Was \$19,790  
NOW **\$11,965\***

**\$179\***  
\$995 Down

**0%\***  
72 mo. **\$132\*** PER MO.

Was \$21,964  
NOW **\$13,766\***

**\$191\***  
\$995 Down

**0%\***  
72 mo. **\$218\*** PER MO.

Was \$32,700  
NOW **\$23,502\***

**\$318\***  
\$995 Down

**0%\***  
72 mo. **\$352\*** PER MO.

### 2009 PONTIAC G3

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Stk. #90280



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Was \$16,685  
NOW **\$7,629\***

**\$109\***  
\$995 Down

**0%\***  
72 mo. **\$132\*** PER MO.

Was \$19,835  
NOW **\$10,490\***

**\$149\***  
\$995 Down

**0%\***  
72 mo. **\$191\*** PER MO.

Was \$24,225  
NOW **\$12,995\***

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