

## ALL-AREA BASKETBALL

Novi's Samer Ozeir named Player of the Year, B1

## Hometown Life Woman

Yoga explosion, cool umbrellas and much more

THURSDAY

April 1,  
2010

Hometown Weeklies

Volume 54  
Number 45

\$1.00

# NOVI NEWS

online at hometownlife.com

SPECIAL SECTION INSIDE

NOVI PUBLIC LIBRARY

#11710

## NOVI NUTSHELL

### Price increase

Effective Thursday, April 1, the single copy price of the Novi News will be \$1. The Novi News provides the best and most comprehensive coverage of community news, schools, sports, local business and local advertising. We sincerely appreciate your readership and look forward to serving you in the future. Call (866) 887-2737 for convenient home delivered, money-saving rates.

### Concert series

Newport Furnishings, on Grand River Avenue, will host Bill Bynum at 8 p.m. Saturday. The Concert Series is sponsored by MichiganFolkLive.com and Newport Furnishings and is held on the comfortable furniture in Newport Furnishings' Wixom showroom.

Although a Detroit native, Bill's musical roots are in the south. His parents migrated from Black Oak, Arkansas to work in Detroit's steel industry in the 1940s, bringing—like many others—their love for bluegrass and country music. Bill grew up listening to artists like Johnny Cash and Buck Owens on Detroit's country radio station, "The Big D." Detroit rock drove Bill's early musical career. But in 1999, Bill turned on the radio and heard "Yours Forever Blue" by Steve Earle and the Del McCoury Band. From that moment on he found himself with a "nonstop desire to hear and play those songs." Soon he was writing them too. Bill is a first-prize winner in the Metro Detroit Songwriting Showcase with his song "Lovin' You." He has collaborated with bluegrass legend Pete Goble, an International Bluegrass Music Association Lifetime Achievement Award winner.

For more information, e-mail [stevenjohnson@michiganfolklive.com](mailto:stevenjohnson@michiganfolklive.com) or call (248) 910-4941.

### Eggs-citing!

There will be over 8,000 eggs for children to hunt at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 3 at the Easter Eggstravaganza at First Church of the Nazarene (east side of Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road). Enjoy an "Egging" show by Big Blast Ministries; photos with the Easter Bunny; games, crafts; prizes, hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks. Save time by registering online ([dfc-nazarene.org](http://dfc-nazarene.org)) until March 31. After, please plan to register at the door.



(From left) Natalie Gaines, Hope Goodearl, Don Gaines and Tom Dewey hold a hand-made cross which will be carried by members and friends of Meadowbrook Congregational Church and Novi United Methodist Church on Good Friday.

## Area churches join together for Cross Walk Event to reflect on crucifixion of Jesus

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

A pair of Novi churches will join together tomorrow for a silent walk and reflection on the meaning of Jesus' death by carrying a replica cross from one church to the other.

Members from Meadowbrook Congregational Church and Novi United Methodist Church are observing Good Friday in a different way by doing the Cross Walk, a mile-long walk that will be quiet, solemn and meditative.

Walkers will take turns carrying the cross as a reminder of the burden Jesus endured that day.

"The walking and the cross about both symbols of what he participated in during his last day," said Meadowbrook Congregational Church Rev. Art Ritter. "It's about remembering Jesus in a symbolic way."

The cross weighs approximately 50 pounds and is made out of wood. It was designed and built by Don Gaines and Tom Dewey, both members of Meadowbrook Congregational Church.

The walk begins at 6 p.m. at Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Road, with song and prayer and ends at Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 Ten Mile Road, with a final song and prayer.

Novi United Methodist Church Rev. June Smith also invites the walkers to walk the labyrinth located at their church following the Cross Walk.

For more information, call Meadowbrook Congregational Church at (248) 348-7757 or Novi United Methodist Church at (248) 349-2652.

The walk is open to the public.

[nmueller@gannett.com](mailto:nmueller@gannett.com) | (248) 437-2011, ext. 255

## Fire crews snuff out pair of fires

Seven trucks burned in first, garage destroyed in second

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

It was a busy Saturday morning for the Novi Fire Department as it was thrust into action to put out a pair of fires in less than a three-hour span.

The first blaze was reported at 1:38 a.m. after a truck driver noticed smoke in the area of Grand River Avenue. A Novi police officer confirmed the fire at CZ Cartage at 48735 Grand River Avenue, and fire personnel arrived shortly thereafter.

Director of EMS and Fire Operations Jeff Johnson said when they arrived seven semi-trucks were totally consumed by fire and the diesel fuel tanks were feeding it. Flames were shooting up about 20-to-30-feet in the air and a thick cloud of black smoke filled the sky.

A total of 10 fire vehicles and 31 firefighters battled the blaze, successfully keeping it from spreading to the building that was only about 12 feet away. Johnson said the combination of a good plan of attack and a southeast wind helped them protect the facility from suffering more than heat damage.

The firefighters used bigger fire hoses and foam to put the fire out in just over an hour.

Johnson said it was a tricky situation because the diesel fuel could have led to a large explosion, and they wanted to keep the runoff fuel from possibly getting into the water system.

The investigation as to what started the fire is still ongoing, but officials are looking at one of the trucks to see if it was the source.

"At this point we don't suspect (arson), but the investigation is still open," Johnson said.

While fire crews were still cleaning up the site, another call came in at 4:21 a.m. for a garage fire on the 23000 block of Forest Park Drive.

The two adults and two children had vacated the house when fire crews arrived and the fire, which started in the sidewall of the garage, had spread to the rafters.

"This was a case where the smoke detectors worked and alerted the family and they were able to get out," Johnson said.

A fire engine returning to the station from the previous fire was able to get to the home quickly and crews prevented the fire from spreading to the home that was attached to the garage.

There was a car inside the garage at the time, but it only sustained some smoke and heat damage. Officials estimate the total loss at \$40,000, and said the cause of the fire was accidental. They are still investigating the scene to find out what triggered it.

The night didn't end after this either as crews were dispatched to another call about a possible fire that ended up not being anything serious. The heating unit in the home had malfunctioned.

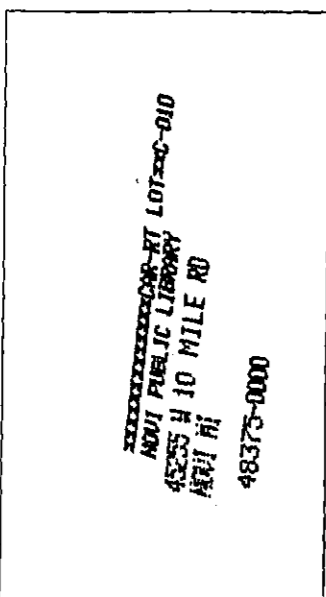
Still, Johnson said it was a long shift and credits his crews for staying focused.

"We got stretched to the limit," he said. "It was taxing to them mentally and physically but they are trained and know how to do their jobs."

One firefighter did sustain a minor burn on his leg during the truck fires but he was back to work the next day.

### Contact Us

- News/Advertising: (248) 437-2011
- Classified Advertising: (800) 579-7355
- Delivery: (866) 887-2737
- Mail: 101 N. Lafayette St.  
South Lyon, MI 48178



### Index

APARTMENTS .....	C5
AUTOMOTIVE .....	C6
CAREER BUILDER .....	C1
CROSSWORD PUZZLE .....	C2
EDUCATION .....	A5
NEIGHBORS .....	A14
OBITUARIES .....	A6
OPINION .....	A10
REAL ESTATE .....	C2
SERVICE GUIDE .....	C5
SPORTS .....	B1
STRICTLY BUSINESS .....	B4



## City submits application for Landings grant

Council agrees to 30 percent match

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

The city of Novi has had a good track record when it comes to receiving grant money for projects.

And officials hope that success continues in December when the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board selects its award recommendations.

A positive recommendation would mean the now vacant Landings property would start its transition into a public park, a project that has been a long time coming.

"I think what this resolution does is it makes clear to our residents both in the immediate area and citywide the intent of this council for this property," said Novi Councilman Andrew Mutch at the March 22 City Council meeting where the grant application was approved. "Obviously, this is just one step in realizing this vision. And, hopefully, with a successful grant application we will be able to take another step forward and make this property available for all our residents to enjoy."

Please see **LANDINGS, A2**

## Free Checking

Convenience you expect.

Outstanding service you deserve.



(734) 455-1200 (877) 937-2328 toll free [www.cfu.org](http://www.cfu.org)  
PLYMOUTH CANTON NORTHVILLE NOVI

NCUA Your savings federally insured to at least \$250,000 and backed by the full faith and credit of the United States Government. Equal Housing Lender. ©2009 Community Financial



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**Wearin' o' the green**

Scott Casey, above right, director of the Livonia-based Harmony Town barbershop chorus group gets them ready for a St. Patrick's Day presentation at the Novi Senior Center. Lauretta Heaphy (right), who claims to be a genuine Irish product, smiles during the Novi Senior Center's St. Patrick's Day party on March 17.



**THINKING ABOUT...**

A NEW A/C or FURNACE?



Receive up to a... **\$1,400.00** Rebate\*

Plus Up to a **\$1,500** Federal tax credit

Plus Up to a **\$500** Utility company rebate

FREE ESTIMATES Visit Our Showroom! Our 36th Year!

UNITED TEMPERATURE 8919 MIDDLEBELT • LIVONIA (734) 525-1930

**LANDINGS**

FROM PAGE A1

The grant application had to be submitted by today and required a minimum 25 percent local match. The city chose to match 30 percent in order to obtain additional points that would give them a better chance of being awarded the grant money.

The total project cost, which includes park infrastructure, promenade walkway, small fishing pier, landscaping, historical marker and park sign, is \$625,000. The city match would be \$187,500, with \$437,500 coming from the 2009-10 parks, recreation and cultural services budget, \$29,000 from the tree fund and \$50,000 from the Park Foundation Naming Rights Fund and \$60,000 from the future city budget.

Randy Auler, director of parks, recreation and cultural services, said quality parks are

an important part of the community, and this opportunity was too good to pass up.

"Study after study shows that communities that stop funding their parks and recreation have quality of life issues and are communities that spiral downward," he said. "It is a critical piece in making the community a livable community, and attracts citizens and businesses."

City Manager Clay Pearson said maintaining and improving the park system is a core city service, and makes no qualms about spending the money on the Landings property.

"It's been proved it is a factor in quality of life and people expect investments to be made," he said.

If Novi receives the grant in December, the state will allocate the funds in June 2011 and the city would need the matching funds by the fall of 2011.

emma@hometownlife.com | (248) 437-2011, ext. 255

**Dion completes interview process with Federal Way**

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Novi Community School District Superintendent Pete Dion said his interest to become the leader of Federal Way School District in Washington state is not a knock against Novi.

Instead, the job would be a chance for him to further his career that has already spanned 37 years in Michigan.

Dion, who is in his fifth year in the district, said Novi has "been a great place to work and live," but Federal Way is an "attractive opportunity for me."

"It has always been a passion of mine to be in a culturally diverse district and a large district," he said.



Dion

Federal Way fits that criteria with 37 schools featuring more than 23,000 students who speak more than 100 languages. Dion also had nothing but praise for the district, from its location to its quality administrators, staff and parents, when he returned from his interview last Wednesday.

School board members from Federal Way visited with Novi administrators, principals, parents, teachers and board members on Monday with a decision expected next week.

Waterford School District Superintendent Robert Neu is the other candidate for the job, and Federal Way officials were expected to head there on Tuesday.

Dion spent time as a superintendent in Birch Run (three years) and Grosse Ile (seven years) before coming to Novi in 2005.

Novi Board of Education President Ann Glubinski was part of the interview process but didn't have an indication one way or the other who Federal Way was going to choose.

She said the district "wishes Pete all the success if this is a door that opens for him." Discussions as to what to do if he leaves have not taken place and will not until a decision is made, she said.

**RIVERSIDE COMMONS RANCHES - COLONIALS**  
In the Village of Millford from the \$190's  
A Riverfront Community offered by OMEGA HOMES  
Visit OmegaHomes.com Or call (248) 685-2020

**NO SAD DOGS!**  
When you leave home, your pet doesn't have to  
**Platinum Pet Service**  
Insured, Bonded, Pet Tech Certified  
- References Available  
Pet Sitting, Dog Training, Dog Walking  
**10% Discount for New Clients**  
**15% Discount for Referrals**  
Monthly Specials  
Serving Plymouth, Northville, Canton, Livonia and Ann Arbor  
Phone 734-787-0038  
e-mail: info@platinumpet.com  
Website: www.platinumpet.com

**THE NOVI NEWS**  
Published Each Thursday  
By The Novi News  
101 Lafayette  
South Lyon, Michigan 48178  
Periodical  
At South Lyon, Michigan

Mail Subscription Rates:  
In-County: \$32 for one year. Out of County (in Michigan): \$47.60 for one year. Out of State: \$59.50 for one year. For delivery call 888-368-3742.

The Novi News is published by Federated Publications, Inc. a wholly owned subsidiary of Garbutt Co. Inc. Postmaster, send address changes to: The Novi News, 4154 Concept Drive, Plymouth, MI 48170. POLICY STATEMENT: All advertising published in The Novi News is subject to the conditions stated in the applicable rate card, copies of which are available from the advertising department. The Novi News, 101 Lafayette, South Lyon, Michigan 48178. (248-349-1700). The Novi News reserves the right not to accept an advertiser's order. The Novi News ad-takers have no authority to bind the newspaper and only publication of an advertisement shall constitute final acceptance of the advertiser's order.

Publication Number USPS 989820

**NOVI VEIN**  
We bring legs back to life.  
Treatment in under an hour with the latest technology. No downtime, no stripping.

**Eliminate leg pain and fatigue**

46325 W. 12 Mile Road, Suite 305, Novi • West of Novi Road, near I-96  
248.344.9110 • www.novivein.com

You may have a medical condition covered by insurance known as Venous Insufficiency. If you experience any of these leg symptoms:  
• Pain/Aching/Tiredness of Legs  
• Heaviness of feet/ankles  
• Restless Legs  
• Night cramps  
• Itchy veins  
• Varicose veins  
• Non-healing ulcers

**NEW TREATMENT**  
Only provider of Veinwave™ in the state of Michigan, a new safe and effective treatment of rosacea and facial veins.

**Jeffrey H. Miller, MD**  
Board Certified Dermatologist

**Noted Best Dental Office In Northville**  
By The People's Choice Award In The Northville Record

**Jeffrey Jaghab, D.D.S.**  
**Stephanie Jaghab, D.D.S.**

**Dr. Jeffrey & Stephanie Jaghab & Family**

**Office Hours:**  
Monday 7am-4pm  
Tuesday 7am-4pm  
Wednesday 7am-4pm  
Thursday 7am-4pm  
First Sunday Of The Month 8am-1pm

**(248) 349-2750**

Check us out on the Web every day at hometownlife.com

**Residents can now consume alcohol at civic center, library**

Policy will be reviewed after six months

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Council member Bob Gatt said during his seven years on the City Council and 35 years of service to the city he never had a resident tell him they wanted to drink alcohol at city hall or the library.

Kathy Crawford, who said she rarely gets phone calls regarding issues, was inundated with calls from residents who did not want alcohol served in a public place.

But despite their opposition, the Novi City Council approved a policy by a 4-2 vote to allow alcohol in those facilities on a six-month trial basis.

"It only takes one tragedy and one accident to alter lives forever more," Gatt said.

"Alcohol permeates our society, there is no question about that, and we are not going to do anything about that. But there should be safe places, and a safe place should be city hall, should be the library, should be where children go or where people go to recreate."

Council member Andrew Mutch, who voted in favor of the policy, said he also received a lot of negative feedback from concerned residents. But he attributed that concern to a lack of understanding by everyone as to what the rules were before and how this policy provides more clarity.

He also said the council needed to do a better job showing how the policy works. Serving alcohol at the library is at the discretion of the library board and limited to after-hours events, and other rules for both facilities include requiring a \$500 deposit that guarantees compliance with the rules; no alcohol consumption at any city facility between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Monday through Friday; no alcohol can be taken from the facility; alcohol service is limited to beer, wine and champagne; and hard liquor and beer kegs are not allowed among other stipulations.

A trained bartender is required for any licensed event or private party over 25 people and insurance and a hold harmless agreement are needed.

There also is a two-drink limit, a rule Gatt said will be hard to enforce.

"Who will be sitting there watching who gets two drinks and who gets 12 drinks?" he said.

During previous council meetings, some members said the policy is not intended to be a revenue generator but will allow residents to better use the facilities they own.

Crawford disagrees.

"They own the DPW building and they own police cars, but we don't let them drive them," she said. "So I'm of the feeling that just because the public owns these buildings, it doesn't mean we would allow everything to happen here such as allowing alcohol."

Applying the policy on a trial basis was a selling point for several of the council members in favor of the policy.

"If we have concerns or problems with the application of this, I am more than willing to reconsider this down the road," Mutch said.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**Helping the needy**

Joanne Miller, a volunteer at the Novi Senior Center, loads a box of groceries into a client's car for the monthly Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program and Focus Hope distribution. Needy Novi senior residents can receive Focus Hope help once and month and the TEFAP program is available once every three months. For information about eligibility, call Jan McAlpine at the center at (248) 347-0421.

nmueller@hometownlife.com | (248) 437-2011, ext. 255

**Parks director to interview for Ohio post**

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Randy Auler, director of parks, recreation and cultural services, is one of 11 candidates set to interview to be the next director of the Westerville Parks and Recreation Department in Ohio.

Auler is going on his ninth year with the city of Novi and said he is not looking to leave, but decided to accept the interview after being contacted by a search firm because "it's worth looking at."

"I'm really happy where I am and I love Novi, the staff and the team we have, and I am excited about the direction we are heading," he said last Thursday.

Westerville has an extensive park system with 46 parks and facilities spanning 559 acres. The parks and recreation department also has won the gold medal for Excellence in Parks and Recreation Management for Class IV in 2001 and 2007.

Novi City Manager Clay Pearson said Westerville is another "first class" city, but hopes Auler stays in Novi.

"It speaks well to Randy and the Novi organization that he is being sought after," he said.

The first round of interviews have not been set up. The new director will replace Jody Stowers, who served as director for 14 years before retiring in February.

nmueller@hometownlife.com | (248) 437-2011, ext. 255

It's so much **more** than this.

Don't settle for just chocolate bunnies and colored eggs this year... revel in the true glory of Easter! Celebrate the hope and promise that Jesus offers with great music from our live band, meaningful teaching, and knock-your-socks-off kids' programs.

**OAKPOINTE CHURCH**  
www.oakpointe.org  
p: 248.912.0043 // 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi, MI 48374

**FREE WEIGHT LOSS PROGRAM**  
FREE CONSULTATION PRIOR TO STARTING PROGRAM

**Keith J. Pierre, MD**  
Internal Medicine  
38525 Eight Mile Road  
Livonia, MI 48152  
248.321.6612  
Call for Directions!

**NEW PATIENTS**

**FACT #1: Wearing hearing aids can improve your relationships at home.**

**PERSONALIZED HEARING CARE, INC.**  
Audiology and Hearing Aids

South Lyon 321 Pettibone Ave., Suite 105, 248-437-5505  
Westland 35337 West Warren Rd. 734-467-5100

Open M-Th 9-5 • Sat. & Eve. by appt.

Specializing in diagnosing hearing loss and fitting hearing aids for over 18 years

We provide a complete line of digital hearing aids for every lifestyle and budget

Locally owned and operated

Bring this ad in for a free pack of batteries and a complimentary clean and check on your current hearing aids. Bring in a friend for a hearing test and receive a special gift. Limited time only. Come in today!!

# ATTENTION: ALL NOVI & NORTHVILLE CAR OWNERS

The City of Novi has forced us to remove our "OPEN" Sign & Tire Displays, but we want you to know that we are still

Open 7 Days A Week M-F 7-7 Sat. 8-4 Sun. 10-4

We Still Have Our Famous

Basic Oil Change **\$17.95** Only

**Kendall.**

Up to 5 qt. 5W/30 oil. Premium oils extra. Oil filter & lube. Most cars & light trucks. No other discounts apply + disposal fee. With Coupon. Expires 5/15/2010.

with Every 7th Oil Change **FREE**

...And we are still your local Goodyear, Dunlop, Kelly & Cooper Franchised Dealer

**5% Off** Any **GOODYEAR** **DUNLOP** **KELLY & COOPER TIRES**

Tire Sold by Novi-Motive

Our Prices Include:

- Free Mounting • Free Balancing • Free Lifetime Rotation
  - Free Lifetime Repair - If Repairable
- Purchase Four Tires and Receive a FREE Computerized Alignment Measurement with Print Out.

Cannot be combined with any other Novi-Motive discounts. Expires 5/15/2010.

**NOVI-MOTIVE**

21530 Novi Rd.

(Between 8 & 9 Mile Rds.)

248-349-0290

www.novimotive.net

Look for the "TINY" Blue Sign!

## Sixty-nine Wildcats inducted into National Honor Society

At total of 69 students from Novi High School were inducted into membership of the National Honor Society in a ceremony held at the school on March 16.

Members were selected by a Faculty Council for meeting high standards of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. David Molloy, Novi's chief of police, was the keynote speaker at the ceremony.

Of the 69 students, there were 59 sophomores, and 10 juniors. The new inductees join a group of 120 previous members of the organization at Novi High School.

"National Honor Society members are chosen for and then expected to continue their exemplary contributions to the school and community," said Barbara Clift, chapter adviser.

The Novi High School Chapter has been active since 1968.

The National Honor Society ranks as one of the oldest and most prestigious national organizations for high school students. Chapters exist in more than 60 percent of the nation's high schools and, since 1921, millions of students have been selected for membership.

### NOVI HIGH SCHOOL 2010 NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES

Adapa, Nikhil Ashtani, Jaana Bhardwaj, Deepanshu Brusher, Alex Brusher, Elyse Burnio, Melanie Carlson, Erik Chandler, Abby Chen, Lucia Chinthalapuri, Subodh Cullen, Steve Fahome, Dylan Falsetti, Mikaela Faraon, Kalafina Feight, Joshua Greenhalgh, Nicole Greeshover, Chris Griesinger, Brianna Groehel, Katie Haryoshi, Ena Hartmus, Allison Huang, Angela Jain, Ayushi Jenkins, Zoe Jiang, Alice Jocz, Michael Johnson, Danielle Kelley, Mackenzie Kim, Baekkyoum Kim, Derek A. Kolis, Sarah	Kwerdis, Emily Laskowski, Matthew Lee, Allen Liu, Shuo-Yu Mandalaparty, Shivraani Masserant, Zach McCloskey, Kelly McClure, Matthew McMahan, Brooke Miller, Alyssa Miller, Megan Musku, Shraya Naidu, Rubini Nakamura, Nina Nielsen, Evan Padmanabhan, Sachin Panyam, Vivek Parikh, Megan Paul, Shankha Pasquale, Kevin Pinreddy, Ramya Ram, Vedant Ramshekar, Aniket Rathi, Benjamin Robbins, Katie Rodrigues, Danika Sarangi, Anshuman Scott, Taylor Shahen, Leah Sherman, Angela	Smith, Wallace Song, Katie Spisak, Dayna Sweda, Joseph Wang, Abigail Widner, Alison Widner, Alison Panyam, Vivek Parikh, Megan Paul, Shankha Pasquale, Kevin Pasquale, Michael Pinreddy, Ramya Ram, Vedant Ramshekar, Aniket Rathi, Benjamin Robbins, Katie Rodrigues, Danika Sarangi, Anshuman Scott, Taylor Shahen, Leah Sherman, Angela Widner, Alison
--	--	---

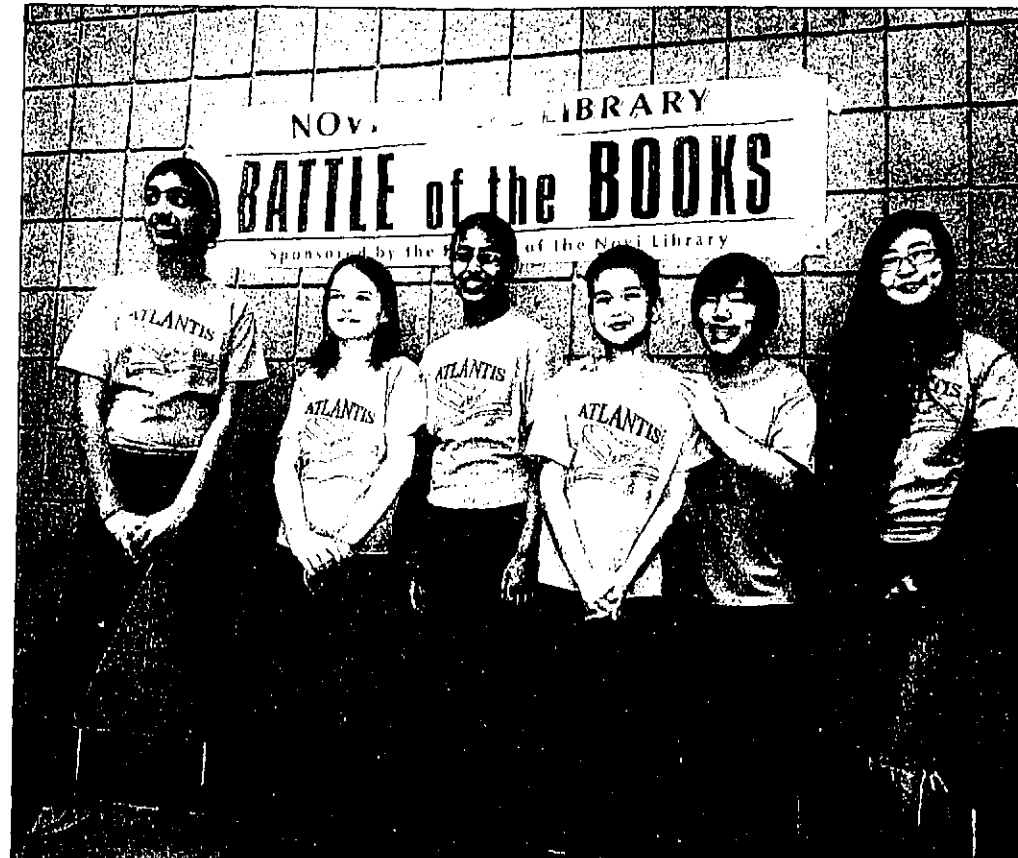


JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

### Life lesson

Meg Anderson helps Novi Woods' student Katelyn Katinas, 9, through an exercise to show kids what it would be like to be blind and need to get around with a cane. An Oakland County Schools' Disability Awareness Workshop visited the school on March 4 and gave the kids a chance to try many different stations which gave them new understanding about what a disabled person might have to deal with.

# EDUCATION



Team Atlantis - Ria Joshi, Shannon Murphy, Elena Komesu, Saachi Pawa, Mitchell Huang, Yeajoon Lee - is coached by Rupali Joshi.

## Team Atlantis wins Battle of the Books

The Youth and Teen Services Department of The Novi Public Library would like to recognize the 91 fifth and sixth grade Novi children who participated in the Seventh Annual Battle of the Books at the Novi Civic Center on March 20.

Thirteen teams read the same six books and came together in a competition to answer questions about those books.

We celebrate the commitment of their parents and coaches who spent so many hours reading and preparing these youngsters for the competition. To us, every single one of these young persons is a winner for participating in our event.

**1ST PLACE**  
Team Atlantis: Ria Joshi, Shannon Murphy, Elena Komesu, Saachi Pawa, Mitchell Huang, Yeajoon Lee. Coach Rupali Joshi

**2ND PLACE**  
The Star Readers: Rohan Batra, Raj Bramhane, Vivek Chinimilli, Subhas Chinthalapuri, Abhinav Koorapati, Shashank Swaminathan. Coach Sree Chinimilli

**3RD PLACE**  
Book Warriors: Tejaswi Bayya, Kashyap Kandikonda, Ram Kapistalam, Kaushik Ravi, Manogina Satyavolu,

Tulluri. Coach Lalitha Bayya/Co-Coach Sachin Padmanabhan

### OTHER TEAMS

Blue J's: Christopher Deneweth, Alex Dietrich, Jacob Dougherty, Austin DuBois, Zachary Martinez, Kevin Tice. Coach Kim Tice  
Book Assassins: Raghav Doke, Saitheja Gadde, Gokul Kanan, Aarya Menon, Gautham Ravi. Coach Rajashree Natarajan

Book Brains: Sahana Chakravarti, Shradha Jadhav, Nandita Kapur, Sonakshi Raju, Anjali Vaishnav. Coach Sadhna Vaishnav

Cover Page Girls: Emma Hammelef, Marissa Huth, Holly Shuffett. Coach Danielle Hammelef

Malace: Aastha Dharja, Maria Elkin, Emily Richmond, Carolyn Watson, Leah Wright, Adeline Zamora. Coach Kim Richmond

Murderers: Dhruva Athreya, Joshua Blossfeld, Brendan Campbell, Sai Goutur, Dylan Rushton, Daniel Shao. Coach Daniel Blossfeld

Mickey Mouse Clubhouse: Ally Cummings, Kendall Gulau, Lucy Horne, Sydney Johnson, Sarah Patton, Emily Tomkinson. Coach: Denise Cummings.

Rockin' Readers: Connor Betts, Scott Latham, Michael Matson, Drew Olsen, Soorya Ramappan, Matthew Ross.

Coach Tammy Latham.

Figers: Diane Flynn, Nicholas Gessler, Eric Landy, Mayukh Nath, John Stefan, Matthew Yang. Coach Donna Jiang

Toads, Beetles, and Bats: Kristin Gunklemin, Dana Kilponen, Alison Mascarenhas, Lauren Nelson, Aria Thakore, Rebecca Youngs. Coach Vanita Mascarenhas

The following teen volunteers gave up their Saturday afternoon to offer us a hands-on experience with the book. Kyle Kilponen, Neha Senadri, Alex Stock and Unch Thakore. Lastly, we would like to thank the Friends of the Novi Library for their financial support of this program. Without their help, this program would not be possible.

Bonus: Skating Rink was kind enough to donate coupons to each of our participants.

Since we know that reading habits begin in childhood, we do well to focus a substantial amount of our energy on making reading and the use of the public library relevant to this segment of our population. Activities like Battle of the Books, we believe, do this in an entertaining manner.

Submitted by Kelly Kolchuk, Suzanne Carpenter, Jennifer Preston, and Phyllis Weeks: Youth and Teen Services Librarians, Novi Public Library.

### NOVI ON CAMPUS

#### Michigan State University

Northville High School graduate and Novi resident Katie Beth Jingoian (Arts and Letters College, apparel and textiles major) was named to the fall 2009 semester Dean's List.

#### Central Michigan University

The December 2009 Honors List includes the following Novi students: Shannon Barbour, Monica Barlage, Shawn Baxter, Joseph Betro, Amanda Brown, Jeremy Church, Stephanie Clos, Paul Cunningham, Elizabeth Fields, Benjamin Foerg, Evan Gabe, Elaine Grech, Nicole Grimes, Robert Low, Kristen Marzonia, Consuelo McAboy, Claudia Micolici, Kelsi Olkowski, Derek Pivetz, Brent Rau, Marie Ruhl, Kimberly

Sankovic, Matthew Schaffer, Keith Slopes, Alexandra Simon, Kaitlyn Stanford, Cacey Staschke, Randall Taraglia, Matthew Thompson and Robert Yusko.

Four Novi students - Shawn Boucke, Albert Marks II, Keith Slawinski and Derrick Welsbacher - graduated in December 2009.

#### Villanova University

Joseph Fransted, a freshman from Novi, has been named to the Dean's List for the 2009 fall semester in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. To qualify for the Dean's List, one must be a matriculated full-time student and earn a semester grade point average of 3.5.

#### Kettering University

Three Novi students -- Artur Sen, Rima Jasser and Shu-Hsin Bredthauer - each

received an undergraduate degree from Kettering University at the December 2009 commencement ceremonies.

Novi's Ryan Gee made the Dean's List for the spring 2009 semester. It is an honor earned by students, who in a given term, have attained a minimum weighted grade average of 92.0 out of a possible 100, have received no grades below 85, and have earned a minimum of 16 credits.

#### Berklee College of Music

Max Landry of Novi has earned placement on the Dean's List for the fall semester of the 2009 academic year. To be eligible for this honor, a full-time student must achieve a grade point average of 3.4 or above; a part-time student must achieve a grade point average of 3.6 or above.

### NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS

#### Novi choral members compete in state fest

The Novi High School choral department continued its successful competition season on March 26, with several individuals and groups earning top honors at the Michigan School Vocal Music Association State Solo and Ensemble Festival at Walled Lake Central High School.

The Women's Ensemble, consisting of the soprano and alto members of the Novi Singers elite choir, performed

"Come Ye Makers of Song" by Ruth Watson Henderson and a Renaissance Motet, "Domine Fili Unigenite," by Palestrina. The Men's Ensemble, made up of the tenor and bass members from the Novi Singers, followed in the competition, performing "Blow Ye The Trumpet" by Kirke Mechem and the rousing "Vive L'Amour," arranged by Alice Parker and Robert Shaw.

Both ensembles received top overall rankings of 18 for their performances and sight-reading evaluations.

Novi students receiving

Is in solo competition were juniors Makena Bauss and Joseph Leppke and senior Laura Bayley. A trio of Makena Bauss, Brianna Blossfeld and Chelsea Radgens also received a 1 in ensemble competition.

Additionally, Leppke was selected as an alternate soloist for the Michigan Youth Arts Festival Soloist Recital.

The choral department will round out its competition season with all three choirs participating in the MSVMA state choir competition at Rochester High School in April.



## Let's PAWS to applaud extraordinary kids.

Do you know a child or teenager who goes above and beyond to make your community, neighborhood, or family better?

Tell us your story in 500 words or less. One winning essay will be chosen each month to receive:

- 4 tickets to a Detroit Tigers Game
- Autographed Detroit Tigers Item
- 1 Hot & Ready Little Caesars Pizza
- Pre-Game recognition at a Detroit Tigers Game

Email your essay to:

cbjordan@hometownlife.com

Subject line: "PAWS FOR APPLAUSE"

or mail it to:

Attn: Choya Jordan

Observer & Eccentric Newspapers/Hometown Weeklies

615 W. Lafayette Blvd., Detroit, MI 48226

Please include the child's name, age, phone number and address.

**OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC NEWSPAPERS**  
**HOMETOWN WEEKLIES**  
ALWAYS A TIGER

Contest is open to kids up to 18 years old.

Cheer for the hometeam, read today's SPORTS section



### HOWE Affordable Education Away From Home

Please join us for an informational reception Thursday, Apr 15, 7-9 PM

St. John's Golf & Conference Center  
44045 Five Mile Road  
Plymouth, MI

- ♦ Grades 5-12, Co-ed
- ♦ 100% college attendance rate for 2009 graduates
- ♦ Ranked as JROTC honor school with distinction
- ♦ Full competitive athletic program
- ♦ Fully accredited by State of Indiana, NCA and ISACS
- ♦ Diverse international enrollment

888-462-4693 ♦ www.howemilitary.com

Check us out on the Web every day at hometownlife.com

Full Force!

Frog Force 503, Novi High School's Robotics Team, won the District Chairman's Award on March 13 at the Ann Arbor District Competition.



NOVI COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Bunny hops to Twelve Oaks

The bunny trail leads to Twelve Oaks this spring as the Easter Bunny hops into the Central Park Garden in the Lower Level Center Court through Saturday, April 3.

Funding for this program was made possible as a result of the Novi Police Department's drug forfeiture funds. This 90-minute presentation starts at 6:30 p.m., when participants will enter a mock bedroom of a teenager that has been set up to resemble a teenage drug user's room.

Support the Choralaires

The Novi Choralaires are having their annual Patron Drive now through April 10. It is their most important fundraiser of the year and will allow them to continue to provide quality musical entertainment to residents of the greater Novi area.

The non-profit group is asking business and individuals to consider supporting the Novi Choralaires during their annual Patron Drive with a financial donation in one of the following categories:

Registration deadline nears for May 4 election. Monday, April 5 is the last day to register to vote for the May 4 election; stop by your Secretary of State branch office or your local clerk's office.

Young adults with a solution. Wonder if your children are taking drugs or abusing alcohol? Want to learn what signs to look for? Want to know what to do if you suspect signs of drug or alcohol abuse.

Learn about Alcohols Anonymous. Learn what drugs are available to our young adults on the streets, at home and how your kids are obtaining them.

Additional election information can be found at www.Michigan.gov/soa.

Providence Hospital will be hosting a lecture, Memory Concerns: Is it Normal Aging or Alzheimer's?, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 13 in the Novi hospital's Conference Room A, Outpatient Building.

Presentations, titled Drugs 101: What Parents Want to Know, represents a joint partnership with Novi Youth Assistance, the Novi Police Department and the Novi Fire Department.

NORTHVILLE / NOVI CHURCH EVENTS

Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@hometownlife.com or by fax to (248) 685-2892, or by mail to Church Events/Novi/Novi, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178.

Church of the Holy Family Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road, Northville, MI 48178. Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org

Crosspointe Meadows Church Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road. Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road. Contact: (248) 427-1175 or church@holycross.org

Faith Community Presbyterian Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road. Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit faithcommunity-novi.org

First Baptist Church of Northville Location: 217 N. Wing. Contact: (248) 348-1020

Passages Obituaries, Memorials & Remembrances. 1-800-579-7355 • fax 313-496-4968. email: oebits@hometownlife.com

MARY JANE BONKOWSKI December 15, 1928 - March 15, 2010. Age 81. Beloved wife of John J. Bonkowski. Loving mother of Randall (Jacklyn), Jane Ann (James), Nancy (Russell), John M. (Ded). Devoted grandmother of Randall Jr., David, Jeremy, David, John R. (Cynthia and family), Mike, Candace (Tim), Cynthia (Nick).

NANCY L. MUNSON Age 68 of Grand Blanc, formerly of Holly died Sat. March 20, 2010. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Mrs. Munson was born in Concord, Ont. on July 28, 1941 the daughter of Alex and Eileen (Smith) Martin. She was a dedicated LPN who loved her work giving hearing and vision tests to children. She was a former employee of Clinton Valley Hospital. She is survived by her sister Marlene Chapman of Pontiac and her husband of over 40 years Dennis Munson. She was preceded in death by her parents and her nephew Clifford Chapman.

H. ROBERT TERRY Longtime resident of Northville, died March 27, 2010 at the age of 87. Bob was born on December 11, 1922 in Lansing, MI, where he was also raised. He enlisted in the Marines on December 12, 1942 and served in the Central Pacific during WWII and was honorably discharged on December 10, 1945. Bob graduated from Michigan State College (MSU) with a degree in Forestry in 1947. He married Marie Russell on September 5, 1947 in Lansing. They had two children: Carole (Paul) Kober and Kristine (Brad) Fralich. Bob, the proud grandfather of Karle & Ryan Kober and Chelsea Fralich, served as Superintendent of Grounds at Northville Psychiatric Hospital for 25 years. He took great pride in planting hundreds of beautiful trees that have grown tall and strong; they are his legacy. Bob was a family man and an avid reader. He sang bass in Barber Shop for twenty years. He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Northville since 1958. He and Marie were married for 50 years. She preceded him in death on January 13, 1998. He married Mary Ellen Doughty on November 29, 2003 at First United Methodist Church of Northville and inherited more family members who are dear to him. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen (Nancy) Doughty and grandchildren Ryan (Lindsay), Scott, Kim, and Jennie (John) MacArthur. Mary Ellen survives him. A Christian Funeral service will be held at First UMC of Northville on Wednesday, March 31, after which the deceased was laid to rest at Northville Rural Hill Cemetery. Please leave a Message of Comfort to Bob's family by calling 877-231-7900 or visit his guestbook at www.rosejennings.com.

FLOYD C. CALDWELL ST. HELEN, MICHIGAN Formerly of Brighton, Michigan, age 82 died Thursday March 18, 2010 at home. Floyd was born in Clarenceville, Michigan on December 27, 1927 to the late James and Helen (Griffin) Caldwell. He married the former Jean Marie Sutton, 52 years ago. Floyd retired from American Aggregate Corp of Brighton in 1987. Mr. Caldwell is survived by his wife Jean Marie, their children: Sheila (William) Green of South Lyon, and Jack C. Caldwell of St. Helen. Also surviving are 2 grandchildren: Jesse A. Caldwell of Okemos, and Khaleen M. Caldwell of Okemos. 2 sisters: Emma (James) Segar of Howell, and Mary (Al) Gruda of Howell, sisters in law: Amy Caldwell of Missouri, Doris Caldwell of Howell, Iva Caldwell of Howell, brother in law: Chuck Hartman of Dodge City. He was preceded in death by 3 brothers and a sister: James, Arthur, Walter Caldwell, and Ann Hartman. No memorial service. Burial Arrangements by Cremation Society of Mid-Michigan, 1-888-273-3553. To sign online guest book and leave words of sympathy go to: www.cremationsocietymidmi.com

ARNOLD E. HIX Age 96, long time resident of Northville, passed away peacefully at home March 24, 2010. He was born May 8, 1913 in Radford Township, Michigan to George H. and Mary O. (Parrish) Hix. He was united in marriage to Helen G. (Fleischman) on September 23, 1934 and they spent 75 loving years together until his death. Arnold, a graduate of Plymouth High School, retired from Burroughs. His family was very important to him. He enjoyed traveling all over Michigan with them, especially to watch harness racing with his daughter. He was an avid sportsman and a great carpenter. Arnold, a musician, played drums in a band; once while he was dating Helen they serenaded her with the song "It's Only a Paper Moon." He is survived by his beloved wife Helen G. Hix; his children: Gary (Peggy) Hix, Patricia (Hank) Kilgore, and Charles (Bob Dahlin) Hix; his grandchildren Douglas Michael, Pamela Matthews, Stephen Hix, Julie Hanagan, and Douglas Hix; three great-grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and eight brothers and sisters. A funeral service was held Saturday, March 27, 2010 at Catherine Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville. Rev. Dr. Steven J. Back from First United Methodist Church of Northville officiated the service. Mr. Hix was laid to rest at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland, Michigan. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Great Lakes Hospice, 900 Cooper St., Jackson, MI 48202.

VERLENE W. POWELL Age 85, passed away March 27, 2010. She was born on January 2, 1925, in Kemet, MO, to the late Walter and Ethel (Morgan) Wayne. On October 18, 1944, in Fulton City, OH, she married Sterling H. Powell. Mr. and Mrs. Powell had two children: Alden (Loretta) Powell, Stephen (Gail) Powell, Marsha Kovach (grandchildren: Stephanie, Greg, Bryan and Kelly Powell, Chad Kovach, nine great-grandchildren; two sisters: Dorenda (Perry) Stefoni of CA, and Thelma (Fred) Hoskins of New Hudson. A funeral service was held on March 31, 2010 at First Baptist Church of South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

DONALD EUGENE CHARLICK A resident of Zephyr Hills, MI, passed away on Monday, March 22, 2010 in Florida. He was 84 years old. Preceded in death by his beloved wife, Joan Charllick. Survived by his loving daughter, Linda (Robert) Sobieray and son, Donald (Christine) Charllick, four stepchildren; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Also survived by his five siblings, extended family members and many loving friends. Mr. Charllick served in the United States Army and was a proud WWII Veteran. Committal Services and Military Honors will be held at Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Bedford Road, Holly, MI on Friday, April 2nd at 2:30 PM.

JOSEPH MASTRO Age 87, passed away March 23, 2010. A funeral Mass was held on March 26, Friday, at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon, MI. Burial Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon.

BETTY J. SUMMERS Age 78, of Highland, Michigan, formerly of Mount Vernon, Illinois, passed away at 1:05 a.m. on Saturday, March 27, 2010 at Genesis Hospice Care Center in Goodrich, Michigan. She was born on Monday, September 21, 1931 in West Frankfort, Illinois, a daughter to the late Arthur Max & Verda Irene (Jones) Brown. She married Norman R. Summers on April 3, 1948 in Mount Vernon, Illinois and he preceded her in death on March 25, 2005. Her Surviving Family Members include: Son: Gary Summers and daughter, Michelle; Daughter: Debbie Kish and husband Gabe of Highland, Michigan; Four Grandchildren: Jesse Summers and wife Keri of Wilma, Washington, Tracy Summers and husband Jim; James and Greg Summers all of Michigan; Six Great Grandchildren: Nicholas, Zachary, Zepherah, Gavin and Connor Summers and Jenna Liberty; Brother: Max Brown and wife Julie of Bradenton, Florida and Sister: Marjorie Ross of Sherick, Michigan. Several Nieces and Nephews also survive. Her parents preceded her in death on March 25, 2005. She was a member of Church of God. VISITATION will be from 12:00 to Service Time 1:30 P.M. Thursday, April 1, 2010 at Hughey Funeral Home in Mount Vernon, Illinois. FUNERAL SERVICE will follow at 1:30 PM Thursday, April 1, 2010 at Hughey Funeral Home in Mount Vernon, Illinois. Memorial contributions may be made to the family of Betty J. Summers at St. Jude Child's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org

PEGGY FUSON Age 68, passed away March 16, 2010. She was born on May 10, 1941, in Brighton, to the late Thomas and Ruby (Purdy) Fear. Peggy is survived by her loving children: DeWayne (Donna), Donald (Sheila) and Daniel Mallett, Cecil Jr. and Danny Fuson, Linda McAndrews, Darrel Fuson, Lorretta Putnam, John, and Mike Fuson; three grandchildren: DeAnna (Eric) Stephens, Trevor and Shannon Mallett, 13 step-grandchildren, one great-grandchild, Trenton Stephens; 16 step-great-grandchildren and siblings: William, Robert (Beverly), and Terry (Sheryl) Fear, and Beverly (Jesse) Mack. She was preceded in death by her husband Cecil Fuson in 2005 and brother Thomas Fear. Visitation was held Thursday, March 18, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. A funeral service was held Friday, March 19, at 11 a.m., at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to the family of Peggy Fuson. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

DOROTHY M. MUELLER Loving and devoted mother of Eric (Julie) and Andrew (Melissa) and grandmother of Tori and Mary. Survived by her sister, Marjorie. Preceded in death by her beloved husband, Jan, sister, Nancy, and brother, George. She leaves behind: nieces, nephews, and many cousins in the United States, Scotland, and Australia. Born in Redford in 1926. Dorothy graduated from Redford High School and Wayne University before becoming a teacher in the Highland Park Schools. In 1963, she retired from teaching to make a home for her family. Dorothy's greatest loves were children, her gardens, and the Red Wings. Her gardens were always admired by friends and neighbors, and during the warm months she could usually be found outdoors tending her flower beds. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Dorothy's favorite charity, the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org

JESSE J. WINTERS Age 69, passed away March 23, 2010. A private family service was held at South Lyon Cemetery on Saturday, March 27, 2010 at 1:05 p.m. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

Paying Tribute to the Life of Your Loved One. OBITUARY POLICY: e-mail your obit for HTWO@hometownlife.com. Or fax to 313-496-4968. Attn: HTWO@hometownlife.com

Your Invitation to Worship

Grid of church listings including Brighton, Farmington Hills, Highland, Livonia, Northville, White Lake, and South Lyon. Each listing includes church name, address, phone number, and worship times.

# Girl Scouts make bean bags for hospital clinic

## Providence Park rehabilitation center to attract patients from all over the world

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

The Girl Scouts of Troop 4144 made a special delivery to St. John Providence Park Hospital on Thursday.

But instead of bringing an abundance of their famous Girl Scout cookies, they were dropping off more than 200 handmade bean bags for the new comprehensive scoliosis rehab clinic at the hospital.

The bags, which were horizontal and flat, will be used by patients suffering with scoliosis. They will help straighten out curves which could help prevent or offset surgery, or help them before they have to have surgery.

"You girls did great. These are awesome," said Dr. Michael Mendelow, an orthopedic surgeon at Providence Park.

The 13 girls in the troop spent several hours not only making the bags but learning about scoliosis, how to help prevent it and how to deal with it. They earned the Bronze Award for their work, the highest award a Junior Girl Scout can earn.

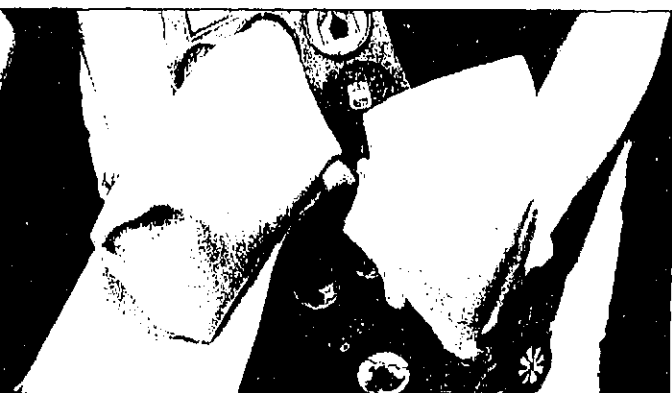
"This is going to make a huge difference in a lot of people's lives," said Annette Bieski, one of two physical therapists at the clinic. The other is Sharon Kilgore.

The rehab clinic at Providence Park, when it opens, will be one of only three or four in the United States, Bieski said.

"We will be getting kids from all over the world coming here," she said.



Dr. Michael Mendelow, right, accepts a delivery of therapeutic bean bags that members of Girl Scout Troop 4144 made for St. John Providence Park Hospital's new comprehensive scoliosis rehab clinic.



Some of the bean bags created by Novi Girl Scouts for use in treating scoliosis.

Cheer for the  
hometeam,  
read today's  
**SPORTS**  
section



nmueller@hometown.com (248) 437-2010, ext. 255

# PUBLIC SAFETY

## NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

### Teen arrested with pot

1 An 18-year-old man was arrested at 7:43 p.m. on March 28 for possession of marijuana after police were dispatched to the area of Wedgewood and Pontiac Trail on a juvenile complaint.

When the Novi police officer arrived, he could smell marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. Four teens were in the vehicle at the time and one produced a small bag of the drug from his pocket.

The other three passengers and the vehicle were searched, but no additional drugs were found. The one teen was arrested and transported to the Novi Police Department where he was issued a citation and released after posting bond.

### Phone, money taken from car

2 An Apple iPhone and \$80 cash were stolen from a red Audi between 7:45 p.m. and 8:50 p.m. on March 29 while it was parked in the parking lot at the Sports Club of Novi.

According to the report, the woman said she thought she locked her vehicle prior to going inside. When she returned, she could not find her phone and headed home. At home, she still could not find her phone and money was missing from her wallet.

Police are checking with the club to see if they have cameras overlooking the parking lot, but have no suspects at this time.

### Man caught with marijuana

3 A 22-year-old man was arrested at 9:33 p.m. on March 25 for possession of marijuana after a Novi police officer observed him swerving while driving south on Novi Road near Twelve Mile Road.

The officer watched the vehicle cross the lane line several times and almost strike the curb before initiating a traffic stop. When he approached the vehicle he could smell marijuana. The driver at first said he didn't have any but then told the officer he had a pipe and a small amount of the drug.

He was arrested and transported to the Novi Police Department where he was issued a citation for possession of marijuana and paraphernalia, and released after posting bond.

### GPS stolen from car

4 A GPS was stolen from a Jeep while it was parked in the parking lot of Ruby Tuesday's around 8:30 p.m. on March 25.

The rear passenger side window was broken when the owner of the vehicle returned to his vehicle and a screwdriver was found on the seat. A second vehicle in the parking lot also was broken into.

Police have no suspects at this time.

### Woman arrested for drunk driving

5 Novi police arrested a woman for drunk driving at 2:54 a.m. on March 25 while she was driving westbound on I-96 near Novi Road.

An officer on routine patrol in the area watched the woman's vehicle swerving and changing lanes without a signal.

When he approached the vehicle, the woman admitted to having a couple glasses of wine. She failed field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .11 percent. The legal limit for adult drivers in Michigan is .08 percent.

She was transported to the Novi Police Department where she was issued a citation for operating while intoxicated and released when sober.

### Woman passed out in drive-thru

6 A 34-year-old woman was arrested at 3:19 a.m. on March 28 for drunk driving after she passed out at the wheel while in the drive-thru line at Taco Bell on Haggerty Road.

Officers were dispatched to the business on an AED run because the woman was passed out. When they arrived, her vehicle was at the speaker, running and in drive with the brake lights on.

The officer shook her to wake her up and she did not appear to know what was going on. She had to use the vehicle to maintain her balance when getting out of the car and told the officer she was coming from work.

She failed field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .127 percent. The legal limit for adult drivers in Michigan is .08 percent.

### Woman arrested for open intoxic

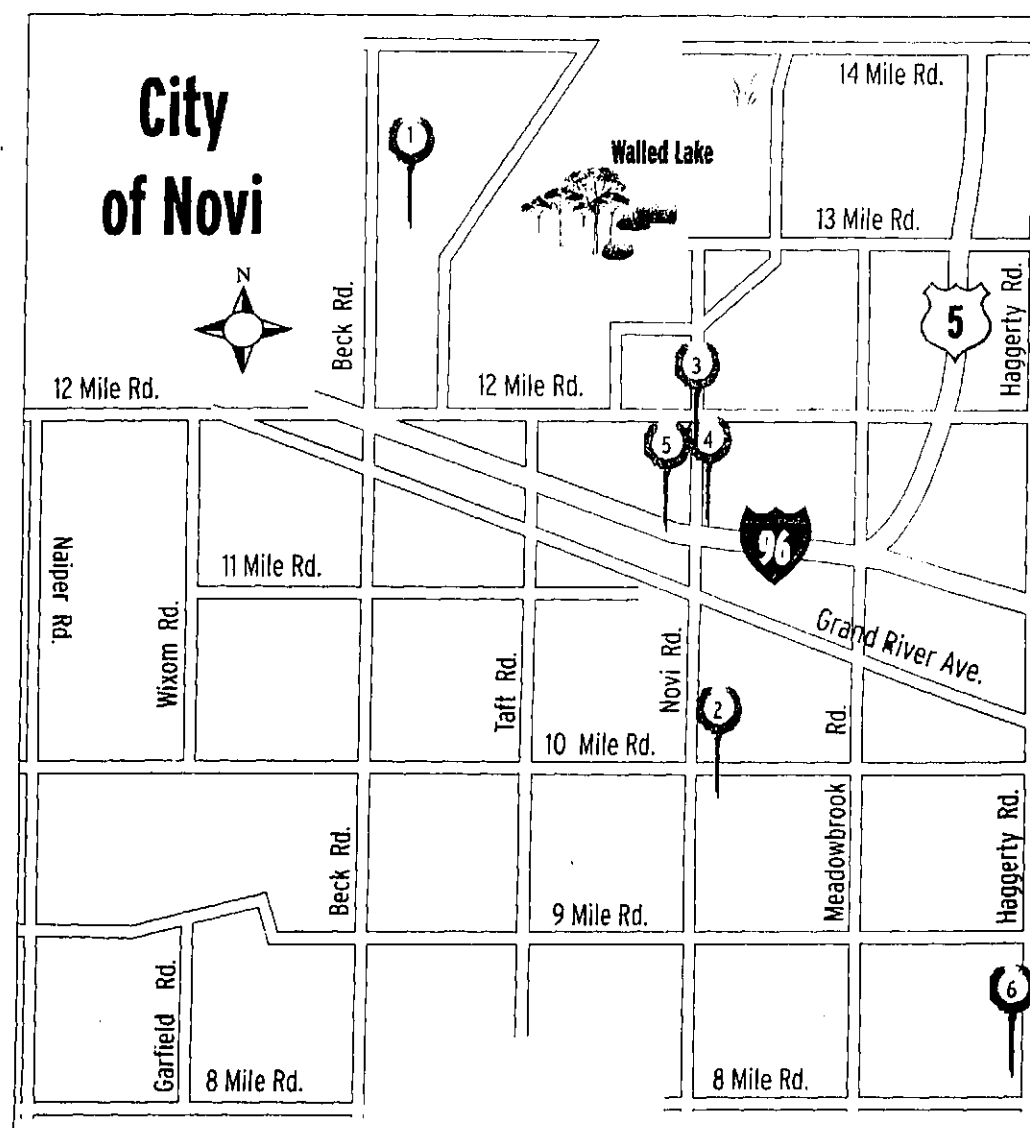
A 20-year-old woman was arrested at 11 p.m. on March 26 for open intoxicant after an officer saw her trying to hide something in the backseat while he was talking to the driver during a traffic stop.

The woman eventually produced a can of beer that was open and almost empty.

Field sobriety tests were done on the driver, which he passed. The woman said she was drinking in the car because she was trying to have a good time and knew that drinking in a motor vehicle was against the law.

She was arrested and taken to the station where she was issued a citation and released when sober. A preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .10 percent. The driver was released at the scene.

- Compiled by staff writer Nathan Mueller



Enter for a chance to  
**Win a FREE Fitness Makeover!**



- Nearby and open 24/7
- Month-to-month memberships
- State-of-the-art training equipment
- No lines, no waiting, get in and out
- Comfortable, friendly environment

**SNAP FITNESS 24-7**  
fast • convenient • affordable

memberships starting at  
**\$19.95**  
per month

Novi  
41774 West 10 Mile Road  
**248-347-1788**  
10 Mile & Meadowbrook  
www.snapfitness.com/novimi

Get Faster, Better Results  
**\$99**  
10 Personal Training Sessions  
Offer expires March 31, 2010

**CITY OF NOVI  
NOTICE OF ADOPTION  
ORDINANCE NO. 10-148.10**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 10-148.10 TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, "ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR," OF THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES TO CHANGE TO THE DEFINITION OF "PUBLIC PLACE" IN ORDER TO ALLOW THE USE OF ALCOHOL AT CERTAIN PUBLIC FACILITIES IF A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL IS ADOPTED AND TO PROHIBIT THE USE AT OTHER PUBLIC FACILITIES

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, March 22, 2010 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

**CITY OF NOVI  
NOTICE OF ADOPTION  
ORDINANCE NO. 10-113.02**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 10-113.02 TO AMEND CHAPTER 25, "PARKS AND RECREATION" TO PROHIBIT ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION IN PARKS EXCEPT WHERE AUTHORIZED BY CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, March 22, 2010 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

**Crystal Creek**  
An exceptional home-like setting for Active/Alert, Frail/Recovering, Memory Impaired and Alzheimer's residents.

24 Hour Professional Staffing  
-Private/Semi Private/Barrier Free  
-3 Home Cooked Meals A Day  
-Daily Housekeeping & Laundry  
-Wander Secured/Enclosed Courtyard

Planned Activities  
-Beauty & Barber Shop  
-On Call Nurse Practitioner  
-Medication Management  
-Incontinence Management

**CANTON**  
(734) 453-3203

Located at 8121 Lilley  
between Joy & Warren Roads

**THE BEST REVIEWED  
MOVIE OF THE YEAR  
IS #1 IN AMERICA!**

**"IT'S FUNNY, IT'S DAZZLING,  
THE 3D SCENES WOULD MAKE EVEN  
"AVATAR" JEALOUS!"** People

**"FUNNY AND TOUCHING,  
IT WORKS MIRACLES IN 3D!"** Peter Travers

**"A WONDERFUL  
GOOD-TIME  
HIT!"** Owen Gleiberman

**DRAGON**  
NOW PLAYING IN THEATRES, REAL D 3D AND IMAX 3D

**Sunny Pointe**  
CHILD CARE CENTER

**OPEN HOUSE & ART SHOW**  
Thurs., April 8th • 4-6 p.m.

Now Registering for Summer & Fall Programs

19149 Fry Road • Northville  
(off 7 Mile, east of Rocky's)  
**(248) 347-6576**

www.sunnypointe.com

Proud to be a part of this  
great community

**O'BRIEN \* SULLIVAN**

FUNERALS, CREMATIONS, PREARRANGEMENTS

41555 Grand River Avenue  
Novi, Michigan 48375-1822  
(248)348-1800

John J. O'Brien John P. O'Brien  
Bridget A. O'Brien

State Licensed-Board Certified Funeral Directors  
Family owned  
www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

Offering Prearrangements & Pre financing

**"AN UNFORGETTABLE, TOUCHING  
AND WONDERFUL MOVIE."**

**The LAST SONG**  
FROM THE AUTHOR OF "THE NOTEBOOK"

For Theatres and Showtimes: Check Local Listings  
or Text SONG with your ZIP CODE to 43KIX (43549)

Stay informed in the new year with  
a subscription to your Weekly  
Hometown Newspaper!

Serving:  
Milford, Northville, Novi and South Lyon

Get the best LOCAL news, advertising, sports, features and money saving coupons every week in your Hometown newspaper!



Enjoy the Rewards of subscribing TODAY!

Start a new 1 year Hometown subscription or convert to our E-Z Pay program and we will send you a Reader Rewards card!

- Save with special offers from the following sponsors:
- Applebee's
  - Busch's Supermarket
  - Dairy Queen
  - Imagine Theatres
  - Fantastic Sams
  - Subway
  - Hungry Howie's
  - Tanglewood Restaurant

Mail to: Hometown Newspapers, 41304 Concept Dr., Plymouth MI 48170

\$22.40 (for 1 year) payment inclosed  Bill Me  E-Z Pay Program

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Card Information:  VISA  Master Card  Discover Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

For more information about a subscription please call:  
**1 866.887.2737**

**Check us out on the Web every day  
at hometownlife.com**



# JCPenney

starts friday | stores open 9 am saturday

Every Day Matters<sup>®</sup>

**12<sup>99</sup>**  
ENTIRE STOCK GUYS' ARIZONA GRAPHIC POLOS & BUTTON-SHIRTS  
Orig. \$30.00



**50% off**  
ENTIRE STOCK WORTHINGTON SEPARATES  
Misses sizes  
8.00-30.00  
Orig. 18.00-60.00

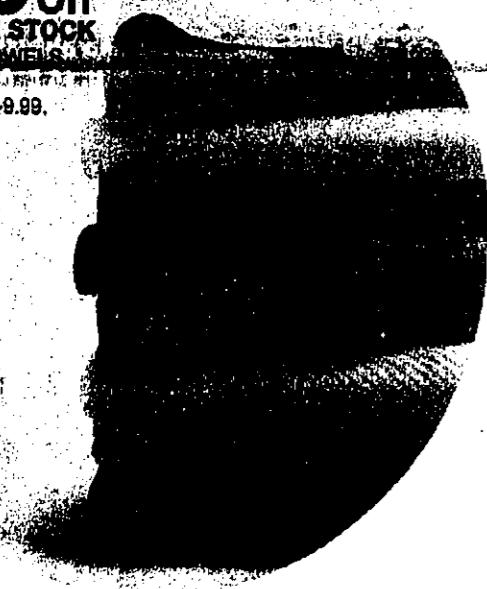


receive a  
equal to or  
greater than the  
wedgesday, 3/31 - saturday, 4/3/10  
details below

## instant money!

clip, shop & save on the spot

**50% off**  
ENTIRE STOCK BATHING TRAP  
\$38.49 - \$74.99  
Reg. 7.99-9.99



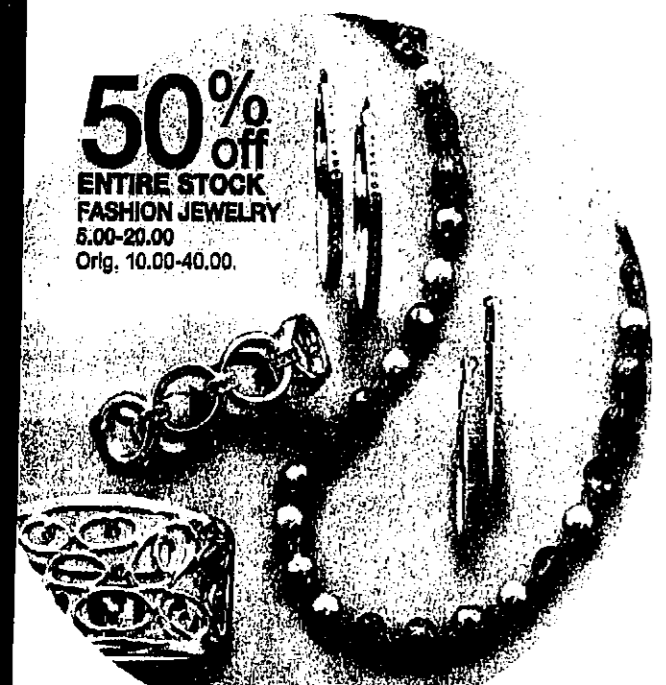
### door busters

friday all day  
saturday 9am-1pm

**29<sup>99</sup>**  
ENTIRE STOCK  
A MORE FOR HIM & HER  
Orig. \$49.99-69.99  
Includes Chuck Taylor  
Mary Jane  
806-8770  
CONVERSE



**50% off**  
ENTIRE STOCK FASHION JEWELRY  
6.00-20.00  
Orig. 10.00-40.00



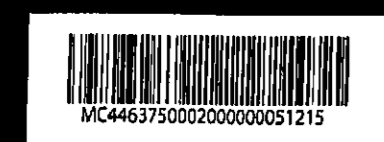
**3<sup>99</sup>**  
OKIE DOKIE TOPS OR SHORTS  
Sizes  
12-24  
Orig.  
21-31  
Orig.  
7.99



**9<sup>99</sup>**  
JUNIOR'S CITY-STREET SHORTS  
Orig. 28.00



**\$15** instant money!  
off a purchase totaling \$75 or more in store, jcp.com & catalog with this coupon.



JCPenney  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31 - SATURDAY, APRIL 3, ONLY!

\$15 or \$10 savings coupon is valid for one-time use on a single purchase of \$75 or \$50 or more respectively, including taxes and shipping charges. Wednesday, March 31 - Saturday, April 3, 2010. One coupon per customer. Must be presented at time of purchase. Discount does not apply to: Clearance, Gift Certificates & Fragrances, Giftware, Electronics, Floor Care, Furniture & Mattresses, Kitchen Appliances, Personal Care, Appliances, Linen, Table Linens, Bedding, Table Linens, Service Contracts, Gift Cards, Gift Certificates, unmarked orders, or past purchases, and the following additional jcp.com & catalog purchases: Value Right, online orders, and free. Discounts cannot be combined with any other special coupon. Discount applied to total qualifying items, not per item. Excludes all items. See store for details. ©2010 JCPenney.

**\$10** instant money!  
off a purchase totaling \$50 or more in store, jcp.com & catalog with this coupon.



Associate Procedures: 1. Verify offer dates. 2. Verify minimum purchase amount. 3. Scan barcode. 4. Place coupon in media bag.

findmore at jcp.com: our biggest selection is at your fingertips

\*Discount on in-store merchandise equal to or greater than the applicable sales tax rate. Sales tax will then be added to the reduced purchase price. Excludes Sephora and Outlet stores. Offer valid only Wednesday, 3/31 - Saturday, 4/3/10. Sale prices effective through Saturday, April 3, 2010, unless otherwise noted. Percentages off regular or original prices, as shown. Actual savings may exceed stated percentage off. "Regular" and "Original" prices are offering prices that may not have resulted in sales, and internet markdowns may have been taken. "Original" prices may not have been in effect during the past 90 days or in all trade areas. "Sale" events exclude Value Right merchandise and items sold everyday at a "2 or more" discount. Merchandise may not be available in all JCPenney stores or on jcp.com/catalog. Clearance items available while supplies last. In-store prices and discount offers may not apply to jcp.com/catalog orders.

### CHURCH

**First Baptist Church**  
FROM PAGE A7  
Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road  
Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurch@novi.org  
Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.  
Family Worship: 11 a.m.  
Bible Study: 6 p.m.  
Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month

**First Presbyterian Church of Northville**  
Location: 200 E. Main St.  
Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresville.org  
Sunday Worship  
Time: 9:30, 11 a.m.  
Walking in the Park  
Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. every Saturday

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**  
Location: 4145 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi  
Contact: (248) 349-0565  
Sundays  
Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship  
**Livonia Church of Christ**  
Location: 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia  
Contact: For further information, please contact NSO Douglas K. Wells at (313) 964-6595.

**Meadowbrook Congregational**  
Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads  
Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org.  
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.  
Sermon: Having a Plan  
Church School: 10-11 a.m.  
Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.  
Merry Widows Luncheon  
Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month  
Pilgrim Fellowship  
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays  
Asking Questions adult education class  
Time/Date: 10 a.m. Tuesdays  
Cross Walk

**First United Methodist Church of Northville**  
A Stephen Ministry Church  
Location: 777 W. 8 Mile Road at Taft Rd.  
Contact: (248) 349-1144 or www.fumc-northville.org  
SUNDAY WORSHIP  
Times: (September-June) 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.; (July and August) 8:30 and 10 a.m.  
Pastors: Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck, Rev. Jeff Sturgeon  
Coffee Hour: Sunday at 10:15 a.m.  
Healing Service: 4 p.m. First Monday of every month  
Logo Youth Club: 5 p.m. Wednesday for fourth-12th grades.  
Radical Joy: 6-8 p.m. first and third Thursday for all women  
Men's Club: 8 a.m. the second Saturday  
Career Ministry: 7 p.m. first and third Monday

**Northville Christian Assembly**  
Location: 41355 Six Mile Road  
Contact: (248) 348-9030  
Sundays  
9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children  
9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium  
10:15 a.m. Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210)  
Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study  
8:45-10:30 a.m. (café)  
Wednesday Family Night  
7 p.m.: Adult elective classes; jr. and sr. high student ministries; children's programs (M-Pact Girls Club & Royal Rangers Boys Club) Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade) - contact (248) 348-9031

**Novi - Northville Center for Jewish Life**  
Details: A Jewish center with events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year - children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs, community social events.  
Contact: Rabbi Avrohom & Leah Susskind at (248) 790-6075 or rabbi@novijewishcenter.com; www.novijewishcenter.com

**Novi United Methodist**  
Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road  
Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit umc-novi.com  
Sunday Worship  
Time: 9:45 a.m.  
Healing Service and Holy Communion  
Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month

Time/Date: 5 p.m. April 2  
Details: Join us in a somber remembrance of Christ's final walk, from Meadowbrook Congregational Church to Novi United Methodist.  
Maundy Thursday  
Time/Date: 6:14 p.m. April 1  
Details: Potluck and worship service

# NOTHING HELD BACK! STORE CLOSING SALE!

OUR BIGGEST SALE EVENT EVER!

## MILAN 2000 LIGHTING & FURNITURE

20292 Middlebelt Rd. Livonia, MI tel: 248-473-2600

ALL SALES FINAL - NO EXCHANGES - NO REFUNDS - ALL ITEMS SUBJECT TO PRIOR SALE  
SALE HOURS: MON, THURS: 10-8, TUE, FRI, SAT: 10-7, SUN: 12-5, CLOSED WED

### Relieve Chronic Pain.

Back Pain? Neck Pain? Nerve Pain? Arthritis? Tissue and Bone Injuries?

Chronic pain can be annoying, stressful - sometimes disabling. And treating it is often complex. As the area's first comprehensive, community based pain clinic, we focus only on relieving your pain, using a variety of advanced techniques. Our practice includes our dedicated board-certified physicians, medical staff, physical therapists, and psychologists. Our state-of-the-art facilities and equipment allow us to accurately locate the source of pain and deliver medications precisely - from epidural steroid injections to

reduce inflammation, to disc decompression, to treating osteoporosis fractures. We can often eliminate pain immediately. We treat the whole person - body, mind, and spirit - and work with you continually to control and reduce your pain, or eliminate it entirely. Begin Getting Some Relief. Go to our website, - www.tricountypain.com/np.htm - to read more about us, or call 866-627-1444, to make an appointment.



Timothy Wright, M.D., She Sripada, D.O., Dennis Dobert, D.O. Board Certified Physicians

Pain Relief that Treats the Whole Person  
**TCPC**  
TRI-COUNTY PAIN CONSULTANTS, PC

Livonia 36550 Five Mile Rd. Suite 101 Livonia, 48154  
Novi 26850 Providence Parkway Suite 260 Novi, Michigan 48374  
Warren 13355 E. Ten Mile Rd. Suite 229 Warren, MI 48089

### HERSHEY'S SHOES

Your Family Shoe Store  
Quality • Service • Selection

All the New Spring Styles are in from your favorite shoe makers!



Happy Easter \$10.00 OFF  
Any Regular Priced Men's or Women's Shoes  
With this coupon. Not valid on prior purchases. Expires 3/31/2010

HERSHEY'S SHOES  
29522 Ford Road Garden City  
1/2 Block west of Middlebelt  
734.422.1771

HERSHEY'S TOO  
47750 Grand River Novi  
West Market Sq. at Beck Rd.  
248.347.7838

# NEIGHBORS



## Arrows of Light

Eight Cub Scouts from Novi Pack 240 were awarded the Arrow of Light on March 3. The award ceremony took place at the Pack's Blue and Gold banquet held at the Novi Middle School. The Arrow of Light award is the highest award given to Cub Scouts. Pictured (l to r, front) are Edmund Shaheen, James Graham, Alex Dubay, Matthew Bednarski, David Graham, and Matthew Yarrish; (back) Caleb Ascencio, Cubmaster John Bednarski, Den Leader Edmund Shaheen and Brendan Bloom.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Maki**  
Allison and Ryan Maki of South Lyon announce the birth of twins, Colin Ryan (boy) and Kendall Ann (girl), born Oct. 7, 2009, at Mott Hospital in Ann Arbor. Their dog, Maize, welcomed them home.

Grandparents are Bill Adele Farmer of Northville, and Dave and Jan Maki of Manistee. Great-grandfather is Carl Pumala of Prescott Valley, Ariz.

**Khloe Ann Flynn**  
James and Stefanie Flynn, of Novi, announce the birth of their daughter, Khloe Ann, born Oct. 29, 2009, in Novi. She has one brother, Nathan, 16. Grandparents are Cornelius and Mary Ann Flynn, of Livonia; and Pamela Santo, of Farmington Hills.



## BRIEFS

FROM PAGE A6

### ArtsNovi update

The Great Lakes Art Fair is April 23-25, and artists who would like to participate are being sought. If you are interested (or know someone) in being a part of the ArtsNovi booth, please call (586) 484-8797 or e-mail to artsnovi@

yahoo.com.

For general info on the art fair go to [www.greatlakesart-fair.com](http://www.greatlakesart-fair.com).

ArtsNovi is also working on the Twelve Mile Crossing @ Fountain Walk Summer Sidewalk Series, to be held every Saturday this summer. Two to four artists display their work and there is live music in the center area at Fountain Walk from 4-7 p.m. Contact via the above if inter-

ested in participating. Band and artists postings will be at [www.21stcentevents.com](http://www.21stcentevents.com).

The group is starting up the ArtsNovi Round Table again. Anyone interested in talking about upcoming events, supporting bringing more art, dance, theater and music to Novi, or just chatting about art in general - please join on the fourth Monday of every month (March 22 this month) 6:30-7 p.m. at Bonefish Grill in Novi.

Email if you plan on attending for a headcount, but show up anytime as this is a very informal meeting.

### Camp Invention 2010

Creativity and brainstorming are the building blocks to your child's future. Camp Invention® emphasizes those skills and more, and Novi Middle School is proud to be among the select schools in Michigan that will serve as a

host site during the week of June 28-July 2.

Children will create exciting new games and transform ordinary household items into extraordinary inventions during this week-long summer adventure for those currently in grades K-5. Children will participate daily in five activity-oriented, hands-on modules focused on science literacy, math, history and the arts.

There is also a heavy emphasis on the STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math).

Registration for this camp is limited to 110 children, so register early. Contact Seth Furlow, Camp Director, at (248) 449-1600 or [sfurlow@novi.k12.mi.us](mailto:sfurlow@novi.k12.mi.us) for more information. You may also visit Camp Invention's Web site at [www.campinvention.org](http://www.campinvention.org) to find out more.

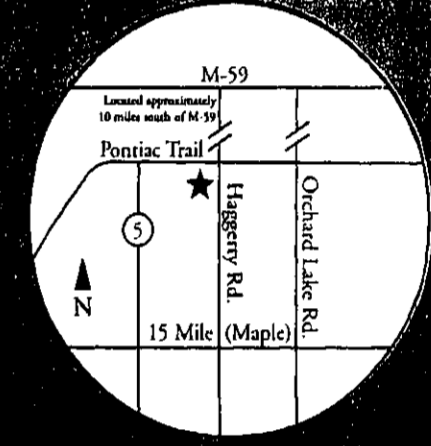


# Dick Morris

## CHEVROLET • AUTOMOTIVE

# 248-624-4500

[www.dickmorrischevrolet.com](http://www.dickmorrischevrolet.com)



New Cars Used Cars Collision Center Certified Cars Car Reviews Tips & Advice

### Skilled & Professionally Trained Technicians

## up to \$500 OFF Your Deductible\*

\*Must present coupon when order is written. Cannot be combined with any other offers. Some restrictions apply. Collision Center use only. Call Bob Clair for details. Expires 4/15/10. CAE

### ASE & I-CAR Licensed & Certified

## Ask about Free Courtesy Transportation

\*Must present coupon when order is written. Cannot be combined with any other offers. Some restrictions apply. Collision Center use only. Call Bob Clair for details. Expires 4/15/10. CAE

- Liberty Mutual
- Prudential
- Nationwide
- Farm Bureau
- Pioneer State
- Auto Owners
- MEEMC
- Esurance
- Geico
- Progressive
- Farmers
- Allied
- Citizens
- GMAC

## We work with ALL insurance companies!

### Early Bird Special 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

## Goodwrench QUICK LUBE PLUS WITH FREE 27-POINT INSPECTION

Includes: Up to 5 qts. of oil • Install new filter • Lube chassis • Top off fluids

# Normally \$29.95 \$16.95

Plus tax and hazardous waste fee. Add \$5.00 after 11:00 a.m. \$2.00 extra disposal fee. 5W30 GM Goodwrench Oil. Includes most GM vehicles. Must present coupon when order is written. Expires 4/15/10. CAE

**COOPER TIRES**

14" Tires starting at **\$49.95\***

15" & 16" Tires starting at **\$59.95\***

\*Mount/balance/disposal/valves extra. Tires shown may not apply to all makes/models. Expires 4/15/10. CAE

## Comfort, that won't blink away.

1-DAY ACUVUE® MOIST® Brand Contact Lenses offer all-day comfort, and the convenience of a fresh, clean lens every day with the added benefit of UV protection!

**NEW**

ACUVUE® BRAND CONTACT LENSES SEE WHAT COULD BE™

Go to [askforacuvue.com](http://askforacuvue.com) to get a **FREE TRIAL PAIR** CERTIFICATE FOR ACUVUE® BRAND CONTACT LENSES.

## Vision, that's clear all day.

Schedule an exam to be fit for the Acuvue lens that's right for you!

For cutting edge sunglasses to go with your new contact lenses attend our **Sunglass Style Show** Thursday May 13th Free Open House 1-7pm Reps will feature new lines of Coach, Nautica, Kate Spade & more!

Call **248-347-7800** or [www.tceyecare.com](http://www.tceyecare.com)

## TOWN & COUNTRY EYECARE

\*Professional exam and fitting fees not included. Valid only with participating eye care professionals while supplies last. Important information for contact lens wearers: ACUVUE® Brand Contact Lenses are available by prescription only. An eye care professional will determine whether contact lenses are right for you. Although rare, serious eye problems can develop while wearing contact lenses. To help avoid these problems, follow the wear and replacement schedule and the area care instructions provided by your doctor. Do not wear contact lenses if you have an eye infection, or experience eye discomfort, excessive tearing, vision changes, redness or other eye problems. If one of these conditions occurs, contact your eye doctor immediately. For more information on proper wear, care and safety, talk to your eye care professional and ask for a Patient Instruction Guide, call 1-800-243-2000 or visit [acuvue.com](http://acuvue.com). \*Helps protect against transmission of harmful UV radiation to the cornea and into the eye. WARNING: UV-absorbing contact lenses are NOT substitutes for protective UV-absorbing eyewear such as UV-absorbing goggles or sunglasses because they do not completely cover the eye and surrounding area. You should continue to use UV-absorbing eyewear as directed. NOTE: Long-term exposure to UV radiation is one of the risk factors associated with cataracts. Exposure is based on a number of factors such as environmental conditions (altitude, geography, cloud cover) and personal factors (extent and nature of outdoor activities). UV-blocking contact lenses help provide protection against harmful UV radiation. However, clinical studies have not been done to demonstrate that wearing UV-blocking contact lenses reduces the risk of developing cataracts or other eye disorders. Consult your eye care practitioner for more information. ACUVUE®, 1-DAY ACUVUE® MOIST® and SEE WHAT COULD BE™ are trademarks of Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, Inc. ©Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, Inc. 2010.

## Your Car & Truck Service, Maintenance and Sales Center for Over 40 Years

We're here for you today... we'll be here for you tomorrow!

# 2199 Haggerty, Commerce Twp., MI

(at Pontiac Trail across from Walmart) • [www.dickmorrischevrolet.com](http://www.dickmorrischevrolet.com)

Service Hours: Mon. and Thurs. 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Tues., Wed., and Fri. 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. **248-624-4500**





**JOE'S GOURMET CATERING & EVENTS FOR ALL OCCASIONS!**

Now is the perfect time to plan for graduation parties, weddings, showers and of company picnics! Whether you are planning an elaborate gala or breakfast for that early morning meeting... we can make it happen.

Call Our Event Planner Today 248-477-4333, ext. 226



33152 W. SEVEN MILE RD • LIVONIA, MI 248.477.4333 HOURS: MONDAY-SATURDAY 9-8 • SUNDAY 9-6

**PRODUCE**

California Red & Ripe Strawberries	Jumbo California Broccoli	Louisiana Sweet Potatoes	Dole Golden Ripe Whole Pineapple	Jumbo Snow White California Cauliflower
2/\$4	2/\$3	69¢ lb	\$2.99 each	2/\$4

**DELI**

Alexander & Hornung 1/2 Spiral Ham \$2.99 lb. Save \$2.00 lb	Boarshead Sweet Slice Ham \$5.99 lb. Save \$2.00 lb	Dietz & Watson Classic Ham \$5.99 lb. Save \$2.00 lb	Jarlsberg Cheese \$5.99 lb. Save \$3.00 lb
Butterball Deep Fried Buffalo Chicken or Deep Fried Honey Turkey \$4.99 lb. Save \$3.00 lb	Butterball Oven Roasted or Smoked Turkey \$4.99 lb. Save \$3.00 lb	Dietz & Watson Gourmet Lite Turkey \$5.99 lb. Save \$3.00 lb	Hoffmans Super Sharp Cheddar Cheeses \$5.99 lb. Save \$2.00 lb
			Oldtime Provolone \$3.99 lb. Save \$2.00 lb

End Your Search For A Great Gift With Easter Bouquets, Plants And Gift Baskets. Easter Sweets And Treats Baskets For Every Taste And Budget Available. Order One Today Or Stop By And Pick Up A Few. If You're Making Your Own Baskets Take A Look At Our Amazing Selection Of Easter Candy... Goodie, Sanders & Jelly Belly Etc.

**GROCERY BAKERY CAFE**

**GROCERY**

Ben & Jerrys Pint Ice Cream	2/\$6.00
Save \$3.00 lb.	
Easter Lamb Butter Sculptures	\$3.99
Baremans Milk Gallons	2/\$5.00
No Limit	
Philly Cream Cheese	2/\$4.00
Variety of Flavors	8 oz. tub
Garlic Expressions	\$3.99 a bottle

**BAKERY**

Joe's Custard Pie	\$9.99
Orange, Strawberry & Black Forest Cream Cakes	\$7.99
Save \$1.00	
Spring Lofthouse Only	\$2.99 & up

**CAFE**

Joe's In-Store Fresh Roasted Coffee Flavor of The Week "Mackinaw Island Fudge"	\$5.99 lb. Save \$2.00 lb.
Jelly Beans	\$1.69 lb.

Beautiful selection of blooming Easter plants: Lilies, Azaleas, Hydrangea & Tulips. Just to name a few... Easter Plants starting at \$6.99 each & up

**Everyday GOURMET**

Spiral Sliced Ham	\$4.99 lb.
Save \$3.00 lb.	
Waldorf Salad	\$3.99 lb.
Save \$1.00 lb.	
Scallop Potatoes	\$4.99 lb.
Save \$1.00 lb.	
Glazed Carrots	\$2.99 lb.
Save \$1.00 lb.	

**Easter Dinner From Joe's**

Enjoy time with your family & friends this Easter!

Order our fabulous side dishes and desserts. our culinary team will prepare it all and you take all the credit!

Order your Sweet Trays & Cakes Today for Easter!

**WINE CELLAR**

Mike's Picks!

Great with your Easter Ham!	
Heineken & Corona	6 pk. \$6.99 + Dep.
Bolla of Italy	\$6.99
All Varietals Pinot Grigio, Riesling, Cabernet, Bardolino, Merlot, Pinot Noir, Sargoveese	
California Sea Ridge Wines	All Varietals \$6.99
Chardonnay, Cabernet, Syrah, Merlot	
Relax Riesling	\$9.99
Howling Moon 2006 North Coast Pinot Noir	\$12.99

Joe's fresh cut holiday bouquets starting at \$8.99 ea. & up. Breathtaking fresh arrangements starting at \$19.99 & up. Great for gift giving or to accent your holiday table.



All of us at Joe's wish you a joyous Easter. Prices good through April 3, 2010 We will be Closed Easter Sunday!

THURSDAY April 1, 2010

SECTION B (MN)

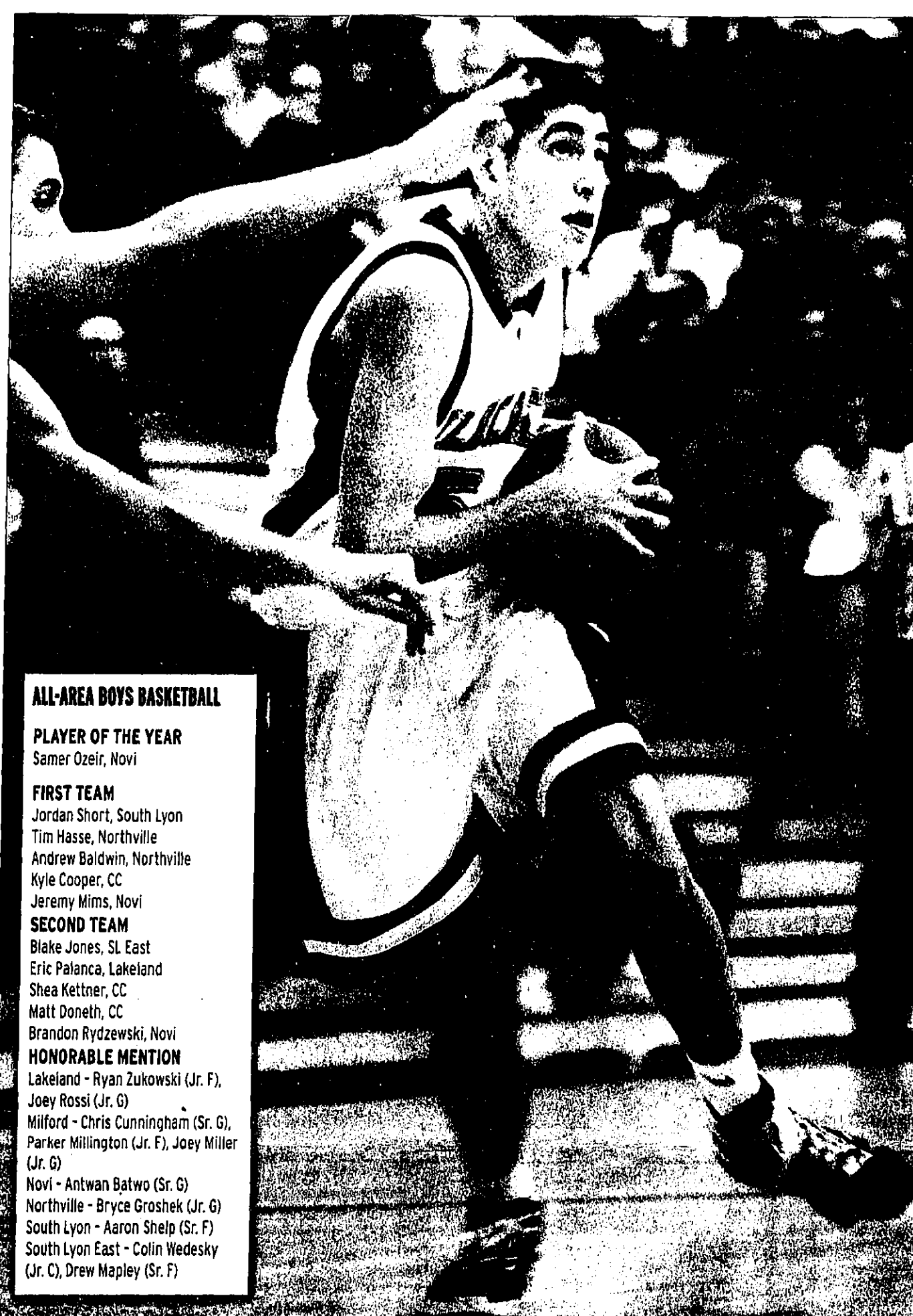
Call Steve editor (248) 437-2011 cstone@planet.com

**LOCAL SPORTS**

online at hometownlife.com

NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY

PAWS invites kids to win Tigers tickets! Go to hometownlife.com for more details on how to enter.



**ALL-AREA BOYS BASKETBALL**

PLAYER OF THE YEAR Samer Ozeir, Novi

**FIRST TEAM**

Jordan Short, South Lyon  
Tim Hasse, Northville  
Andrew Baldwin, Northville  
Kyle Cooper, CC  
Jeremy Mims, Novi

**SECOND TEAM**

Blake Jones, St. East  
Eric Palanca, Lakeland  
Shea Keltner, CC  
Matt Donohi, CC

**HONORABLE MENTION**

Lakeland - Ryan Zukowski (Jr. F), Joey Rossi (Jr. G)  
Milford - Chris Cunningham (Sr. G), Parker Millington (Jr. F), Joey Miller (Jr. G)  
Novi - Antwan Batwo (Sr. G)  
Northville - Bryce Groshek (Jr. G)  
South Lyon - Aaron Shelp (Sr. F)  
South Lyon East - Colin Wedesky (Jr. C), Drew Mapley (Sr. F)

Wildcat Samer Ozeir goes in for a layup.

PHOTO BY JOHN HEDER/NOVI NEWS

**Novi's Ozeir towers over All-Area hoops team**

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

At 6-foot-8, Novi junior forward Samer Ozeir can't be ignored in the gym. His size makes him a force in the paint on both ends of the court, where he picked up 9.5 rebounds and 1.6 blocks per game. "Samer is a force to deal with as an opponent. He shoots it well, can drive and scores off rebound putbacks. He is always a threat to make no matter how hot or cold he has been in the game," Northville coach Todd Sander said of his baseline rival's big man. Ozeir was also an outside threat for Novi. Leading the Wildcats with 33 three pointers on the season and a team-high

16.0 points per game, Ozeir combined his repertoire for 16 double-doubles. "The area's top inside-outside threat. Excellent shooter and rebounder, continuing to improve all season. Also, he's an excellent offensive rebounder," Novi coach Cory Heitsch said. Unfortunately for all involved, Ozeir's season ended early in Novi's regional semifinal win against Walled Lake Central when he broke his left arm.

**FIRST TEAM**

Jordan Short (South Lyon Sr. G)  
One of the area's biggest scoring threats, Short led the Lions' offense with 17.4 points per game before blowing out his ACL in the final stretch of the season.

A high point in the season for Short was a game-winning three pointer in the final seconds of a 50-49 victory over Novi on Jan. 8. He led his team in each assists (4.5), rebounds (6.1) and steals (4.1) per game before his injury. "Jordan is just one of those players who could do a little bit of everything for you. He led our team in points per game, assists per game, rebounds per game and steals per game, really an amazing accomplishment when you think about it," South Lyon coach Doug Host said. "But as good a player as he is, he's got an even better heart. He's a really fun player to work with."

Please see ALL-AREA, B2

**Wildcats lacrosse claws past Bobcats**

Novi wins opener, 8-4

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

Entering their third season under coach Tom Stephanoff, Novi's lacrosse program got off to a strong start. Hosting Grand Blanc (0-1) on a chilly Friday evening, the sun stayed above the horizon long enough to see the Wildcats take a halftime lead they would never relinquish as they defeated the first-year Bobcats program 8-4 last week.

Junior Greg Kolls got the 'Cats going just 2:47 into the match with a shot from 15 yards out from the goal. Junior Joe Mikkelsen followed within three minutes by putting one in the back of the net from up the center after sophomore Adam Haynes set him up.

With a 2-0 deficit, it took Grand Blanc senior Quinton St. Clair 1:21 later to get on the board, putting one past Novi sophomore netminder Alex Kinnaman from a sharp angle on the right side. Taylor Howell inbounded the ball from behind the Bobcats' net, ran up around the left corner of the crease and slammed home a wraparound goal to extend Novi's lead to 3-1. It only took freshman Dominic Hamper 5+ seconds to beat Kinnaman similarly to his teammates' goal, as both came from the right side.

It happened in the last 10 seconds of a quarter today. I think it was more of a mental thing," Stephanoff said of the same problem coming up in Sunday's game. "It was the first game. It was pretty sloppy. It showed us where we're at and what we need to work on." Neither team could get another one on the board in the final 62 seconds of the first quarter, as Novi led 3-2 at the break.

Please see LACROSSE, B3

**Novi dominates Okemos tennis quad**

Wildcats win 21 of 24 matches without two stars

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

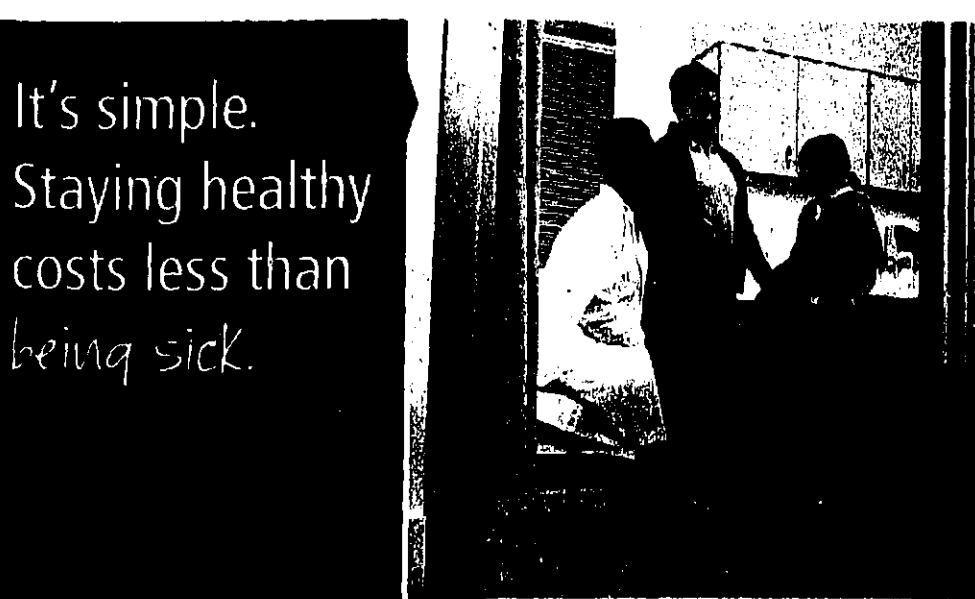
Despite missing a few of their top players, Novi's girls tennis squad was dominant in winning the Okemos quad meet last Saturday.

Earning 21 of a possible 24 points, the Wildcats swept six of the eight flights in going 21-3 without the aid of sophomore Abby Wang - or one doubles All-State senior Julia Thomas. All four Wildcat singles players went 3-0 last weekend, led by senior Amanda Border at one singles. Border defeated her Bloomfield Hills Lahser counterpart 6-1, 6-1 before trouncing Okemos' leader 6-1, 6-3 and St. John's 6-2, 6-3.

"I thought our No. 1 singles player, Amanda Border, had an extremely excellent first tournament," said coach Jim Hanson. "I was pleased with how Amanda performed on the first weekend out." Seniors Sara Carlson, Lauren Felcher and Andrea Lollo followed suit with impressive 3-0 runs in their respective two, three and four singles flights. Carlson went 6-1, 6-4 against Okemos; 6-0, 6-1 against St. John's and 6-1, 6-1 against Lahser.

Felcher, who spent last season at one doubles, had a close match with St. John senior Liz Morgan, splitting the first two sets 4-6, 6-3 before winning the tiebreaker 11-9. She went on to defeat Lahser 6-4, 6-0 and Okemos 6-1, 6-2 to claim the three singles quad title. Lollo had a tougher time winning the four singles quad title.

Please see TENNIS, B3



It's simple. Staying healthy costs less than being sick.

- Follow these 3 simple rules:
- Get an annual check up. It's a smart thing to do for your future health.
  - Establish a "relationship" with your doctor. The most effective physicians are those who know you and your family history.
  - See your doctor any time you have a health concern or unexplained symptoms.
- To find a Providence primary care doctor call 866-501-DOCS. We'll give you information to help you decide such as certification, education, location, hours, insurances accepted and more. Call before noon for a same day appointment.

**STJOHN PROVIDENCE HEALTH SYSTEM** A PASSION FOR HEALING

HOSPITALS IN SOUTHFIELD AND NOVI







# Driving Sales

When it comes to cars, nothing has more horsepower than newspaper advertising to ignite consumers. Auto shoppers absorb a great deal of information from a cornucopia of sources but rely on newspapers to help them make a sound choice.



**#1:** National dealership entry and exit polls conducted by CNW Research asked consumers for the reason for visiting a dealership on a particular day. Newspaper (print and online) was the number one reason. At 56.8%, more consumers cite newspapers than all other media combined.

**Primary:** Local newspaper advertising (print and online) is the Primary Source of information for consumers during the critical last stages of the decision making process. 16.59% rely on newspaper advertising as the main source during the last two weeks before buying. More than any other information source.

**Pricing information:** 96% of new car buyers agree that newspapers are most helpful as a source for pricing information.

**Where to buy:** 97% of new car buyers agree that newspapers are most helpful as a source of information on where to buy.

**Local selection:** 97% of new car buyers agree that newspapers are most helpful as a source of information on local selections.

**61% of used car buyers** selected newspapers (print and online) as their primary information source, more than all other media combined.

**3/4 of all U.S. Adults** read a newspaper, print or online in the past week. 170 million adults rely on newspapers.

CNW Research 2009 and Scarborough Research 2008

**Newspaper advertising.**  
A destination, not a distraction.  
www.newspapermedia.com

# HOME & SERVICE

<b>Capentry</b> (641) <b>* FINISHED BASEMENTS *</b> suspended ceiling, electric, 30 yrs exp. Lic. No. 810-220-0249 248-432-7388 248-432-7388 www.hometownlife.com	<b>Concrete</b> (650) <b>HEAVY DUTY CONCRETE</b> Driveways, Patios, Stamped Concrete 248-432-7388 www.hometownlife.com	<b>Electrical</b> (670) <b>SWEDD ELECTRIC</b> Your residential electrical authority. Lic. No. 810-220-0249 248-432-7388 www.hometownlife.com	<b>Handyman MF</b> (1020) 8 A.M. - 1 hour Projects to Complete Remodels, etc. 517-404-2200 www.hometownlife.com	<b>Landscaping</b> (1310) <b>Prestige Landscaping LLC</b> Moving starting at \$1600. Mulch & Aeration's Spring Clean-Up 248-880-0833 www.hometownlife.com	<b>Painting/Decorating</b> (1403) <b>GREAT WESTERN PAINTING</b> Custom painting at a budget price. 20 yrs exp. Licenses, fully insured. (313) 886-7892 www.greatwesternpainting.com	<b>Pool Services</b> (1500) <b>PISCES POOLS&amp;SPAS</b> www.piscespoolsandspas.com Construction, Repair, Service, Upgrades, Chemicals, Sales * 5275 Pool Openings * Health (810) 599-3667	<b>Roofing</b> (1504) <b>G.J. Kelly Const. Inc.</b> Roofing, Siding, Gutters, Additions, Decks, Licenses. 248-685-0358 <b>LEAK SPECIALIST</b> Flashings, valleys, water leaks, chimney leaks. 20 yrs exp. Tri County Roofing & Siding, Member of BBB. Licenses. 810-220-2363 <b>WILKING BASED &amp; FAMILY OWNED</b> For low cost roofing * Roofing by Tom Wilking * Tear offs, repairs & repairs. Free Estimates. 248-456-3168
<b>Basement Waterproofing</b> (1230) <b>DRY BASEMENTS LLC</b> We Repair: • Cracked Poured Walls • Cracked Block Walls • Waterproofing • Lock • Licensed • Insured (248) 420-0110 Ron	<b>Construction</b> (650) Tiller Plumbing and Construction, LLC Lic. & Ins. Master Plumber, Nights & Weekend Work, No Additional Fees. New Installations, Service, Repairs, Remodels. 586-709-6213	<b>Floor Service</b> (655) ★ <b>HARDWOOD FLOORS</b> Dustless system. Excess customer service. 248-470-7680 Hardwood Floors Installation Sand & Refinishing, 95% Dust Free, 11 year exp. Call Greg 248-802-2576, 248-668-7706 30 yrs. LOW PRICES. Licenses. 810-229-9844, 810-599-9302	<b>Housecleaning</b> (1000) ALL-WAY HAULING Junk & Trash. Free estimate/removal. 30 yrs. LOW PRICES. Licenses. 810-229-9844, 810-599-9302	<b>Soil Gravel Mulch Sand</b> (1000) <b>SOIL GRAVEL MULCH SAND</b> STONE ETC 15 yd min. delivered & dumped on your site. Res. & Com. 248-921-0825	<b>Painting/Decorating</b> (1403) <b>PAUL'S Professional Painting Inc.</b> Interior • Exterior • Free Estimates (248) 437-1492	<b>Pressure Power Washing</b> (1530) <b>DYNAMIC PAINTING &amp; POWER WASHING</b> 248-368-8508	<b>Roofing</b> (1504) <b>* ABOVE ALL TREE SERVICES *</b> Removals, limbing, stump Free est. Lic. (734) 878-4905 * ALL TYPES OF TREE WORK * Trimming, topping, removals, brush chipping, wood hauling. Fully insured. 810-221-3531
<b>Brick, Block &amp; Cement</b> (629) <b>ALL CUSTOM MASONRY</b> Chimney & porch repair, curbs & walkway stone, fireplaces, patios, etc. 248-885-0356	<b>Computer Sales &amp; Service</b> (624) <b>C.C.A. Inc.</b> VIRUS AND SPYWARE REMOVAL 248-437-1304 www.hometownlife.com	<b>Handyman MF</b> (1020) ABSOLUTELY DU-IT-ALL Lic. & Ins. Ceramic tile, electrical, plumbing, complete basins, bathrooms, kitchens, insurance work, etc. Call 248-891-7072	<b>Housecleaning</b> (1000) Absolute Housecleaning House, Apartment, Office, etc. 248-379-0958	<b>Lawn, Gardening Maintenance Service</b> (1220) <b>AERATIONS SPRING CLEANUPS</b> 734-564-2289	<b>Pressure Power Washing</b> (1530) <b>K.B. ROAD GRADING, PAVING</b> re & driveway grading, etc. Free est. 810-220-3373	<b>Roofing</b> (1504) <b>ALL ROOFING - Licensed - Free estimates. Reasonable prices.</b> (517) 548-9287	<b>Roofing</b> (1504) <b>APEX ROOFING</b> Quality work completed with pride. Family owned. Lic. Ins. For honesty & integrity. 247-476-6924, 248-655-7233
<b>PAISANO CONSTR. CO</b> Licensed. 30 yrs Exp. • Driveways • Patios • Patios • Stamped Concrete • Brick • Paving • Floors We Specialize in Residential Work. Mike: 734-748-9000	<b>Concrete</b> (650) <b>ALL CONCRETE FLATWORK</b> Repairs, renovations, etc. Lic. 517-546-8444	<b>Handyman MF</b> (1020) * A-1 Plaster & Drywall * • Patch • Free Repairs • Restore • Water Damage • Cracks • No Job too small • Free Est. Call. 35 yrs exp. 248-722-3267	<b>Housecleaning</b> (1000) Absolute Housecleaning House, Apartment, Office, etc. 248-379-0958	<b>Lawn, Gardening Maintenance Service</b> (1220) <b>AERATIONS SPRING CLEANUPS</b> 734-564-2289	<b>Pressure Power Washing</b> (1530) <b>K.B. ROAD GRADING, PAVING</b> re & driveway grading, etc. Free est. 810-220-3373	<b>Roofing</b> (1504) <b>ALL ROOFING - Licensed - Free estimates. Reasonable prices.</b> (517) 548-9287	<b>Roofing</b> (1504) <b>APEX ROOFING</b> Quality work completed with pride. Family owned. Lic. Ins. For honesty & integrity. 247-476-6924, 248-655-7233
<b>Brick, Block &amp; Cement</b> (629) <b>ALL CUSTOM MASONRY</b> Chimney & porch repair, curbs & walkway stone, fireplaces, patios, etc. 248-885-0356	<b>Computer Sales &amp; Service</b> (624) <b>C.C.A. Inc.</b> VIRUS AND SPYWARE REMOVAL 248-437-1304 www.hometownlife.com	<b>Handyman MF</b> (1020) ABSOLUTELY DU-IT-ALL Lic. & Ins. Ceramic tile, electrical, plumbing, complete basins, bathrooms, kitchens, insurance work, etc. Call 248-891-7072	<b>Housecleaning</b> (1000) Absolute Housecleaning House, Apartment, Office, etc. 248-379-0958	<b>Lawn, Gardening Maintenance Service</b> (1220) <b>AERATIONS SPRING CLEANUPS</b> 734-564-2289	<b>Pressure Power Washing</b> (1530) <b>K.B. ROAD GRADING, PAVING</b> re & driveway grading, etc. Free est. 810-220-3373	<b>Roofing</b> (1504) <b>ALL ROOFING - Licensed - Free estimates. Reasonable prices.</b> (517) 548-9287	<b>Roofing</b> (1504) <b>APEX ROOFING</b> Quality work completed with pride. Family owned. Lic. Ins. For honesty & integrity. 247-476-6924, 248-655-7233

# APARTMENTS

<b>Apartment/Unfurnished</b> (400) <b>BRIGHTON - 1 MO. FREE!</b> Spacious, updated, air, laundry, microwave, efficiency. \$550, incl. utilities. 1 br. 508. 2 br. \$635. 810-229-1157 Brighton, 800sq. ft. 1 br. air washer/dryer. No pets/smoking. \$550. 810-441-1133	<b>Apartment/Unfurnished</b> (400) <b>FOWLERVILLE, 2 bedroom</b> Wash/dryer, no dogs. \$550. Sec. Deposit optional. Bad credit. Immediate occupancy. 248-432-9629 HOWLAND, Remodeled, 1 & 2 br. \$490 to \$550/mo. Near downtown. 810-623-6458 30 yrs. exp. 248-514-8858	<b>Apartment/Unfurnished</b> (400) <b>MILFORD - SAN BARINO</b> 1 & 2 BR. Apts. (248) 885-1524 MILFORD - BURWOOD APTS. Spring Special - 1 BR. 30 low rooms. \$575 plus sec. Remodeled. Near downtown. 810-623-6458 30 yrs. exp. 248-514-8858	<b>Apartment/Unfurnished</b> (400) <b>MILFORD - 1 &amp; 2 BR.</b> 1 & 2 BR. Apts. \$500 up to 1/2 sec. incl. pet. \$500 up, no dogs. Bad credit. Immediate occupancy. 1 mo. free rent. 248-302-9529 NORTHVILLE, 1 BR., park, washer/dryer in unit, park by front door. 6mo. lease + sec. dep. \$500/mo. 248-349-3732	<b>Apartment/Unfurnished</b> (400) <b>PLYMOUTH</b> 151 MONTH FREE! \$800 Deposit 1 BR. Single Story Private Entry/Patio Close to Walmart 734-459-6640 EHO www.commorento.com *Call for details	<b>Apartment/Unfurnished</b> (400) <b>WALLED LAKE AREA</b> 1 & 2 br. 400 sq. ft. on office or hobby, 3 closets, Quartz apt. bag, nice neighborhood, no pets. \$475/mo. includes heat/water. 243-624-4310	<b>Apartment/Unfurnished</b> (400) <b>WALLED LAKE AREA</b> 1 & 2 br. 400 sq. ft. on office or hobby, 3 closets, Quartz apt. bag, nice neighborhood, no pets. \$475/mo. includes heat/water. 243-624-4310	<b>Apartment/Unfurnished</b> (400) <b>BRIGHTON - 2 story, walk-out</b> basement, attached gar. all appls. close to downtown. \$825/mo. Call: 248-446-0443	<b>Apartment/Unfurnished</b> (400) <b>BRIGHTON - 1 BR., remodeled</b> call near Midway 1st lease. No pet/smoking. \$495/mo. water incl. 517-304-4584	
<b>Apartment/Unfurnished</b> (400) <b>BRIGHTON</b> 140 E. Grand River SPC/151 & 2 br. best incl. No pets. Security deposit. \$200 with 3 mos. at 50% off without credit. 517-294-1933 810-227-2203	<b>Apartment/Unfurnished</b> (400) <b>FOWLERVILLE</b> Clean & spacious 2 br apt. in quiet setting 2 minutes from downtown. \$550. 4290 Cemetery, behind post office. 248-789-0888 <b>FOWLERVILLE, 2 br.,</b> spacious clean new appliances washer/dryer, close to school. Short term lease avail. \$550 + \$300 sec. 810-229-1157	<b>Apartment/Unfurnished</b> (400) <b>HOWELL</b> Downtown newly renovated 2 br., spacious w/laundry. Quiet. Limited special. \$500. 248-949-1491	<b>Apartment/Unfurnished</b> (400) <b>MILFORD, DOWNTOWN</b> luxury loft, 1 br., w/parking. \$750/mo. DAB/88-1500 <b>MILFORD, I-96 area, 2 br.,</b> country setting, \$750/mo. incl. heat. 1/2 off 1st month! 248-701-4581	<b>Apartment/Unfurnished</b> (400) <b>PLYMOUTH</b> 2 bedroom/2 bath Enormous master suite Hurry! Last one left! Single story/private entry Patio & garden space Also, storage, laundry in unit \$790 per month Call today! 734-459-6640 EHO www.commorento.com	<b>Apartment/Unfurnished</b> (400) <b>PLYMOUTH</b> 2 bedroom/2 bath Enormous master suite Hurry! Last one left! Single story/private entry Patio & garden space Also, storage, laundry in unit \$790 per month Call today! 734-459-6640 EHO www.commorento.com	<b>Apartment/Unfurnished</b> (400) <b>BRIGHTON - 2 story, walk-out</b> basement, attached gar. all appls. close to downtown. \$825/mo. Call: 248-446-0443	<b>Apartment/Unfurnished</b> (400) <b>BRIGHTON - 1 BR., remodeled</b> call near Midway 1st lease. No pet/smoking. \$495/mo. water incl. 517-304-4584	<b>Apartment/Unfurnished</b> (400) <b>BRIGHTON</b> 140 E. Grand River SPC/151 & 2 br. best incl. No pets. Security deposit. \$200 with 3 mos. at 50% off without credit. 517-294-1933 810-227-2203	<b>Apartment/Unfurnished</b> (400) <b>HOWELL</b> Downtown newly renovated 2 br., spacious w/laundry. Quiet. Limited special. \$500. 248-949-1491

## Families have found some of the best things in the Classified Ads.

### Now you can visit us at.....

[www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com)

# EVIDENCE POINTS TO APPLE-CART UPSET FOR AUTO BRANDS

Advertising Feature

## CAReport



By Dale Buss

This year may be marked by a turnaround in U.S. automotive sales, which would be welcome enough after a two-year slide because of fuel-price shocks and economic woes. But for some brands in the American market, 2010 may become even more notable as the year that finally saw significant changes in market share.

Arguably, more of the U.S. auto market is up for grabs now than at any time in recent memory. The brand surgeries at General Motors, the debilitating wounds of Chrysler, the self-inflicted wounds to Toyota's brand – even a recall by Honda – have created more market-share shifts than in decades, and the potential for more.

So far, Ford, Hyundai and Audi most notably have stepped up their games, largely by dint of strong products and positioning. But new evidence is surfacing all the time that there's more opportunity available for any ambitious brand than there has been in quite some time.

The automotive group of Jumpstart, a firm owned by Hachette-Filipacchi, for instance, has said that Ford and Chevrolet stand to gain significantly from Toyota's problems as shoppers remove the troubled Japanese brand from their consideration set and that it may take Toyota two or three years to recover.

Ford clearly has been one of the biggest market-share winners lately as not only Toyota but also old rivals

Chevrolet and Chrysler have been dealing with huge retrenchments by their parent companies. Hyundai also has gained partly at Toyota's expense.

But there's definite movement in other segments, too, as the disappearance of brands, the overall sales slump, dealer consolidations and other factors roil the waters of the U.S. auto market as never before. Audi, for example, has been gaining on the luxury side.

However, it's also quite possible to run too far with Toyota's current weakness and mistake it for a long-term trend. The brand equity built by Toyota over decades in this market was deep-rooted, and it may be too easy to discount the brand even with its current difficulties.

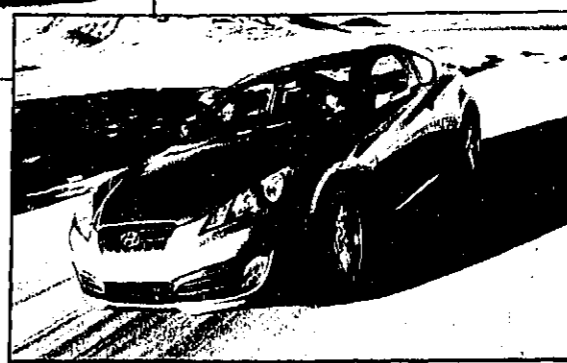
Edmunds.com has been one of the more cautious observers about Toyota's prospects for just this reason. Recently, in fact, Edmunds.com's AutoObserver blog suggested that Toyota sales in March ended up rising by about 80 percent from their woeful February levels, in part because of Toyota's huge new incentive program in March.

"At this point, Toyota seems to be making large strides in reinstating its good name and appealing to car shoppers," said Jessica Caldwell, director of industry analysis for Edmunds.com.

There's no telling at this point how auto-brand market shares will have settled out by the end of the year. The only thing for sure right now is that American consumers are going to be the



The new SRX is one Cadillac that is helping boost the brand's quality ratings.



The Genesis Coupe has been great for the Hyundai brand.

beneficiaries as the OEMs scrap for share intensifies.

Because brands will be using whatever arrows are in their quivers during what promises to be a tumultuous marketing battle over the next several months, expect more trumpeting of ever-improving quality levels from certain brands.

Cadillac, Lincoln and Hyundai are actually among the higher-quality brands in the U.S. auto industry, as measured by J.D. Power's latest survey of new-vehicle quality after three years of ownership. But most American consumers still don't perceive them that way.

And it's time for these and other automaker brands to do something about such gaps. It's possible for GM brands, Ford's brands and other recent quality winners to also begin effectively leveraging their quality gains in promotion of their brands.

"Producing vehicles with world-class quality is just part of the battle for automakers; convincing consumers to believe in their quality is equally as important," said David Sargent, vice

president of automotive research at J.D. Power. "It takes considerable time to positively change consumer perceptions of quality and reliability – sometimes a decade or more – so it is vital for manufacturers to continually improve quality and also to convince consumers of these gains."

But how do they do the latter? After all, Ford and GM brands have been making huge quality improvements for many years now and steadily pulling even with, and even outperforming, import brands by important objective measures of quality such as Power's.

Innovative products that are appealing overall will help a lot. That's been a big boost lately for Ford. And GM may begin to benefit more from its many fine products as some of its weaker models fade away with the excision of Pontiac, Saturn, Saab and Hummer.

"The way we can [improve perceptions of quality] is just keep on launching great vehicles," Lori Cumming, GM's executive director of global product development quality, told the Detroit Free Press.

# AUTOMOTIVE

HOMETOWNlife.com

<b>800-8760</b> CLASS C USED MOTOR HOMES WANTED. I COME TO YOU. Call Dale 517-882-7299	<b>4120</b> CLASS C USED MOTOR HOMES WANTED. I COME TO YOU. Call Dale 517-882-7299	<b>4160</b> Dependable Core Services We buy alloy wheels/pumps alternators/converters/ac compressors/ starters. 586-419-0247	<b>4220</b> '08 FORD F350 LARIAT CREW CAB 4x4 Diesel, moonroof, navigation, 17k miles \$40,995 Brighton Ford 800-836-7697	<b>4220</b> FORD EXPLORER 2002, lots of new parts. 112k miles. Exc. Cond. \$6,000 (734) 878-5437	<b>4300</b> '09 SUZUKI SX4 AWD Navigation, one owner. 29k miles. \$11,995 Brighton Ford 800-836-7697	<b>4300</b> SPORTS & IMPORTS VARIOUS 2003 Ford Taurus SE, \$5,000. 2000 Jaguar S type, \$6,000. 1995 Ford F150 LTX, \$2,600. 1978 MG3, \$4,500 Tel: 248-680-5945	<b>4400</b> '08 CHEVY AVALANCHE LTZ 4x4 Moonroof, one owner, 27k miles. \$35,995 Brighton Ford 800-836-7697	<b>4400</b> '10 CHEVY MALIBU LT One owner, 5 to choose as low as \$17,995. Brighton Ford 800-836-7697
<b>8040</b> DOCK SLIP AVAILABLE On Hall Moon Chain of Lakes. Call Nik Marina: 734-498-2494	<b>4145</b> PUBLIC VEHICLE AUCTION Fri. April 2, 2010 at 10am. 21340 Telegraph Rd. Southfield, MI 48033 Mazda Miata 2001 JM1TA2218W1411483 Chevy Venture 1998 16NDX036W287563 Chevy Monte Carlo 1985 1G1G23725GR149285 Call to place your ad at 1-800-579-SELL (7355)	<b>4190</b> \$3 CASH 4 CARS \$5 - We buy running cars & trucks up to \$1,499. Call 810-691-5030	<b>4240</b> DODGE 2002 RAM 1500 pickup. 3.7L V-6, automatic, 116,000 miles. 2 WD. Good cond. \$2,900 810-227-8220	<b>4300</b> '07 MERCEDES C-230 SPORT Moonroof, leather, one owner. \$20,995 Brighton Ford 800-836-7697	<b>4330</b> '08 MERCEDES C300 AWD 4 to choose, one owner, as low as \$26,995 Brighton Ford 800-836-7697	<b>4390</b> Audi Quattro 2000 2.7T All WD V-6. A/T A/C Bose moon leather 155K. \$5,700 810-229-5588	<b>4400</b> '09 CHEVY SUBURBAN LT 4X4 One owner, priced to move \$32,995 Brighton Ford 800-836-7697	<b>4500</b> Lincoln FOCUS 2005- Exterior color: sangria red. Interior color: stone cloth. Very good cond. 9,680 miles. Asking \$12,400. Ask for Chuck 734-513-5362

# MARKETPLACE

HOMETOWNlife.com

<b>7000-7780</b> NEW HUDSON 30439 Ridge Court. 48165. 4/21/10. 9am to 5pm. S. 4/3/10. 9am to 3pm. Furniture & kitchen items!	<b>7130</b> WESTLAND Big Estate Sale April 1-2, 12:00-6pm, Sat., April 3rd, 10:00-6pm. Dining room furniture, hospital bed and other home medical equipment, New QVC woman's clothes and jewelry 7950 North Fountain Park Apartments, Westland. dillmillsa@gmail.com	<b>7190</b> POOL EQUIPMENT & CHEMICALS FOR SALE Due to pool removal. Call: (248) 349-5612	<b>7520</b> ANTIQUE POOL TABLE, 6', balls & cue sticks. Newly re-covered. Legs sold. Exc. cond. \$45. 734-835-1276	<b>7540</b> ABSOLUTE 1 BUYER!! We are not a scrap yard. Top \$ Paid for coins, gold, diamonds, guns, musical instruments. Uptown Exchange. 810-227-8190.	<b>7640</b> LAB AKC PUPS Choco. 1st & 2nd shots, wormed, dew. Parents on site. \$275. 517-265-8250
<b>7090</b> SWIMMING POOL 21' round, with pump, filter, ladder, etc. Must dismantle & pickup. 734-266-5258	<b>7100</b> Burlington 7 pc. girls Br set. Natural pine. Exc. Cond. \$995/best. (610) 227-4316	<b>7415</b> Hay, Grain, Seed	<b>7540</b> ABSOLUTELY ALL SCRAP METAL WANTED Steel, stainless, copper, brass, tool steel, carbide, aluminum. Highest dollar paid! 248-437-0094 www.beaversco.com	<b>7540</b> SCRAP METAL Highest Prices Paid Copper \$2.00-\$2.60 per lb. Brass 0.99c-\$1.30 per lb. Alum. 0.25c-0.80c per lb. Stainless 0.50c-0.80c per lb (248) 980-1200	<b>7640</b> A & S SUPPLY- Compare & Save! Cedar & treated fence posts. Oak fence boards. Wood, wire, vinyl horse fencing. Post holes dug. Pole barns, barn stalls & run in shelters. Material and/or installation avail. Lic/Ins. Free Estimates. (810) 231-1788
<b>7090</b> Auction Sales	<b>7100</b> DINETTE TABLE, 4 chairs, maple, \$75. Early American Matching Hutch, maple, \$200 will separate. Twin Bed w/ Brass Headboard, \$135. All very good cond. 734-467-8592	<b>7415</b> Hay 2nd cutting mix, no rain, \$4.50. Highest best, all natural. 517-625-5133 / 586-219-1764	<b>7540</b> GOLF CARTS www.greenogolfcarts.com 248-437-8481	<b>7640</b> WE'LL BUY IT NOW! Old books, collections, estate or surplus items. 517-292-6792, 517-712-9784	<b>7680</b> MASTIFF PUPS-NEAPOLITAN 9 wks old. Dewormed, shots, 2 females, 1 male, blue, vet checked, call: (734) 671-5324
<b>7090</b> ESTATE AUCTION Sat., April 3rd, 7PM Cultural Center 525 Farmer Plymouth, MI Furniture/Accessories Glassware/China Tools/Outdoor Items Household Items Cash/MC/Visa Bank Debit Cards. No Checks. Doors Open 6pm. JC Auction Services 734.451.7444 www.jcauctionservices.com	<b>7100</b> FORMAL DINING room set, 1 of a kind. \$2,000. 1930's Dresser. \$300. Entertainment center, oak, \$600. Thomasville couch, floral, \$500. Pump organ, \$1,000. 517-223-8427	<b>7440</b> Firewood-Merchandise	<b>7540</b> MARCH SPECIAL! SEASONED HARDWOOD \$65 per face cord delivered or \$50 picked up. 4"x8"x16' (810) 231-3531	<b>7640</b> AKC CHOC & BLACK LABS Toy choc. poodle. Shi-pos. AKC Havanese. Tea cup Yorkies. \$275 plus. 734-646-4007, 810-599-4317	<b>7870</b> MILFORD: Facing Kensington Park, box stalls, daily turnout. TLC. \$325/mo. 248-787-1453
<b>7100</b> BEVERLY HILLS: Thurs-Sat. 9-4PM. 17022 Elizabeth. Furniture, tools, kitchen, misc. treasures. Vintage 60's toys. Kids games, sports cards.	<b>7100</b> MISC ITEMS: Dining room set-round oak formal table, light wood, w/ 4 chairs & leaf, \$700. Italian leather sofa bed, U-shaped, w/ end tables & lamp, \$700. Exercise equip., \$250. 313-212-3756	<b>7440</b> FREE REMOVAL of your unwanted Riding Mowers & Tillers. 517-294-1519	<b>7540</b> Lawn, Garden & Snow Equipment	<b>7640</b> AKC PEMBROOK WELSH CORGI PUPS. Champion blood lines & great family pets. 517-468-3298 313-550-4429 corgibreeder.com	<b>7870</b> LOST Tri-Color Border Collie in the area of Pontiac Trail and Grand River on 3/21/10. Name is Guinness. 248-880-9157
<b>7100</b> Estate Sale JANE'S ESTATE SALES Need to sell? Give us a call! (810) 633-2616	<b>7100</b> SOFA, big stuffed chair, ottoman, 2 end tables, 2 lamps, \$100. Console Stereo, 10 yrs. old, records incl., \$50. Treadmill, Kenmore, \$200. 248-477-8178	<b>7440</b> ROTOILLER, 10hp., like new, w/ electric start. \$800. (734) 878-9845	<b>7540</b> QUALITY USED 6" Jointplainer. 248-437-0012, 989-735-2131	<b>7870</b> WANTED Horse facility to lease. Up to 10 horses. 248-207-3031	<b>7870</b> There is something for everyone in our Classifieds!

## TOP PRICES PAID FOR GOLD Silver and Jewelry

Senior Gemologist Appraiser on site Gold Buying Hours: Mon-Fri 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### Mann Metals Corp.

1011 Decker Road Walled Lake, MI 48390 248-960-1200

Over 46 years in business. Also buyers of copper, brass, aluminum, steel

## YOU CAN GET A CAR LOAN.

Visit a local auto dealer today!

In today's economic climate, you might think it's impossible to get credit to buy a car. We have news for you. Not only is financing available, there has never been a better time to buy a car or truck. Today's vehicles are greater in quality and fuel efficiency than ever before. Your local car dealer has access to multiple sources of credit and will work with you to find financing that meets your needs. Interest rates start as low as 0%, and dealers are offering incentive savings and rebates. Now is the time to buy. Visit a local dealer today!

QUESTER & DECKENBERG NEWSPAPERS HOMETOWN WEEKLIES www.hometownlife.com