

Novi singer heads to Italy for opera 'boot camp' - Neighbors, A6

THURSDAY
June 25,
2009

Hometown Weeklies
Volume 54
Number 5
75 CENTS

NOVI NEWS

online at hometownlife.com



Summer camp is magic for kids - A3

NOVI PUBLIC LIBRARY 6/25/09

NUTSHELL

E-Newsletter winner!

Walter Sahjidak of Novi is this week's winner of a pass for two Imagine Theatres and a free Buddy's pizza. Sahjidak signed for the E-Newsletter and was selected in a random drawing. To sign up, click on the E-Newsletters tab on Hometownlife.com (top left of the home page). The Novi News will offer E-Newsletters on Thursdays, and local business and entertainment newsletters will come out once a week.

In Her Shoes

Two Walled Lake women, Stacy Brown and Tammy Chiaravalli, have partnered with HAVEN, a 501(c)(3) organization providing programs promoting violence-free homes and communities, and will present an upscale charity event, In Her Shoes, Saturday, June 27, at the Bayside Sports Grille located on the shores of Walled Lake. Attendance is anticipated at more than 500 people for the evening, which includes a designer shoe fashion show, live entertainment, raffles, food/drink specials, door prizes and much more. Organizers are looking for corporate sponsorships and donations; contact Chiaravalli at tamrachiaravalli@yahoo.com or (248) 766-9398; or Bonnie Brown at bonnieb43@comcast.net or (248) 202-8600.

Fire up the ice cream

The grand opening celebration of Stuart's of Novi ice cream shop will see 100 percent of all sales donated to the Novi Fire Department to raise money to purchase an automated external defibrillator for one of the fire trucks. The event will take place from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 27, with fire department personnel on site and a moonwalk for children.

Stuart's is located on the northeast corner of 10 Mile and Meadowbrook roads. Call (248) 615-2955 for more information.

Chamber golf

The Novi Chamber of Commerce's 22nd Annual Golf Outing is Tuesday, Aug. 18 at Tanglewood Golf Course. Fee per golfer of \$145 includes 18 holes of golf, coffee-and-danish breakfast, lunch by Carrabba's Italian Grill and a pig roast dinner; foursomes are \$560. Call the chamber at (248) 349-3743.

Time is ticking on Cobo deal

Rock president supports keeping auto show in Detroit

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Blair Bowman, president of Rock Financial Showplace, has no problem with the North American International Auto Show staying at Cobo Center in Detroit.

But if that plan does not work, Bowman believes his facility is the best alternative and capable of handling the large-scale event.

"If (the auto show) is accommodated in a responsible expansion and



Bowman

renovation of Cobo Center and maintained in Detroit that would be fine," Bowman said. "But the concern is, given the track record, we need to have an alternative that if (a deal) does not occur in a certain time frame then there needs to be a way of saving the show."

Not allowing the show, which attracted more than 600,000 people last year, to leave the state is a major objective for everyone involved. The hope is that the show stays in Detroit, but other options are being explored.

"In these economic times for Michigan to lose anything is a very troublesome and hard to take

situation," said Sen. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi. "This is do or die. It's very important to our state and our image as a state."

A pair of bills passed in the state House on June 18 would allow Detroit to keep ownership of Cobo through a lease agreement and give residents in Wayne, Oakland or Macomb counties priority for Cobo Center jobs. The bills are now slated to go to a conference committee made up of members of the House and Senate, with the hopes the two sides can work out a compromise.

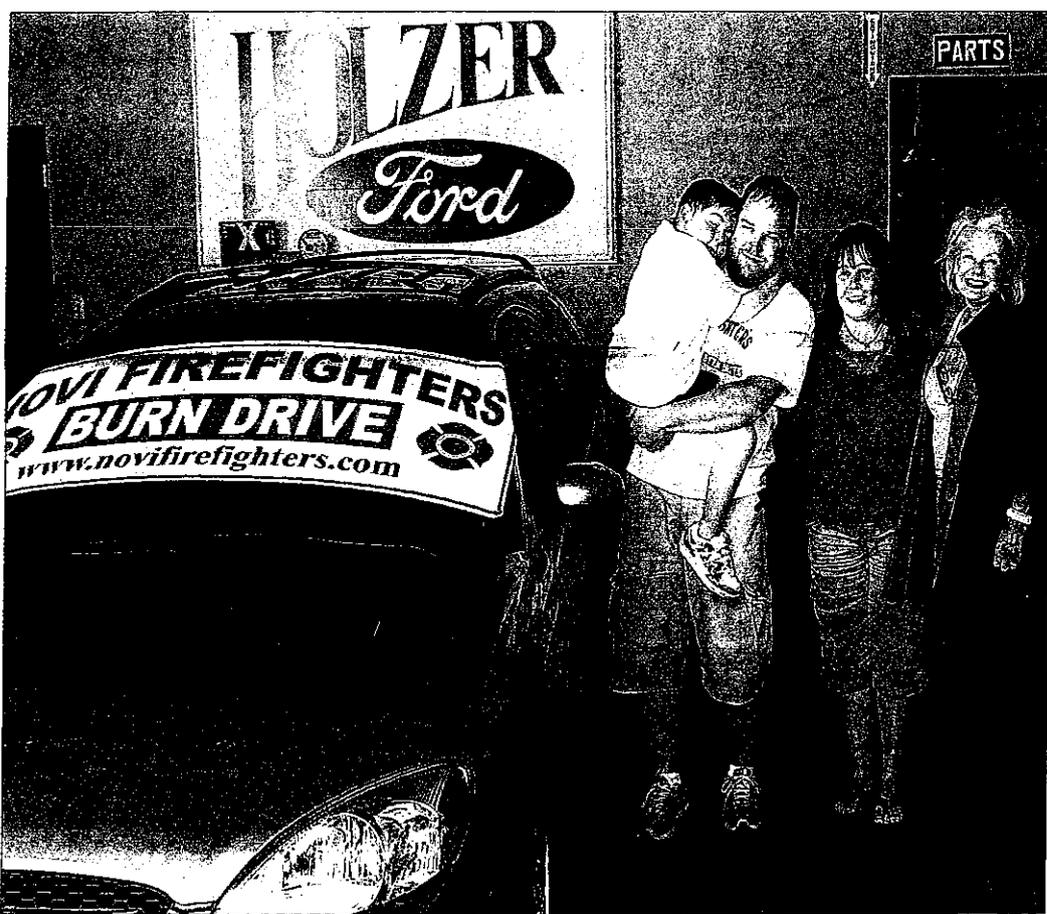
Rep. Hugh Crawford, R-Novi, has asked to be on the conference committee and is "extremely concerned" about not getting it completed in time. The Senate package approved in May included a July 1 deadline for

WHERE IT STANDS

A pair of bills passed in the state House on June 18 would allow Detroit to keep ownership of Cobo through a lease agreement and give residents in Wayne, Oakland or Macomb counties priority for Cobo Center jobs. The bills are now slated to go to a conference committee made up of members of the House and Senate, with the hopes the two sides can work out a compromise.

Detroit to turn Cobo over to a regional authority, but the House version did not have that stipulation, instead

Please see Cobo, A2



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Helping hand

Thanks to the help of the Novi Firefighters Burn Drive and Connie Holzer (right) of Tom Holzer Ford, Tim and Anita Lucas got the transportation they needed to take their seven-year-old son Trevor to cancer treatments.

Contact Us

- Classified Advertising: (800) 519-7355
- Delivery: (248) 366-3742
- Fax: (248) 685-2892 / (248) 437-3742
- Mail: 101 N. Lafayette St., South Lyon, MI 48178

Index

- APARTMENTS C23
- AUTOMOTIVE C4
- CAREER BUILDER C1
- CROSSWORD PUZZLE C1
- EDUCATION A12
- NEIGHBORS A6
- OBITUARIES A6
- OPINION A8
- REAL ESTATE C2
- SERVICE GUIDE C2
- SPORTS B1
- STRICTLY BUSINESS B6



Study: Novi can improve police and fire services

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Novi Mayor David Landry understands that change is hard. Hearing an outside firm be extremely critical of services the city takes a lot of pride in might be even harder.

But Landry knows that for the city to continue its positive track record, it must continue to look for ways to improve, especially during tough economic times.

"If you don't bring in an outside source, you get comfortable in what you are doing. And we want to make a commitment to be critical of ourselves before anything bad happens," he said.

"If you don't bring in an outside source, you get comfortable in what you are doing. And we want to make a commitment to be critical of ourselves before anything bad happens."



DAVID LANDRY, Novi mayor

"We think it is good to bring in someone to say, 'You have great

Please see STUDY, A2

Switch your Checking and Earn up to \$200!

Bank Greener,
Bank Local.



(734) 453-1200 (877) 937-2328 toll free www.ctfu.org

PLYMOUTH CANTON NORTHVILLE NOVI

*New Checking Accounts must be opened with funds not currently on deposit with Community Financial before September 5, 2009 to receive Summer of Fun Cash worth up to \$200. Earnings vary and some restrictions may apply. See branch for details. Federally insured by NCUA. ©2009 Community Financial

COBO FROM PAGE A1

saving the transfer would have to be effective by Sept. 30.

Both Senate and House packages agreed to give Detroit \$20 million to defray costs and the state would give the authority \$9.4 million for the expansion.

"I just have my doubts that it can be done soon enough with the process we are going through in Lansing," Crawford said. "Personally, I think Detroit is the place for it, but we cannot lose it in this state and region."

Novi perspective

Rock Financial Showplace is not a show-in for the auto show if it leaves Detroit. Ultimately the decision is up to the auto dealers involved with the show.

However, if Rock were the choice, an addition of 975,000-square-foot would have to be put on the existing 320,000-square-foot facility along with 5,000 parking spaces. It would be an authority-owned operation with Bowman leasing and managing it.

Bowman said he would have to know within 30-45 days what the plan is so construction could start and the facility could be ready for the 2011 NAIAS.

Novi Mayor David Landry,

like Bowman, is OK with the auto show staying in Detroit, but he also cannot help but be excited about the opportunity if Novi was the next option for the event that draws nearly \$500 million in business.

"I don't think Detroit is going to let it go. It would be a mistake for them to let it go," Landry said. "But as the mayor (of Novi), I would like to see it come."

Landry said if it were to happen, he wants Novi to get direct dollars to cover the additional costs of more police and fire personnel among other things. Traffic issues would also have to be looked at.

Dave Shingler, a 36-year Novi resident, said he does not believe Novi has the infrastructure to handle the crowds, and believes the hassles, including with traffic, far outweigh the gains.

"I truly don't think it's coming here regardless because there is nothing in Novi to attract people in January," he said. "People would have to stay in Detroit and drive out here in what could be miserable road conditions that time of year."

The deadline for a deal in the Senate package is Wednesday, and as of press time, a conference committee meeting has not been scheduled.

novi@novi.net | (248) 437-2011 ext. 255

STUDY FROM PAGE A1

people, but you could be even better if you did this."

The two services the city had ICMA Consulting Services look at were the police and fire departments. According to the study, both departments have "dedicated and well-trained personnel" and "provide a high level of specialized services to the citizens."

But the study also pointed out deficiencies in the departments and provided recommendations for how the city could improve the services.

In regards to the fire department, the study said the department is "handicapped by a dysfunctional deployment system which has created two separate fire departments under one management structure. This dysfunction is enhanced by two separate unions, two standards for operations and continues to the level of uniforms worn by employees."

The department is staffed by full-time and paid-on-call firefighters and a recommendation was to work the two groups side-by-side to ensure the stations are staffed equally for 24 hours, an idea Landry

said was "wonderful." Other suggestions were to develop a technology task force and restructure the department to create a second and quality control position utilizing the fire marshal, among other recommendations.

The recommendations for the police department were to implement a temporary directed patrol for property crimes and create a second deputy police chief position and one new lieutenant with no net changes in staffing, among others.

Novi City Manager Clay Pearson said the city is going to spend time internally looking at the recommendations and plan how it wants to implement them going forward. Not all recommendations will be put into place, but everything is being looked at.

"Novi residents know they have a safe community and know we have good public services, and that doesn't happen by accident," Pearson said. "It takes a lot of hard work."

"We do these studies because we do not want to settle. We want to be better."

novi@novi.net | (248) 437-2011 ext. 255

Novi City Manager Clay Pearson said the city is going to spend time internally looking at the recommendations and plan how it wants to implement them going forward. Not all recommendations will be put into place, but everything is being looked at.

"Novi residents know they have a safe community and know we have good public services, and that doesn't happen by accident," Pearson said. "It takes a lot of hard work."

"We do these studies because we do not want to settle. We want to be better."

novi@novi.net | (248) 437-2011 ext. 255



Face to Face

Picasso Cafe presents Face to Face, an exhibit of life drawings and paintings by Barbara Elio Murphy, July 1-28. Hours are 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9-5 Saturday. The cafe is located at 39915 Grand River Avenue in Novi. Owner Allen Attee began letting artists show their work at his cafe seven years ago. Murphy returns each year to do a solo show. Call (248) 427-0600 for more information.

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: \$59.90 for one year. For delivery call: 888-366-3742.

The Novi News is published by Federated Publications, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Gannett Co. Inc. Postmaster: send address changes to: The Novi News, 41304 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 advertisers have no authority to bind this newspaper and only publication of an advertisement shall constitute final acceptance of the advertiser's order.

Publication Number USPS 396920

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

Summer camp is magic for kids

BY SUE HASON OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Teachers get their summers off from school, but career-technical teacher Will Heine has decided to go back to school, so to speak.

A veteran magician, Heine has decided to open a summer magic camp for youngsters interested in learning the art of prestidigitation.

"As a high school teacher, I realized that kids don't have a lot of interaction time with people anymore," said the Plymouth resident. "They're busy texting friends, they're on the computer. The camp will be fun and teach kids those interaction skills."

Campers will learn sleight of hand, stage magic, juggling, balloon animals, presentation skills, the art of magic, building a stage magic trick, writing a story line for a trick and timing of humor, all leading up to a Grand Finale Magic Show for their parents. The week also will include magic performances by Heine and other magic and juggling guests.

They'll receive a Magic Bag full of all the props they'll need to learn the magic routines taught during the week and a DVD containing all the lessons

taught so that kids can refer to them, if they happen to forget how to perform a trick.

"They'll come away with the tools needed to perform tricks they've learned during the week," Heine said. "They'll learn how to tear and restore newspaper, amazing rope tricks, how to float objects and how to make sponge rabbits disappear from guests' hands into their hands."

The camp will be offered in four sessions — Monday-Friday, July 6-10, July

13-17, July 20-24 and July 27-31 — at the Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile, just west of Meadowbrook, Novi. If those four weeks fill up, sessions will be opened the first two weeks of August.

Hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and lunch will be provided by the church's licensed kitchen. The cost is \$370 — a deposit of \$185 in advance with the remainder due at a pre-camp meeting. Child care also is available 6:30-8:30 a.m. and 3-5:30 p.m. for



Juggling will be one of the skills youngsters will learn at a summer magic camp being offered by magician Will Heine of Plymouth.



According to Will Heine, youngsters will learn to do 'amazing rope tricks.'

Heine has been a magician for more than 30 years. He was introduced to the sleight of hand at age 10 and did his first show at age 11. His first gig was three doors down his street at a birthday party and his first trick was the egg bag in which an egg magically appears and disappears in a bag.

During his career, he has been an opening act at the Fisher Theater for comedian Robert Townsend and for fellow magician Harry Blackstone Jr. A desktop publishing teacher at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center in Westland, he also has used his magic to capture his students' attention and as

an incentive. His dream has been to open a magic camp and it's been in the works for five years. Heine found that being a respected magician was a huge boost for his self-esteem and he wants to provide his campers with the positive identification. "I wanted to build a solid camp that offers a great experience for the kids, something that would help them develop their life skills," he said. "If you're a good communicator and a fun person, you do better in life. People will gravitate to you because you're fun to be around."

sason@hometownlife.com | (313) 222-4751

Advertisement for Northrop & Sossaman Funeral Directors. Text: Sympathy & Understanding. People who know you, People you can rely on... Today and Tomorrow. Since 1970. Northrop & Sossaman. 1909 1/2 Northville Rd., (at Seven Mile) Northville. 248-348-1333. northropandsossamanfuneraldirectors.com

Advertisement for ACE Hardware. Text: Family ACE Hardware. 22104 NOVI RD. 248.349.0199. [JUST SOUTH OF 9 MILE]. BRING IN THIS COUPON TO RECEIVE \$5 OFF YOUR \$20 RED FLOOR PURCHASE! (LIMIT ONE COUPON PER CUSTOMER). INDOOR/OUTDOOR MACHINE WASHABLE BRUSH. 22" X 34" \$29.99. COME IN AND SEE OUR GREAT SELECTION!

Advertisement for The Novi News. Text: 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: \$59.90 for one year. For delivery call: 888-366-3742. The Novi News is published by Federated Publications, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Gannett Co. Inc. Postmaster: send address changes to: The Novi News, 41304 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 advertisers have no authority to bind this newspaper and only publication of an advertisement shall constitute final acceptance of the advertiser's order. Publication Number USPS 396920. Check us out on the Web every day at hometownlife.com

Advertisement for Karson L. Carpenter D.D.S. and Alma R. Nava D.D.S. at DrakeShire Dental Center. Text: Karson L. Carpenter D.D.S. Alma R. Nava D.D.S. DRAKESHIRE DENTAL CENTER. Graduates of the University of Michigan School of Dentistry. Our staff is fluent in Spanish! Our office provides a variety of dental services including: Bleaching and cosmetic dentistry, Invisalign and traditional braces, Air abrasion, "Drillless" dentistry, Laser dentistry, Ceramic one-vist porcelain crowns, Fillings, crowns and bridges, Implants, Dentures and removable partial dentures, Treatment of gums. Ask us about our new dental spa! Accepting new patients, both adults and children. Conveniently located at the corner of Grand River and Drake Roads in the DrakeShire Plaza. Evening and Saturday hours available. Karson L. Carpenter, D.D.S. & Alma R. Nava, D.D.S. DrakeShire Dental Center 35223 Grand River Farmington, MI 48335 248-474-4600 www.drakeshiredental.com

Advertisement for Keith J. Pierce, MD Internal Medicine. Text: Keith J. Pierce, MD Internal Medicine 38525 Eight Mile Road Livonia, MI 48152 248.321.6612 Call for Directions! NEW PATIENTS. FREE WEIGHT LOSS PROGRAM. dine alfresco on our outdoor patios

Advertisement for Comparis casual Italian bistro dining. Text: Comparis casual Italian bistro dining 350 S. Main Street Downtown Plymouth (734) 416-0100 www.comparisdining.com. SUNDAYS COMPARI'S FAMILY MEAL DEAL 1pm - 5pm \$8.95. Served Family Style. House Salad, Bread Sticks, Penne Pasta with Meat or Marinara Sauce. Approximately 2 Slices of Pizza per person. Upgrade entree choice to Roast Beef for an additional \$1 per person. Boneless Buffalo Chicken Breast for an additional \$2 per person. Sautéed Veal Cutlets for an additional \$4 per person. SUNDAY SPECIAL FOR PARTIES OF 25 OR MORE (Not Private Reservations Required) \$9.95. Served Family Style. Choice of Roasted Chicken (about 1/2 piece per person), Ham or Kielbasa and Kraut, Peppino Pasta, House Salad, Bread and Butter. Upgrade entree choice to Roast Beef for an additional \$1 per person. Boneless Buffalo Chicken Breast for an additional \$2 per person. Sautéed Veal Cutlets for an additional \$4 per person. 380 S. Main Street Downtown Plymouth (734) 416-9340 www.fiammagrille.com casual upscale dining with reasonable prices. dine alfresco on our outdoor patios

Advertisement for Children's Hospital of Michigan Autism Center. Text: Join us for an Open House Sunday, June 28, 2009, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Children's Hospital of Michigan Autism Center. Tour the new center, meet the team of experts, and learn about the specialized services available. Educational Program: 1:30 pm Autism Screening and Referral for Pediatricians, 2:10 pm Evidence-based Behavioral Services for Autism, 2:30 pm Imaging Research and Designing New Treatments for Autism. Light Refreshments. Activities for kids of all ages. For more information, please call (248) 305-6172 or email gdeboard@dmc.org. Children's Hospital of Michigan DMC. 41935 W. 12 Mile Road, Suite 202 Novi, MI 48377 (between Meadowbrook and Novi Roads, just east of Twelve Oaks Mall)

Advertisement for Neighborhood Heat & Cool. Text: Neighborhood Heat & Cool. • South Lyon Family Owned & Operated. • Service and Installation. • Humidifiers. • Air Cleaners. • Water Heaters. • Gas Piping. • Water Filters. • Want \$1500 from the Federal Government? • Want a 15 year parts and labor warranty for FREE? • Want to SAVE a bundle on electricity for your A/C or furnace? Call us for details on this and other rebates! American Standard HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING. Do you need Quick, Professional Service when your Air Conditioner or Furnace is Sick or Needs Replacement? Call... (248) 486-4688



ON SALE TOMORROW 6/26 - 10AM

47 MEMOIRS w/ SUPERCHICK and SEVENDORY

TONIGHT

26 NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK X 7:30PM

27 GOODNIGHT MOON X 7:30PM & 7:50PM

THIS SATURDAY

23 THE BRAY w/ JACK'S MANNEDUX X 7:30PM

27 ABC WANG CHUNG X 8:00PM

THIS SUNDAY

28 NAS & DAMIAN MARLEY, THE ROOTS, X 1:00PM

29 BEST OF BARABGE Fiddle Fest X 7:30PM

THIS TUESDAY

30 HEART w/ MICHAEL GRIMM X 7:30PM

THIS WEDNESDAY

1 BAD COMPANY X 7:30PM

JULY

3 NO DOUBT w/ PRAMORE and BEDDIN SOUNDCLASH

8 BLUE OYSTER CULT / OVER THE RAINBOW

9 COUNTRYBOY w/ AUGUSTANA

10 RED SPEEDWAGON / STYX w/ 30 SPECIAL

11 1964 THE THRUOTE

12 BRAD PAISLEY w/ DIERKS BENTLEY X

13 LASERACTACULAR - THE MUSIC OF PINK FLOYD

14 THE STYLISTS

15 THE MANHATTANS and THE MAIN INGREDIENT

16 GREEN DAY w/ THE GRAVEY

17 JUDAS PRIEST w/ WHITESNAKE and POP EVIL X

18 ABBA THE MUSIC

19 ALAN PARSONS LIVE PROJECT

20 THE ORCHESTRA featuring former members of ELECTRIC LIGHT ORCHESTRA

21 LYLE LOVETT and HIS LARGE BAND X

22 BEYONCE w/ RICHIE

23 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

24 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

25 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

26 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

27 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

28 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

29 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

30 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

31 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

32 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

33 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

34 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

35 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

36 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

37 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

38 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

39 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

40 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

41 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

42 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

43 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

44 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

45 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

46 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

47 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

48 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

49 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

50 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

51 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

52 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

53 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

54 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

55 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

56 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

57 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

58 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

59 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

60 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

61 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

62 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

63 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

64 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

65 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

66 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

67 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

68 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

69 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

70 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

71 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

72 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

73 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

74 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

75 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

76 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

77 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

78 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

79 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

80 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

81 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

82 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

83 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

84 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

85 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

86 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

87 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

88 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

89 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

90 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

91 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

92 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

93 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

94 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

95 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

96 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

97 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

98 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

99 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

100 THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS



Senior Interim Miss Majorette of Michigan. Novi resident Kristen Kilger, 17, poses with her coach Patti Jankowski of Lake Orion.

NOVI COMMUNITY BRIEFS

'Oliver' auditions. Novi resident Barbara Bloom will be directing the Spotlight Players upcoming presentation of 'Oliver' at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

OAKLAND COUNTY FAIR

PICTURE THE FUN

July 7-12 2009

FREE DAILY ATTRACTIONS

- RACING PIGS
MIRACLE OF BIRTH BARN
DAILY CIRCUS
DAILY CONTESTS (LIKE FROG JUMPING)
4-H EXHIBITS
HORSE SHOWS
ANIMAL EXHIBITS

NIGHTLY EVENTS

- FIGURE 8
BULLMANIA RODEO
DEMO DERBY
MONSTER TRUCKS

FREE ADMISSION For One Child to any Nightly Event When accompanied by a paid adult

FEATURING PLAYWORLD CARNIVAL

Springfield Oaks County Park

12451 Andersonville Rd. Davisburg • 248-634-8830 www.oakfair.org

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

Standard calendar submissions via e-mail to estouse@hometownlife.com, by fax to (248) 349-9832, or by mail to Novi News, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178.

Local Events. JAVA AND JAZZ JAM. TIME/DATE: 9-11 p.m. June 25, July 30, Aug. 27.

LOCATION: Biggby Coffee, 43346 Grand River at the corner of Grand River Avenue and Novi Road.

DETAILS: Jazz has found a home once a month at Biggby Coffee. Since the New Year's Eve celebration, the Tony Lannen Jazz Owllet has entertained a growing crowd of jazz lovers on the last Thursday of every month.

Evening in the Gardens. TIME/DATE: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 9.

LOCATION: MSU Extension Toigo Education Center, 2815 Meadowbrook Road, Novi.

DETAILS: A course for all gardeners interested in learning how to grow rhododendrons and azaleas with instructor Dennis Groh; cost is \$20.

Business. ABWA ANNUAL 'PICNIC' AT THE NOVI DOUBLETREE HOTEL.

TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. July 6. LOCATION: Doubletree Hotel, 42100 Crescent Blvd., Novi.

DETAILS: For any women in the community that would like to attend, ABWA is an organization for all women working, retired, returning to work, or just starting a career.

NOVI ROTARY CLUB. TIME/DATE: Noon every Thursday.

LOCATION: Novi Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile Road.

DETAILS: Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors welcome. Check Web site for speaker information; novirotable.org.

NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. The Novi Chamber of Commerce is an active, progressive chamber offering a variety of events, educational programs, an enhanced website, and involvement with

local charities. LOCATION: 41875 11 Mile Road, #201, Novi.

CONTACT: For more information, call (248) 349-3743 or www.novichamber.com.

22nd Annual Novi Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing. TIME/DATE: 8:30 a.m. registration; 9 a.m. shotgun start on Aug. 18.

LOCATION: Tanglewood Golf Course. DETAILS: Fee per golfer of \$145 includes 18 holes of golf, continental breakfast, lunch by Carabba's Italian Grill, and a pig roast dinner.

Networking Luncheon. TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 8.

LOCATION: Embassy Suites, 19525 Victor Pkwy., Livonia.

DETAILS: Join us for a delicious lunch, networking and a special presentation by Paul Hindelang of Results Systems Corporation on the Power of Goal Setting; \$20 pre-registration; \$30 at door.

After 5 Networking Event. TIME/DATE: 5-7 p.m. Thursday, July 16.

LOCATION: Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar, 17400 Hagerty Rd., Livonia.

DETAILS: Join us for networking and a wonderful summer evening out; \$15 pre-registration; \$20 at door.

Library Lines. NOVI PUBLIC LIBRARY. Library Hours. LOCATION: 45245 W. Ten Mile Road.

SUMMER HOURS: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Standard hours resume after Labor Day. Library Closed on Saturday, July 4.

DETAILS: Unless noted below, all programs take place at the library. CONTACT: (248) 349-0720.

Story Times: Please see the library website or story time brochure for details.

Adult and Youth Summer Reading Programs. DATE: Starting Friday, June 19.

DETAILS: See our website for more details on these exciting summer reading programs!

Detroit Jazz Before Motown. DATE: Thursday, June 25.

TIME: 7-8:30 p.m. DETAILS: Hear a talk given by Jim Gallert and Lars Bjorn, authors of Before Motown: A History of Jazz in Detroit, 1920-1960.

They will be discussing the local jazz scene of yesterday and today. Registration required. You on YouTube. DATE: Friday, June 26.

TIME: 3-4 p.m. DETAILS: Create some YouTube material of your own. Share ideas for videos that could be the next YouTube craze.

View some of your all time favorite YouTube videos on the big screen. Grades 9-12. Novi Writers' Group. DATE: Saturday, June 27.

TIME: 10 a.m.-noon. DETAILS: An inspirational environment for

writers to collaborate, critique and create with other writers. The group is facilitated by local writer, Kathy Mulch.

Writers of all genres are encouraged to participate. For 18 years and older. Please register online or call the library.

Lego Club. DATE: Monday, June 29.

TIME: 6-6:45 p.m. DETAILS: Join us once a month for Lego show-and-tell and building activities.

We supply the Legos, you supply the imagination. Grades K-4. Re-creating at the Library. DATE: Tuesday, June 30.

TIME: 3-4 p.m. DETAILS: Bring a second life to some materials with this craft session.

We will re-use some common items to create brand new looks. Some creations will include bags, sunglasses holder, wallets, and more. 5th grade and up. Tuesday Evening Book Discussion. DATE: Tuesday, June 30.

TIME: 7-8 p.m. DETAILS: Join your Novi neighbors in a great discussion of My Life in France by Julia Child. Please register. Limited to 20 participants. Create a Masterpiece. DATE: Monday, July 1.

TIME: 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. DETAILS: Drop in anytime between 11 a.m.-1 p.m. to create your own masterpiece. We will have supplies from our craft closet for you to re-invent for your own unique artistic creation.

Novi/Northville MEDICAL SERVICE directory



Optometry

TOWN & COUNTRY EYECARE. Focusing on Your Family's Total Eye Health. 248-347-7800.

Hand and Wrist

MICHIGAN HAND & WRIST, P.C. Arthritis of the hand, wrist, elbow and shoulder. 248-596-0412.

Family Practice

Northville Vision Clinic. Martin J. Levin, O.D. 248-348-1330.

Family Therapy

Northville Physical Rehabilitation, P.C. a tradition of excellence. 248-349-9339.

Family Practice

Doctors That Care... Are Closer Than You Think. 4015 Grand River Ave., Suite 100. 248-472-6080.

Family Practice

Medical Clinic of Northville. Early Morning & Saturday Hours. 308 South Main Street. 248-349-1900.

Cosmetic Surgery

Plastic, Cosmetic and Reconstructive Surgery. Rebecca Studinger, M.D. 248-305-8400.

Acupuncture

Susan Jakary, M.S., L.Ac. 'Nationally Certified'. ACUPUNCTURE CHINESE HERBS. 26179 Novi Rd., Novi, MI 48375. 248-380-7522.

Chiropractor

Health for Life. Dr. Ryan C. Cooper. Family Chiropractor. 43059 Seven Mile Rd., Northville. 248-449-1630.

Womens Health

Complete Women's Health Care. Madhuri Gudipaty, M.D. Obstetrics & Gynecology. Metro Partners in Women's Health. 248-662-4388.

Urgent Care

Northville Urgent Care. For Fast & Reliable Service. A doctor is always on duty! 47311 Five Mile Road. 734-254-0665.

Doctors

Place Your Ad Here. Call 248-349-1700.

Surgeon

A. DAMADI M.D. Colorectal Surgeon. Specialized in colonoscopy, minimally invasive management of diverticulitis, colorectal cancer and treatment of hemorrhoids. 248-557-9650.

NEIGHBORS

Novi opera singer heads to Italy

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Jill Oliver's dream is to some day become a famous opera singer.

The Novi resident has been working toward that goal since she was five years old, and now at 26, she is leading to the birthplace of opera - Italy - with the hopes of impressing an agent and signing a professional contract.

"Opera is my passion, it comes easy to me," Oliver said. "There is no limit on how I can display my feelings and expressions."

On July 1, Oliver will head to the International Lyric Academy in Rome and Viterbo, the only training program in Italy that offers



exclusive agent auditions to the members of the Concerts Opera Program, which Oliver will be part of. She will train there with students from all over the world until July 21, and said she is excited to be able to live and breathe what she loves to do.

Oliver, who graduated from Eastern Michigan University last year with a bachelor of music degree in vocal performance, was a member of the EMU Chamber and University choirs, performed as a recitalist and sang in the Michigan Opera Theatre's Summer Opera Camp, and

high school was a member of the Music Youth Theatre of Detroit.

She also has the unique ability to sing in four languages: English, German, Italian and French.

Her mother, Sharon, will be accompanying her on the trip, and said the training will be like "boot camp." But her daughter is up to the task, already putting herself through six to seven-hour practice sessions daily.

"It is just a blessing for her to go there, even if she doesn't get a contract," Sharon said.

Oliver plans on doing a performance in Novi when she returns from the academy.

nmmueller@gmail.com
(248) 437-2201 ext. 255



Gavel exchange

The Novi Rotary Club held its installation dinner at the Huron River Fishing & Hunting Club in Farmington Hills on June 12. President Mark Whitfield (right) passed the gavel to incoming president Gary Sabotta.

NEWSMAKERS

Girl Scouts honor locals

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan recently honored two women from Plymouth and Northville for their dedication to Girl Scouting. They are Lillian Buckman,

of Novi, Northville Service Unit C, and Chris Messina of Plymouth, Plymouth Service Unit B. Buckman was recognized as an Outstanding Leader and Messina was recognized as an Outstanding Volunteer. The women were

thanked for their service at the first annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony in the Ann Arbor Region of Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan, held June 9 at the First United Methodist Church in Saline.

Passages

Obituaries, Memorials & Remembrances

1-800-579-7355 • fax 313-496-4968

email: oebobits@hometownlife.com

View Passages Online: www.hometownlife.com

RICHARD STEPHEN KWOLEK
Age 73, passed away June 15, 2009 in his home with his family. Richard was born on October 11, 1935 in Detroit to the late Stephen and Lotte Kwolek. Richard is survived by his beloved wife Marie (Ryba), his loving children, Mark (Laine) Kwolek, Michael (Charly) Kwolek, Richard (Sharon) Kwolek, Tracy (Bill) Bocker and Tracy's brother Paul Wessels, ten grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, sister Joann Young, and brother-in-law Leon Ryba. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, June 18, 2009 at South Lyon Church of Christ, South Lyon, Michigan. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon, Michigan. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

MRS. IRENE VOGEL
Age 75 of Punta Gorda, FL, formerly of Novi, passed away June 16, 2009. She was born Isabel Irene Wehly on October 12, 1933 in Silver Lake, IL. The daughter of Harley & Mabel Wehly. She was married to Daniel H. Vogel in Waikewan, IL. They moved to Punta Gorda, FL from South Lyon, in 1987. Mrs. Vogel loved reading and was an avid collector of Santa Claus figurines. She worked as a receptionist & bookkeeper for her husband's tool manufacturing business. Survivors are: her husband Daniel Vogel, of Punta Gorda, FL; daughters Bonnie L. (Randy) England of Novi, & Suzanne M. (Tom) Poole of South Lyon; sons: James R. (Molly) Vogel of Novi, & Daniel (Lori) Vogel, Jr. of New Hudson; and her 10 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren whom she loved and cherished dearly. Two brothers, Robert (Judith) Wehly of Burlington, WI & Harley O. (Stella) Wehly of Boca Raton, FL, also survive. Mrs. Vogel was preceded in death by her daughter, Barbara A. Dahlbacka in 1992. Funeral services were held on Saturday, June 20, 2009 from Keehn Funeral Home, 705 W. Main St., Brighton, MI, 48116 (810) 222-9871. Memorial contributions in Mrs. Vogel's name may be made to the Shriners Children Hospital, Office of Development, 2000 Rocky Point Dr., Tampa, FL 33607. Please leave a message of condolence for the family at www.keehnfuneralhome.com. On the main page, please click on "Sign & view family guest book."

DOUGLAS ALVIN PAUL
Age 68, South Lyon, died June 15, 2009. A funeral mass was held June 20 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon, Michigan. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon, Michigan. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

FRASER DAVIS SMITHSON (1939-2009)
Naples, Florida. Fraser D. Smithson passed away at their cabin in the mountains of North Carolina on June 12, 2009 after a courageous battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Kay; sister Suzanne Kay, and son Brian (Lara) Smithson; granddaughters Catherine and Olivia And son James (Carol) Smithson; granddaughter Natalie and grandson Connor. Fraser graduated in 1963 from the University of Florida, College of Engineering. He had a successful 29 year career with General Motors culminating in his retirement as Executive Director of the GM Proving Grounds. Instead of flowers, contributions may be made in Fraser's name to his favorite charity, the Salvation Army. In November there will be a memorial service in Naples, followed by a burial at sea.

SAUNDRA KAY TOMANEK
Age 67, of South Lyon, passed away June 18, 2009. A memorial service was held June 22 at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon, Michigan. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

NOVI IN THE SERVICE

Air Force Airman Matthew E. Atton graduated from the Utilities Systems Apprentice Course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, Texas.

Atton is assigned to the 28th Civil Engineer Squadron, Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota.

He is the son of Sean Atton of Novi. The airman is a 2008 graduate of Novi High School. The course is designed to train students in water processing, analysis, operating principles of water treatment plants, maintenance of water and waste water, fire suppression and backflow prevention systems and components, and maintenance and repair of water supply, waste, and natural gas systems. The training included monitoring systems operation to ensure efficiency and compliance with safety and environmental regulations for hazardous materials; performing inspection, recurring maintenance, and seasonal overhaul on systems and components; troubleshooting malfunctions and removing, repairing, and replacing defective components; and modifying equipment for specific missions or to increase efficiency.



Field Day fun

Elementary schools Novi Woods, Orchard Hills, Parkview and Village Oaks came together for field day, over the course of three days. The students were able to participate in many activities, and it would not be the success that it was without the help of our student and parent volunteers.

Why All the Household Dust?

I'm Keith Meadows, owner and operator of American Power Vac, Inc. For years, I've been improving our community's health one family at a time. 90% of the calls I receive every day are from desperate people complaining about dust. They tell me they dust the TV on Friday, but by Sunday they are pushing the dust out of the way again so they can watch Desperate Housewives, and none of them know exactly where it's coming from. I tell people that by simply having your ducts cleaned will drastically reduce household dust, and the reason is, your cold air returns.

Cold air returns suck in dirty air, and over time it builds up until you have the same type of debris that you would find in your vacuum bag. Cold air returns are also the reason new homeowners are experiencing dust. While your drywall was being installed, your cold air returns sucked all of the dust through the system and it settled on the bottom of the duct lines where a little at a time gets blown back into your home.

This debris cannot be removed without a professional. Which brings me to my next point: choosing an air duct cleaning company. Most companies use truck mounted equipment, which is like a shop vac that you would vacuum out your car with inside the back of a van, absolutely useless. Visit our website for photos of our equipment vs. truck mounted equipment at www.americanpowervac.com.

We use the right equipment to clean your duct work correctly - the power vac truck. It is the most powerful equipment in the industry. This is where the entire truck is the vacuum and the truck motor powers the equipment. It's the size of an ambulance and when engaged twelve large air bags will come out of the roof. What makes the difference in equipment? Power! To put things into perspective, your furnace moves 2,000 CFM (cubic feet of air per minute), basically what you feel coming out of your register. Truck-mounted equipment only moves 4,000 CFM's. American Power Vac moves over 16,000 cubic feet of air per minute, more than quadruple the power of any truck-mounted equipment. The problem is that there are so many companies with inadequate equipment, advertising cheap prices in coupon books, that it gives people a false sense of what the job's worth. The average price to clean your air ducts correctly with the right equipment ranges from \$374 to \$499+ depending on the size of your home. Any company who charges per register or per who has "999 Whole House Special" are companies you want to avoid. American Power Vac, Inc. is family owned. You never have to worry about inexperienced teenagers coming to your home. As always, I will personally be there to make sure the job is done correctly.

Stop your dusting and call for us:

\$100 OFF THIS WEEK ONLY
at 888-61-POWER or 248-656-0600

Finding the work you can be passionate about

I was privileged recently to attend a presentation by Nancy Anderson, author of the book, *Work with Passion*. Nancy believes that each of us has a calling or personal mission that begins to assert itself by middle if we haven't been attending to it. Her book offers a step by step guide to uncovering your passion and learning to live up to your full potential.

Many of us do not believe that we can really go after our dreams. We have a narrow view of the world of work or

financial or family burdens that make it seem impossible to give up the role of employee for someone else who dictates how we spend our time. It seems especially improbable when we hear news every day of financial crisis and problems.

Yet every self-made successful person that you know or hear about has done just that - they've gone after their dreams in spite of obstacles. They have poured energy and creativity and work into finding a way to follow their vision. They may have had a long period of learning, overcoming obstacles and suffering setbacks, but

they've persevered and found a way to succeed.

Here are some tips from Nancy about how to identify exactly what your passion is:

1. You would do the work even if you did not get paid for it.
2. You are focused on mastering your work, not on the outcome.
3. You are transformed into a better person as you do the work.
4. You are not aware that time is going by.
5. You are paid to be who you are. Here are her signals that you are NOT on the right track to live your passion:
 1. Making money is your priority.
 2. You are concerned about how you

look in the eyes of others.

3. You are focused on the end result, not the process.
4. You take shortcuts to achieve your objectives.
5. You sacrifice your needs for others' needs even when it is destructive to your emotional and physical health.

If you feel over-stressed, unhappy with your work, or find yourself dreading your day job or yearning to be free to explore other avenues, maybe it's time for you to explore what it would mean to you to pursue your life's passion.

Nancy's book *Work with Passion* is available at your local library, major bookstores, or you can order it by calling toll free: 1-800-972-6657; Ext. 52 or going to www.newworldlibrary.com.

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

Your Invitation to Worship

Brighton

LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH
526 Pleasant Valley Road • Brighton, MI 48114
810-227-3113
9:30 a.m. Communion Worship
10:45 a.m. Sunday School
Rev. Dale Hubbard, Pastor
www.lordoflifec.com

HOLY SPIRIT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL
at the corner of Winnetka Lakes & Murch Rd.
810-231-8190
Fr. John Rocca, Pastor
Weekend Liturgies Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 & 11:00 a.m.
Prize lotto for St. Vincent de Paul on Sat. 6:15 Sat. 7:00

Milford

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
PRESBYTERIAL & KOLB - Mo. Synod
650 General Motors Rd., Milford
Church office: (248) 684-0555
Regular Sunday Service: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Jury Duty - Sunday Service: 9:30 a.m.
Monday Evening: 7:00 p.m.
Rev. Richard E. Papp, Pastor

FIRST BAPTIST OF MILFORD
VISITORS WELCOME!
133 Detroit St., Milford • 684-5696
Pastor: Steve Shepler
Sunday School (All Ages) 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 11 a.m. - Prayer Service - 8:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Awards for age 3 to 5th grades
Middle & Senior High programs

SOUTH HILL CHURCH, S.B.C.
1250 South Hill Rd. Just east of downtown Milford
8007 W. 10th St.
Contemporary Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.
8007 W. 10th St.
Sunday 7 a.m. Children - 9th Grade & up
Wednesday 7 p.m. - High School Youth
Call about our current small group offerings

WEST HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
11165 W. Hickory Ridge Rd., Milford, MI 48380
248-857-1218
Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m.
Bible Ministries: 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday All Ages: 7:00 p.m.

Novi

NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
4681 N. W. Ave. Novi • 48175
Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m.
Rev. June St. Smith, Pastor
248-349-2652
www.novimethodist.com

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY
24555 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 48375
Weekend Hours
Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m.
Fr. Timothy Hogan, Pastor
Rev. Henry Sotnik, Associate Pastor
Parish Office: 387-1775

FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi, 248-248-2345
1/2 mile west of Novi Rd.
www.faithcommunity-nov.org
WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10 AM
"Children, Youth and Adult Ministries"

HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL
10 Mile between Meadowbrook & Haggerty, Novi, Michigan 48375
Sundays 7:45 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Holy Eucharist • Sunday School & Nursery 10 a.m.
Rev. Dr. Ray Dabak, Interim Rector
www.churchoftheholycross.com

OAK POINTE CHURCH
50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi
Saturday Worship 9:15 p.m.
Sunday 9:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Casual, contemporary service
Phone (248) 912-6043
www.oakpointe.org

Farmington Hills

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN, ELCA
Farmington Hills • 2225 Gil Rd. • 248-474-0584
Shared Ground Holy & Feeding
Saturday Worship: 8:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship & Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Traditional/Liturgical
11:15 a.m. Contemporary
Sunday School - all ages 10:15 a.m.

Highland

HIGHLAND COMMUNITY CHURCH
2350 Harvey Lake Rd. (248) 887-4555
Contemporary Service
9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. Sundays
Saturday Night Service 6:00 p.m.
Men's Bible Study & Breakfast
7:30 & 8:30 Saturdays at 8:15 a.m.
3rd-6th Grade Youth Sundays 7-8 p.m.
Pastor: Nick Puffer

HIGHLAND CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
4211 W. Lighthouse Rd., Highland 248-887-1832
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
11:00 a.m. Worship Service & Bible Study
6:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Fellowship
Wednesday 8:45-11:15 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday 7 p.m. Adult Bible Study
with children's program

NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
120 Brighton Rd., Highland
at Millford Rd., 2-7/8 miles N of M-59
• Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
• Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
• Bible Study 10:45-11:30 a.m.
Pastor: Gregory Meyer
888-7252 or 887-4556

HIGHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
680 W. Livingston Rd. • Highland, MI 48337
248.897.1311 • www.hylm.com
Sunday Worship 8:00, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.
Kids Church 8:45 & 10:30 a.m.
Youth Night - Wed. 6:45 - 8:00 p.m.
Plus Tuesday, Tuesday, Tuesday & 6:00, 8:00 & 9:00

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
3700 Henry Lake Rd., Highland (248) 887-5384
Rev. Leo T. Lisko, Pastor
Mass Schedule: Sunday 5 a.m.,
Sunday 8 a.m. & 11 a.m., Monday 9 a.m.,
Holy Day 8 a.m. & 9 a.m., First Saturday 9 a.m.,
Confessions - Saturdays 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.,
by appointment

New Hudson

NEW HUDSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
5670 Grand River
Rev. Gerry Hunter
Worship 10:30 a.m.
248-437-5212
www.newhudsonumc.org

NEW HOPE - A Unitarian Universalist Congregation
5155 South River Ave., New Hudson, MI 48315
Phone: 248-474-9195
248-437-5212
Sunday Celebration of the Word 10:30 a.m.
Rev. Suzanne Paul, Minister
Website: <http://www.newhope.org>

Northville

NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN
Experience Life Each Week
Sunday Worship - 8:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.
Sunday School and Children's Programs
www.northville.org
41255 Six Mile Road
248-546-9030

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE
349-1144
8 Mile & Tall Road
Sunday Worship Services:
8:00, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.
Rev. Dr. Steve Cook • Rev. Lisa Cook
www.fumcnorthville.org

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE
200 E. Main St. at Hubert - (248) 349-2611
Worship 8:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Children Available at 8:00 a.m.
Angels Place Ministry - Thurs. 7:30 p.m.
Rev. James D. Rappest, Associate Pastor

WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
4000 W. Main St., Northville
248-349-7400
Worship: 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m.
Contemporary Worship - Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Rev. James D. Rappest, Associate Pastor
Service: 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH
133 Orchard Dr., Northville
WEEDS OFFERTORIES - Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Sunday 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.
Church 348-2621, School 348-3610
Religious Education 348-2659
Rev. Dennis Theroux, Pastor

South Lyon

CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN
(Missouri Synod) Pastor: Terry Nelson
481-810 • 486-4335 • Griswold Rd. at 10 Mile
Worship 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Class 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church
2228 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon, Michigan 48178
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
St. High Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
Mid High Wednesday at 7 p.m.
Rev. David Dizon, Pastor
248-327-2225 • www.fellowship.org

The Church of Christ
21600 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon, MI 48178
248-437-2265 • www.churchofchrist.org
8:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Praise and Worship
Wednesday Midweek Ministries 7 p.m.
Rob Colloff, Pastor

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
10774 Nine Mile Road
Rev. M. Lee Taylor • 418-2582
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Worship, 11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.) - SOUTH LYON
"WHERE THE SON ALWAYS SHINES"
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Nursery & Children's programs
Cook used on Wed. with membership fee
248-437-2975 • 205 E. Lake (10 Mile)
Rev. Dr. Armande A. Gasko, Pastor

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
Watson Springs • Raynolds Sweet Phony
at Liberty St.
Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.
All Classes 9:00
Pastor Scott Miller; (248) 437-2289

Westland

STS. CONSTANTINE & HELEN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
36275 Jay Rd., Westland
Sunday Services:
Madr. 8:00am, Divine Liturgy 10:00am
Prp. Fr. Theodoros
Parish Office: 734-255-6269
www.stsconstantineandhelen.org
Hellenic Cultural Center (Barnhart Hall)
734-255-3585

Whitmore Lake

Living Water
North Campus of St. Luke's Lutheran Church Ann Arbor
Worship Celebrations Sunday 10:15 a.m.
Whitmore Lake High School
2430 Whitmore Lake Rd. • Whitmore Lake, MI 48189
Dan Flynn, Minister
734-424-4095 • www.livingwater.org

WHITE LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
4660 Highland Rd. between Boppe & S. Service Rd.
(248) 887-4654 • Deborah J. Kirtz, Pastor
Sunday 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Sunday 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.
Church 348-2621, School 348-3610
Religious Education 348-2659
Rev. Dennis Theroux, Pastor

Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

Page A8 (NN)
Cal Stone, editor
(248) 349-1700, Ext. 237
cstone@gannett.com

online at hometownlife.com

OUR VIEWS

We should all learn from these students

"Kids these days ... they're not like they used to be."
None, they're not.
In towns like Novi and Northville, they're intelligent, talented, motivated and, most importantly, caring.
Case in point: the students who attend the 24 schools (including the Wildcats and Mustangs) that make up the Kensington Lakes Activities Association. Each school has numerous fundraisers throughout the year, donating the money to a variety of charities — local, state-wide, national and even international, like the American Red Cross, Veteran's Hospital, Rotary-African Water Pumps, American Cancer Society, World Vision, Toys for Tots, Humane Society, Special Olympics, Heifer International, Gleaners Food Bank, Muscular Dystrophy, Operation Good Cheer, Doctors Without Borders and more.
This school year, the KLAAs students had a goal of raising \$100,000.
They hit it ... and then some. Final tally: \$374,000.
That's incredible, especially considering the current economic climate.
It says a lot about our local youth: if they can display this level of care for those in need, how just think what they'll be able to accomplish in the future.

LETTERS

Candidate's message

I am a candidate for Novi mayor because I believe that I offer a track record of strong fiscal leadership and discipline as the city faces operational budget deficits and needs to control and prioritize spending. I would not support spending on hard-earned tax dollars needlessly, such as on a special election for a non-essential ballot proposal.
During the greatest financial crisis of our time, I am concerned that city officials may be looking back and relying on growth revenue of the past, instead of adjusting to the present and foreseeable future, and planning for the worst. To those who may say that "the sky isn't falling," I say that when the sky is falling, it may be too late and the consequences for Novi taxpayers may be serious.
When I previously served on City Council and as mayor pro tem, I strived to serve Novi citizens in a fair and consistent manner. During that time, the city took pride in having the sixth lowest tax rate in Oakland County and strived to be a city that could pay for itself without tax increases and stand the test of time.
As Novi mayor, I would strive to provide stability, maintaining existing services and facilities, and keeping our taxes low in order to retain and attract residents and businesses, and maintain our property values.

Laura Lorenzo
Novi

Punishment fit crime?

Quite a difference between what Mr. Capello was arrested for and what he was convicted of: I am very anxious to see what action will be taken against whichever police officers were guilty of such a poor choice of charges.

Paul Hobel
Novi

Join the discussion

Do you think the Michigan economy will improve by year's end ...?
Go to hometownlife.com to give us your feedback.

Cal Stone
Community Editor

Susan Rosiek
Executive Editor

Grace Perry
Director of Advertising

COMMUNITY VOICE

How do you plan on celebrating the Fourth of July?



We'll probably go to the Northville parade, and then I'm working in the afternoon.

Samantha Martindale and daughter Georgia



I am going to take citizenship; that's the plan! It's in downtown Detroit. I'm from England.

Alan Rooke



I'll be with my family and friends at my fiancée's house here.

Jason Schmitt



I'm going up north to Higgins Lake, but I'll be going to a party on a lake here before.

Dan Abrams

IN YOUR VOICE

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

Mayor facing competition; six vie for three council seats

Lorenzo has a history of NOT spending our money needlessly, and with the coffers being depleted by Landry, Margolis, Burke, Crawford, I think Lorenzo is a great choice for mayor. I don't always have to agree with her, but on the whole she is definitely someone who won't spend the taxpayers money on fluff stuff like a park with a theater. Lorenzo has my vote! Mutch did not support the park issue and I saw Cordas out at the polls against it! I want fiscal responsibility before these present bozos take this city into a deficit!

2fartdrive

It is good to see Lorenzo and Landry going head to head. They see the world entirely differently. It will be interesting to see if Lorenzo is actually going to campaign. Landry has a lot of support and I doubt allowing the voters to make a decision on the Park will affect him at all. Lorenzo will need to bring specific ideas to the table instead of just anti-spending commentary. By the way — Lorenzo opposed the library. The library passed by a wide margin so her track record is not that great in having the pulse of the city.

whathappenednovi

Incumbent = incompetent. Vote the idiots who thought we needed the multimillion dollar park during an economic depression out of office! Too bad we cannot bill them back for the cost of the election which was another waste of money since there was no way a tax increase was going to be approved during this economy.

PatAnthony

The Southeast economy is in shambles but most members of the Novi City Council do not acknowledge this. Signature Park, the police gun range building, and spending money on a new city logo are examples of excess spending in a poor economy. For these reasons and many more, I will be supporting Laura Lorenzo for mayor and Andrew Mutch, Wayne Wrobel, and Cheryl Cordas for City Council. Fiscal responsibility must be the main focus of our next City Council. Unfortunately, the mayor and some of the current council members just do not get it.

NoviKona

Maybe we should suggest that the city keep collecting taxes from everyone and save all of it. None should be spent on improvements because folks like NoviKona think we should never move forward ... especially during economic downturns. Then, when the economy is good, we'll hear that the city needs to save for the next downturn. Also, do your homework. Gun range came from forfeiture funds.

Novi99



Save a proud parent. Subscribe to your community newspaper.

Proposed Catholic high school searching for a new order

Honestly, with Ladywood High School right at the junction of I-96/M-14 and I-275, is this new High School really needed?
With all of the upper and mid-level managers being let go at Ford, GM, and Chrysler, is the money really there? It's not.

The Dominican Sisters of St. Mary probably have seen the handwriting on the wall. It is simply not prudent to build another all-girls school, when one is in Livonia only 11 miles away.
We have all wanted to have bigger, bolder, and grander; and that was the symptoms of the problems of the last 15 years, but now it is time to conserve dollars, help the archdiocese, invest in the needy, and our fellow man. Building a monument high school out in Novi or Lyon Twp. is not the answer.

ModerateOne

Letters to the Editor: Is Bob Gatt kidding?

Unions overwhelmingly supported Obama. Their paycheck was massive union membership losses (layoffs) and significant pay reductions. The UAW and other automotive sector unions have lost their direction. Obamanomics has no place for high paying union jobs.
BTW — Rock Financial (TBON) pays nearly \$250,000 in taxes annual. They do have an abatement, however it is a 50 percent abatement. I would guess they bring more than 100 times that back to the community in spending at local businesses. Seems like a fair trade-off. Yesterday, bills were passed in the MI House and Senate that largely killed "Plan B." There will be no real pressure on Detroit and they will ultimately get what they want (ownership retention and job guarantees). In Michigan, Detroit still carries the big stick politically.
BTWW — Tindall takes an awful lot of credit for something that was a community effort. Sounds like a guy getting

whyisitaboutu

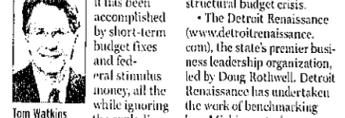
Leadership, oh, where, oh, where art thou?

WHERE ARE THE LEADERS?

Some argue that what is going on in Lansing is more akin to a pogo convention where there has been a lot of jumping up and down without going anywhere.

COMMENTARY

Our governor and legislature have managed to do the constitutionally mandated minimum and balance the budget annually. However, it has been accomplished by short-term budget fixes and federal stimulus money, all the while ignoring the exploding structural budget deficits.



Tom Watkins

Our governor has thus far cut state spending in her two terms, with more to come, than all previous governors combined. Yet, there has been no action on the knowledge that this unprecedented economic decline cannot be solved using the typical tools of budget cuts and tax increases.

THE NEW 3 R'S

Addressing this economic and budget crisis requires leadership that employs the new 3 R's — reform, restructure and reinvent — for all aspects of government. We cannot simply cut or tax our way out of this mess.

To date, the private sector has remained on the sidelines griping but unwilling to exert pressure to set the stage for change.

There are three notable exceptions:
• The Center for Michigan (www.thecenterformichigan.net), led by its founder and president, Phil Power, and Executive Director John Bibow. The center's goal is to assist our state through its current period of wrenching economic trouble and lay the foundation of informed hope for a better future Michigan. It has engaged citizens across the state and spelled out action steps necessary to forge positive change.
• The Citizens Research Council of Michigan (www.crcmi.org), led by Earl Ryan,

president, and Craig Thiel, director of State Affairs. The CRC is the Sergeant Friday of public policy research groups, always laying out "just the facts." The council has provided a constant drumbeat on the issues of the state's leaders neglecting and ignoring the structural budget crisis.
• The Detroit Renaissance (www.detroitrenaissance.com), the state's premier business leadership organization, led by Doug Rothwell. Detroit Renaissance has undertaken the work of benchmarking how Michigan stacks up on economic competitiveness with other states and advocating for fundamental state structural reforms. The organization has identified nearly \$1 billion in major state tax, spending and business reforms to reduce Michigan's structural budget deficit.

Each of these three organizations have offered the tools to help our state elected leaders reform, restructure and reinvent itself.

To date, the governor and legislature have refused the tools developed on their behalf and offered to them. And as we all know, a tool not used properly, or not used at all, is of no help in solving a problem. All of us should ask them why they continue to ignore or refuse to use these tools to help turn around a state that so desperately needs to turn itself around.

Like Chrysler and GM, the day of reckoning has arrived for the State of Michigan. Those in leadership positions have been provided with road maps for change and reform. The time for our elected leaders to act is now.

These are perilous times. Perilous times make or break leaders. Leadership does matter.

Tom Watkins of Northville served as state superintendent of schools, 2001-05, state mental health director, 1996-99, and as an elected member of the Wayne County Charter Commission, 1980-82. He can be reached at: twatkins@aol.com.



Rainy day feeling

After attending a recent Celebration of Success program at Meads Mill Middle School, parents of students leave with umbrellas held high as the rain picks up.



JEWELRY BY ANN JALSA

Art in the Sun

The 21st Annual Northville Art in the Sun fine arts festival invites you to experience over 100 juried artists, lively music, food, kids' activities, and the ambiance of downtown Northville! Over 15,000 people will enjoy the sights and sounds of this popular event on June 27-28 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 11-5 Sunday. Kids activities include sand art, plaster painting, sandy cany, caricatures and face painting. Musical guests include Sheila Landis, award winning jazz vocalist (noon-4 p.m. Sunday); Roy Scott, classical guitarist; Americana, Brazilian music; and Ken Majors, professional drummer (10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.). Sponsored by Atlas Home Improvement, Enerdry Waterproofing, Achieving Health Chiropractic, Plus, Americraft, Trupp Family Care Chiropractic, Infinity Windows, Relax the Back, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, GutterToppers, Renewal by Anderson, and Varsity Lincoln Mercury. For more information, leave a message at the Northville Art House at (248) 344-0497 or visit online at www.northvillearts.org.

Design - Sales - Installation
Mon - Fri 10 - 6 & Sat 10 - 4
www.seghi.net
248-437-2454
440 Lafayette, South Lyon

EXPERIENCE IT IN IMAX THEATRE
AND IN THEATRES EVERYWHERE. CHECK LOCAL LISTINGS FOR THEATRES AND SHOWTIMES.
© 2009 PICTURES BY PICTURES INC. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED. PICTURES INC. IS A PICTURES COMPANY.

VISIT HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

GREAT LAKES DERMATOLOGY

MICHAEL R. COHEN, D.O.
Board Certified Dermatologist

Specializing in Diseases of the Skin, Hair & Nails

Invites you to visit and receive the care you deserve.

- Skin Cancer
- Eczema
- Moles
- Warts
- Psoriasis
- Hair Loss
- Acne
- Botox
- Much More

Accepting New Patients • All Ages
Call for Appointment: 248-324-2222. Evening appts. available
Lewis Medical Office Centre, 39475 Lewis Drive, Suite 150, Novi, Michigan 48377
greatlakesderm@yafco.com

#1 MOVIE IN AMERICA!

"THE PROPOSAL" IS WITHOUT QUESTION THE YEAR'S BEST COMEDY."

"HYSTERICAL! SANDRA BULLOCK AND RYAN REYNOLDS ARE A MATCH MADE IN COMEDY HEAVEN!"

"LAUGH-OUT-LOUD FUNNY."

SANDRA BULLOCK
RYAN REYNOLDS

THE PROPOSAL

For Theatres and Showtimes: Check local listings or text PROP with your ZIP CODE to 430X (434-949) or visit ProposalMovie.com

BOOST YOUR LOCAL ECONOMY... SHOP LOCAL

What kind of community do you want to live in? How we spend our money makes a difference in the wellness of our residents and the overall success of our businesses.

Each time you shop your decisions will impact your local economy. Choose locally owned businesses that are truly invested in your community's future.

NEWS PAPER'S HOMETOWN LIFE WEBSITE

NORTHVILLE / NOVI AREA CHURCH EVENTS

0000 SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
LOCATION: 4145 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi
CONTACT: (248) 349-0555
Sunday Schedule
TIME: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship
Healing Service
TIME/DATE: 4 p.m. 1st Monday of every month
Radical Joy
TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month
Details: All women seeking to strengthen their faith and connect with other women are invited to attend, irrespective of church affiliation.
Crafters and Vendors are needed
TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 24
Details: The annual Community Bazaar Bazaar to benefit Village Banking at First United Methodist Church Northville. This is a great opportunity to showcase talent or business to hundreds of local customers. As cost is nominal, both space is filling up fast. CONTACT: Sue (734) 459-9006
Single Place Ministries
TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. social time, 7:45 p.m. opening 8:30 p.m. program, every Thursday
Details: Informative and entertaining programs of interest to singles. \$5 per person. Check Web site for details singleplace.org
0100 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE
LOCATION: 200 E. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-0591 or visit firstpresbyterian.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:30, 11 a.m.
Walking in the Park
TIME/DATE: 10:11 a.m. every Saturday
LOCATION: Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads)
Details: Group meets for lunch afterwards. CONTACT: Sue (734) 459-9006
0200 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE
LOCATION: 4167 N. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 or visit firstpresbyterian.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:45 a.m.
Healing Service and Holy Communion
TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. 1st Sunday of every month
Peace Vigil
TIME/DATE: Noon, 1st Sunday of every month
LOCATION: In front of the church
Details: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.
Adoptive Service
TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. Sunday
0300 NORTHVILLE METHODIST CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY
LOCATION: 4167 N. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 or visit firstpresbyterian.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:45 a.m.
Healing Service and Holy Communion
TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. 1st Sunday of every month
Peace Vigil
TIME/DATE: Noon, 1st Sunday of every month
LOCATION: In front of the church
Details: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.
Adoptive Service
TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. Sunday
0400 NORTHVILLE METHODIST CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY
LOCATION: 4167 N. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 or visit firstpresbyterian.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:45 a.m.
Healing Service and Holy Communion
TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. 1st Sunday of every month
Peace Vigil
TIME/DATE: Noon, 1st Sunday of every month
LOCATION: In front of the church
Details: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.
Adoptive Service
TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. Sunday
0500 NORTHVILLE METHODIST CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY
LOCATION: 4167 N. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 or visit firstpresbyterian.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:45 a.m.
Healing Service and Holy Communion
TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. 1st Sunday of every month
Peace Vigil
TIME/DATE: Noon, 1st Sunday of every month
LOCATION: In front of the church
Details: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.
Adoptive Service
TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. Sunday
0600 NORTHVILLE METHODIST CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY
LOCATION: 4167 N. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 or visit firstpresbyterian.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:45 a.m.
Healing Service and Holy Communion
TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. 1st Sunday of every month
Peace Vigil
TIME/DATE: Noon, 1st Sunday of every month
LOCATION: In front of the church
Details: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.
Adoptive Service
TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. Sunday
0700 NORTHVILLE METHODIST CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY
LOCATION: 4167 N. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 or visit firstpresbyterian.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:45 a.m.
Healing Service and Holy Communion
TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. 1st Sunday of every month
Peace Vigil
TIME/DATE: Noon, 1st Sunday of every month
LOCATION: In front of the church
Details: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.
Adoptive Service
TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. Sunday
0800 NORTHVILLE METHODIST CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY
LOCATION: 4167 N. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 or visit firstpresbyterian.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:45 a.m.
Healing Service and Holy Communion
TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. 1st Sunday of every month
Peace Vigil
TIME/DATE: Noon, 1st Sunday of every month
LOCATION: In front of the church
Details: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.
Adoptive Service
TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. Sunday
0900 NORTHVILLE METHODIST CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY
LOCATION: 4167 N. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 or visit firstpresbyterian.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:45 a.m.
Healing Service and Holy Communion
TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. 1st Sunday of every month
Peace Vigil
TIME/DATE: Noon, 1st Sunday of every month
LOCATION: In front of the church
Details: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.
Adoptive Service
TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. Sunday
1000 NORTHVILLE METHODIST CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY
LOCATION: 4167 N. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 or visit firstpresbyterian.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:45 a.m.
Healing Service and Holy Communion
TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. 1st Sunday of every month
Peace Vigil
TIME/DATE: Noon, 1st Sunday of every month
LOCATION: In front of the church
Details: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.
Adoptive Service
TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. Sunday
1100 NORTHVILLE METHODIST CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY
LOCATION: 4167 N. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 or visit firstpresbyterian.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:45 a.m.
Healing Service and Holy Communion
TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. 1st Sunday of every month
Peace Vigil
TIME/DATE: Noon, 1st Sunday of every month
LOCATION: In front of the church
Details: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.
Adoptive Service
TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. Sunday
1200 NORTHVILLE METHODIST CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY
LOCATION: 4167 N. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 or visit firstpresbyterian.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:45 a.m.
Healing Service and Holy Communion
TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. 1st Sunday of every month
Peace Vigil
TIME/DATE: Noon, 1st Sunday of every month
LOCATION: In front of the church
Details: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.
Adoptive Service
TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. Sunday



Brightest & Best
WXYZ-TV/Channel 7 paid tribute to over 250 high school seniors from throughout Southeast Michigan at a special picnic in the 30th annual celebration of the "Brightest & Best" on May 16 on the grounds of Broadleaf House in Southfield. Since 1980, the station has honored graduating seniors from public and private schools who have demonstrated excellence in academic, extracurricular and community pursuits. The program has recognized over 1,500 high school seniors in its 30-year history, making it the longest-running program of its kind in the Detroit market. Shown (l to r) are JoAnne Purton, 7 Action News reporter; Jacob Carless, Novi High School; Savannah Sisk, Northville High School; and Vic Faust, 7 Action News sports anchor/reporter. During the event promotional spots were taped featuring students and Channel 7 personalities. These promotional announcements will air on the station throughout the summer months.

CONTACT: (248) 347-7778
Mass Schedule
TIME/DATE: 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday, 9 a.m. Monday-Thursday, 7 p.m. Wednesday, 9 p.m. Saturday
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE
LOCATION: 217 N. Wing
CONTACT: (248) 348-0200
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays
Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. 1st Saturday of every month
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF WEST-FAMILY INTEGRATED CHURCH
LOCATION: 45201 W. 11 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurch.org
Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.
Bible Study: 6 p.m.
Family Movie Night: 8:30 p.m.; 4th Sunday of every month
NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY
LOCATION: 41355 Six Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 348-9030
SOUTH LYON HEDGE SALE
LOCATION: 23455 Novi Road
CONTACT: Pastor Jon Hin (248) 349-5665
Preschool/Kids Choir
TIME/DATE: 7:15 p.m. every Wednesday
Details: For ages three to six, ongoing event; no need to pre-register, all are welcome.
CROSSPOINT MEMORIAL CHURCH
LOCATION: 25000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointmemorial.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages
Details: Nursery and other children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.
CROSSPOINT MEMORIAL CHURCH
LOCATION: 25000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointmemorial.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages
Details: Nursery and other children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.
CROSSPOINT MEMORIAL CHURCH
LOCATION: 25000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointmemorial.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages
Details: Nursery and other children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

Downsizing for Dollars: How to make money on unwanted stuff

Dear Savvy Senior
Over the years, my husband and I have acquired a house and garage full of stuff, and would like to start downsizing before we get too old. To do this we would like to sell off what we can. So my question is: what is the best way to get the most money for our possessions?
Retired Packrats
Dear Packrats,
Selling off old items that you don't want or need anymore is a great way to downsize, de-clutter and pad your pocketbook. Here are some top options to help you pedal your stuff.
eBay
With around 85 million active members, eBay.com is by far the biggest selling site on the Web. Almost anything can be sold on eBay. The downside however is their fees which eat into your profits. eBay charges a non-refundable listing fee of 20 cents and \$4 per item, depending on the asking price. And if it sells, a closing fee of \$75 percent of the sale price up to \$25, with declining percentage paid on larger sales.
eBay can also help if you don't have the time, or don't want to do the selling yourself. Just go to ebaytradingservices.com where you can find a trading assistant in your area who will do everything for you. They typically charge between 15 and 40 percent of the selling price.
Another large selling site you should check out is Amazon.com (it charges sales fees too) which is great for selling old books, CDs and DVDs. Also see Gazelle.com, a green company that buys old cell phones, computers and other electronic gadgets to recycle them.
Easy to Use
If you have concerns about learning how to maneuver these selling sites, you'll be happy to know that they are all pretty user-friendly and offer step-by-step instructions. Once you sell a few items you'll feel like an old pro. You also need to know that if you're planning to sell a lot of items, a digital camera is a must. Pictures are essential to selling on the Web, and a digital camera makes it easy to transfer your photographs to your computer so they can be uploaded to the sales site.
Other Options
If online selling doesn't appeal to you, have a garage sale (see www.garagesalequeen.com for tips), or see what your nearby consignment store will sell for you. While neither of these options will make you as much money as the Web, they're still great ways to get rid of old stuff and make a few bucks in the process. And the stuff that doesn't sell can always be donated to a charity for a tax deduction.
Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit www.savvysenior.com. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.



Old Timers' Luncheon
Joe Traudt, left, and Wes Henriksen share a handshake at the recent Old Timers' Luncheon at Northville's Gentili's. The noon-time affair brings together those that have lived in Northville for decades and decades and has its fair share of mayors, city council members and local business owners.

Online Selling
If you have the time and access to the Internet, the best way to get top dollar for your old unwanted possessions is to sell them on the World Wide Web. Online selling provides literally millions of potential customers, so your odds of getting more money for your stuff is much greater than you'd get at a garage sale or through a consignment store. While there are lots of sites that will help you sell your stuff, the two biggest who draw the most visitors are Craigslist and eBay.
Craigslist
If you're not familiar with Craigslist.org, it's a huge classified ads site that serves more than 550 cities and attracts some 50 million visitors each month, and it's free to use. It works just like putting an ad in your local newspaper. You list the item you want to sell including a brief description (pictures too) for the price you want. Interested buyers will then contact you directly via e-mail, and the rest is up to you. Larger items that are difficult to ship well as Craigslist like furniture, appliances, exercise equipment and even vehicles.
eBay
With around 85 million active members, eBay.com is by far the biggest selling site on the Web. Almost anything can be sold on eBay. The downside however is their fees which eat into your profits. eBay charges a non-refundable listing fee of 20 cents and \$4 per item, depending on the asking price. And if it sells, a closing fee of \$75 percent of the sale price up to \$25, with declining percentage paid on larger sales.
eBay can also help if you don't have the time, or don't want to do the selling yourself. Just go to ebaytradingservices.com where you can find a trading assistant in your area who will do everything for you. They typically charge between 15 and 40 percent of the selling price.
Another large selling site you should check out is Amazon.com (it charges sales fees too) which is great for selling old books, CDs and DVDs. Also see Gazelle.com, a green company that buys old cell phones, computers and other electronic gadgets to recycle them.
Easy to Use
If you have concerns about learning how to maneuver these selling sites, you'll be happy to know that they are all pretty user-friendly and offer step-by-step instructions. Once you sell a few items you'll feel like an old pro. You also need to know that if you're planning to sell a lot of items, a digital camera is a must. Pictures are essential to selling on the Web, and a digital camera makes it easy to transfer your photographs to your computer so they can be uploaded to the sales site.
Other Options
If online selling doesn't appeal to you, have a garage sale (see www.garagesalequeen.com for tips), or see what your nearby consignment store will sell for you. While neither of these options will make you as much money as the Web, they're still great ways to get rid of old stuff and make a few bucks in the process. And the stuff that doesn't sell can always be donated to a charity for a tax deduction.
Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit www.savvysenior.com. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

THINKING ABOUT... CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING LENNIX Free Estimates! Our 26th Year UNITED TEMPERATURE 8919 MIDDLEBELT • LIVONIA 734-625-1930

Classified Preview... Real Estate, Apartments, Merchandise, Auto, etc. For even more classified ads, see our expanded Classified Section in today's paper! 800-579-7355 www.hometownlife.com

Real estate listings for various areas including Westland, Garden City, Farmington Hills, Novi, and Northville. Includes details on property features, prices, and contact information for agents.

Staycation Sale! CORNWELL POOL & SPA 5 piece Monterey patio set \$499 Was \$2399 3500 Pontiac Trail - Ann Arbor, MI - 734.662.3117 874 West Ann Arbor Rd. - Plymouth, MI - 734.459.7410

Healthy Legs, Healthy You! "I thought it was normal for my legs to ache at the end of the day." You may have a medical condition covered by insurance known as Venous Insufficiency if you experience any of these leg symptoms: Pain/aching/throbbing, Heaviness or fatigue, Swelling of feet/ankles, Restless legs, Night cramps, Itchy veins, Varicose veins, Non-healing ulcers. Studies have demonstrated that there is a significant deterioration in the quality of life for persons with chronic venous insufficiency and this can be reversed. Don't wait to get treated. You're never too old or young to jumpstart your health and fitness program with healthy legs! Have your legs treated in under an hour with no-downtime, no scarring and NO STRIPPING using the latest technology. New, safe & effective treatment for Rosacea & Facial veins with Veniva™ Advanced Vein Therapies is the only location in Michigan with this technology. Please visit our website and see how we have helped others at www.AVtherapies.com or call now for consultation.

ADVANCED VEIN THERAPIES Jeffrey B. Miller, MD & Mona DeWitt's permanent bonded medical technology for varicose and spider vein care, specializing in treating venous disease for nearly 30 years. 248.244.9110 www.AVtherapies.com

WHAT DO YOU CALL SOMEONE WHO WON'T SETTLE FOR JUST ANY CHECKING ACCOUNT? A S.M.A.R.T. ACCOUNT

Now more than ever, you want to get more from your checking account. A Flagstar S.M.A.R.T. account may be just what you're looking for:

Get \$100 when you open a Flagstar S.M.A.R.T. checking account* OR Get 2% interest on balances up to \$100,000 guaranteed for 12 months*. S.M.A.R.T. account features: SAFETY AND SECURITY, MORE PERSONAL LEVEL OF SERVICE, ATM'S FREE NATIONWIDE, REWARDS PROGRAM, TROUBLE-FREE SWITCH GUARANTEE. To get your S.M.A.R.T. checking account started today, log on to flagstar.com or call us toll free at (800) 642-0039 to locate the nearest banking center. Flagstar The new wave in banking.

Place your ad on-line 24-7 @ www.hometownlife.com

*\$100 deposit or 2% interest rate available for new personal checking account customers only (see terms). **Customer must be enrolled in Flagstar's Loyalty Program to qualify for fee-free ATM withdrawals. ATM fee reimbursements apply to loyalty customers only for fees incurred at non-Flagstar network ATMs.

Contract awarded for more than \$960,000

Road work to begin in July

Last week, the Novi City Council approved a construction contract for the 2009 Neighborhood Roads Program to Hard Rock Concrete, Inc., the low bidder, in the amount of \$984,262.

Over the past four years, the City of Novi has spent approximately \$7 million on the reconstruction and rehabilitation of neighborhood roads, and this year's project is funded through the budgeted \$1.5 million through FY09-10. These are funded from City funds and are over and above Federal Stimulus or other outside dollars that the City secures.

Construction is scheduled to begin in July with completion in fall 2009.

Each year the City of Novi selects residential streets for

DETAILS

This year's program includes several streets that will either be completely reconstructed or rehabilitated by making major repairs.

Streets to be reconstructed include:

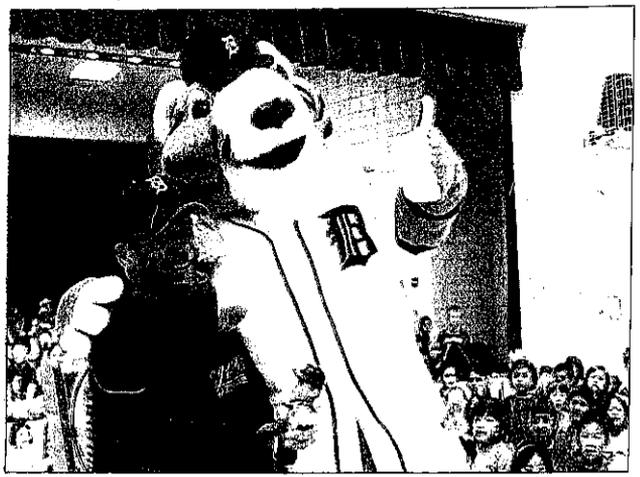
- Midway Drive (Steeple Path to a point 175' north of Dunbarton Drive)
 - Scenic Lane (Novi Road to end)
 - Ironside Court (Serenity to Cumberland)
 - Mystic Blvd. (Novi Road to Mystic Forest Drive)
 - Mystic Forest Drive (South of Mystic Blvd. to north of Mystic Blvd.)
- Streets to be rehabilitated include:
- Serenity Drive (Scenic Lane to end)
 - Vista Lane (Serenity Drive to Scenic Lane)
 - Kings Pointe Drive (Ten Mile to North End of Boulevard)
 - Broquet (At Intersection with Eden Dr.)
 - Morgan Creek (Midpoint of Morgan Creek)

reconstruction, repaving, and/or rehabilitation using pavement condition ratings and Department of Public Services field observations.

"The city makes it a priority to answer the needs of our residents and maintain the quality of life Novi is known for," said Rob Hayes, City Engineer/Director of Public Services, "through the rehabilitation and

reconstruction of key neighborhood roads, we hope to uphold our strong infrastructure for years to come."

The City of Novi routinely publishes a Road Construction Update which is available online at cityofnovi.org. For more information about road improvements, contact the Community Relations Office at 248.735.5628.



JOHN HEDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Fitting farewell

After 24 years of service to the Novi School District, building engineer Ron Newman got a big retirement send-off at Parkview Elementary. Newman got a special visit from the Detroit Tigers' mascot "Paws", his own Tigers shirt, bobblehead and four tickets to an upcoming game. Newman, a big fan of the Bengals, was also serenaded by the kids at Parkview with "Take Me Out to the Ballgame".

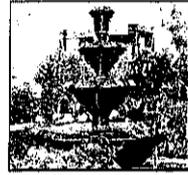
PRETTY PORCH POTS

Got a Party? Decorate!

FOUNTAINS

ANY SIZE
PORCH POT
\$10.00 OFF
GOOD SELECTION

40% OFF



PREMIUM
GLAZED
POTTERY
40% OFF



PLYMOUTH NURSERY
HOME & GARDEN SHOWPLACE

734-453-5500

www.plymouthnursery.net
Mon-Fri 9-7 • Sat 9-5 • Sun 10-5
Orders Expire 7/1/09

9900 Ann Arbor Rd./Plymouth Rd.
16th Year of 127+... 1/2 mile south of 24-4
Senior 10% discount



AFFORDABLE SENIOR LIVING WITH THE CARE YOU DESERVE
Live here...for the best of your life

Are you a
WARTIME VETERAN
or Surviving Spouse?
You may qualify for the aid & attendance benefit

Wartime veterans may qualify for up to \$1644 monthly and surviving spouses may receive up to \$1036*

Please call us or email us at info@abbeyparkmillersville.com for information.

Abbey Park
3221 E. Baldwin Rd.
Grand Blanc, MI
(810) 606-1110
www.abbeypark.com

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



HOW TO PLAN FOR YOUR BEST LIFE EVER

Understanding Senior Lifestyle Options
Which One is Right for You?

EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR



A complimentary lunch provided.

Choices. Options. ANSWERS.

- What lifestyle options are available to seniors?
- What are the pros and cons of each option?
- What are the costs associated with different options?

Make a Reservation Today - Seating is Limited!



RSVP Required by:
Monday, June 29th
734-433-1210
jsattler@umrc.com



Model Home & Information Center
201 Katherine Way, Dexter MI 48130
Open Monday - Friday 9 to 5
www.cedarsofdexter.com

Invisible Fence

Coming to a yard near you!

You may have recently seen one of our  in your neighborhood, and a  sign in a nearby yard.

That's because your neighbor chose a professionally installed **Invisible Fence** solution to keep their safe. Over the next few weeks, an Invisible Fence® Brand pet will train your neighbor's to stay within his new boundaries, which are temporarily marked with

Soon, one more will have the freedom to run and play, safe at home, thanks to **Invisible Fence**

Do you have a ? Call us today for a FREE consultation!

1-888-271-2775 • InvisibleFence.com

Invisible Fence

1-888-271-2775 • invisiblefence.com

Easy Financing & 1 Year Same As Cash

\$150 OFF
or **\$250 of upgrades/add ons**

Offer Code: NI09. Present this coupon at time of purchase. Valid on Premium Outdoor Containment Solutions only. Not combinable with other discounts, offers or promotions. Not valid on previous purchases or redeemable for cash. Financing subject to approval. Invisible Fence of Tri-County customers only. Expires 7/31/09



Win Tickets online
hometownlife.com

THURSDAY
June 25,
2009

SECTION B
(NN)

Jeff Theisen, editor, (248) 349-4100
E-mail: jtheisen@hometownlife.com

LOCAL SPORTS

online at hometownlife.com

Samuel brought power to plate and mound



Wildcat Garrett Green earns All-Area First Team honors.



CC's Steve Harding helped the Shamrocks to a district title and lands on the All-Area First Team.



Wildcat Nick Regnier awaits the pitch. He earned a spot on the All-Area First Team.

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

Coaches love guys that can bring power anywhere to a team. Lakeland's Ricky Samuel did just that, whether at the plate or on the mound.

Samuel hit .490, drew 23 walks and struck out just eight times in 104 at bats. He also went 6-3 with a save and a 2.90 earned run average as a pitcher for the KLA Lakes Conference champions.

Samuel is the 2009 All-Area baseball Player of the Year.

"The way the ball comes off his bat," Lakeland head coach Todd Miller said. "It's amazing how hard he hits the baseball."

Miller said Samuel didn't put up the massive RBI stats because he was pitched around whenever possible, but he still managed to put up some insane numbers.

Samuel co-led the Eagles with nine doubles, led with three triples and was second in home runs with six. He was second in runs with 41 and second in RBIs with 35.

As one of the aces of the staff, he managed to strike out more than half the batters he faced. He had 91 strikeouts in 170 at bats, allowing just 30 hits and 60 walks in 50.2 innings.

"He was a pleasure to have for four years," Miller said. "He's a great baseball player, but he's a great kid too. He treats his teammates very well."

After focusing solely on baseball after his freshman season, Samuel is headed to Michigan to continue his career.

Samuel leaves Lakeland after posting new career records in hits, RBI, doubles and strikeouts as a pitcher. He set single-season records in hits and RBI. He is top five in career home runs and is second in wins for a season, twice posting eight wins. He is also second in career wins.

FIRST TEAM

With the level of competition in the area, making the All-Area First Team took impressive numbers. Northville won a district title, as did CC and Lakeland captured a KLA Lakes Conference title.

The following players were not only the leaders of their respective teams, but did it throughout the year to make an elite list.

Bobby Thomas, Northville

The senior bopper put up staggering offensive numbers, and also earned votes for Players of the Year along the way.

Thomas hit .480 (48-100), but more impressively, 28 of those hits were for extra bases. He laced 15 doubles and 12 home runs to help knock in an amazing 59 runs. That's more than a RBI every other at bat.

"He was all about winning," Northville head coach John Kostorzewa said. "He worked his butt off to get where he is. He never slumped. He was pretty consistent from day one."

Thomas is headed to Wayne State after setting records for RBI, doubles, slugging percentage (1.010) and broke the old home run record (which teammate Ryan

ALL-AREA

Mullen also did with 14 this year for the new record).

Ryan Mullen, Northville

The Mustang senior was the perfect compliment with Thomas. Mullen stroked a new school record 14 home runs, batted .420, knocked in 54 runs and had 21 extra-base hits.

"He hit balls further than high school kid I've ever seen," Kostorzewa said. "There are a lot of records that if he doesn't have it, Bobby does."

David Uberti, Northville

The senior pitcher was the ace of the staff, posting a 9-1 record with a 2.78 ERA for the 31-3 Mustangs.

"For two years, he pitched our biggest games for the most part," Kostorzewa said. "He always went against everyone else's No. 1. He lost four times in two years."

Uberti didn't exactly struggle at the plate either, stroking a .390 average and fourth on the team with 19 walks.

Garrett Green, Novi

Don't just call him the coaches son. The boy can play.

He finished his senior season with a .398 average, led the team with 40 runs, swiped 21 bases and was on base right around half the times he went to the plate.

"Garrett is a five-tool player who plays the game harder than anyone I have ever coached," said head coach Rick Green. "He never had a bad day at hustling. Garrett was 1st team All-KLAA and 1st team All-District."

Nick Regnier, Novi

The junior provided the big bat in the lineup. He cleaned up whatever was left in front of him, knocking in a team high 40 RBI with a .398 average. Regnier also scored 28 runs and was second in doubles with nine.

"He was a very versatile player," said coach Green. "He played every position but catcher. Despite doing so, he only made one error. Nick also pitched for us, going 5-2 with a ERA of 2.98."

Steve Harding, CC

The senior earned team MVP honors after posting a .395 average with eight doubles and four home runs. He scored 20 runs and knocked in 27 more.

"Steve is a great leader and a fine athlete (3 year starter on the football and basketball teams as well)," said coach Kevin Walters. "Steve is a clutch hitter, hitting .500 with men in scoring position."

Nolan Nunez, South Lyon East

The upstart Cougars may have struggled in their first year of varsity competition, but the junior first baseman had a stellar year. He led the team with a .431 average and led the team in doubles.

"He's a great all-around player," said head coach Matt Lindman. "He's just a knowledgeable baseball player."

Tom Kort, South Lyon

The sophomore proved he could hit like an upperclassman, leading the Lions at .396. He also played at short and fielded at a .937 percentage while playing

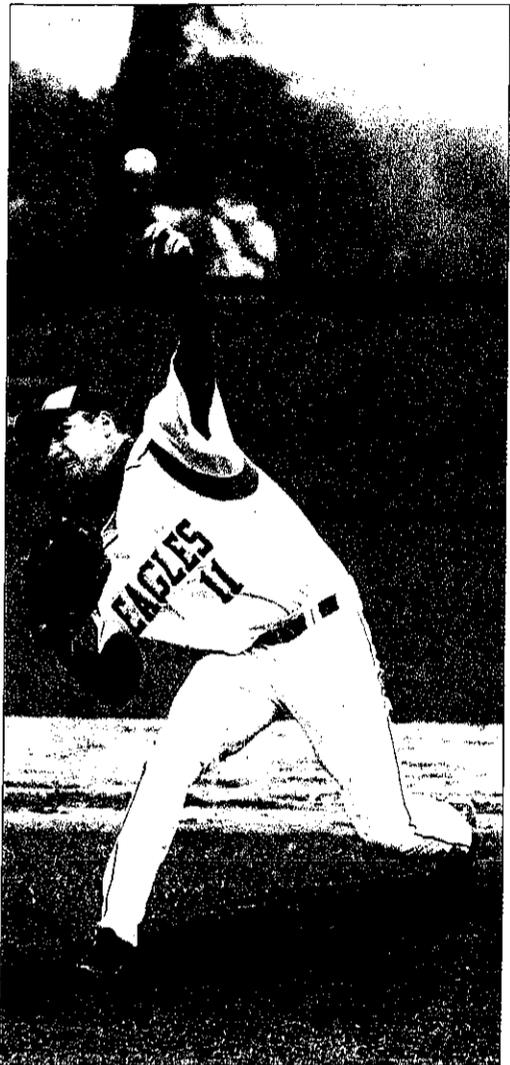


PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER WALL

Lakeland's Ricky Samuel is the 2009 baseball Player of the Year.

every inning.

"I've got nothing bad to say about this kid," said head coach Jon Hatton. "I'm looking forward to the next two years."

Steve Buglione, Milford

The senior led the Mavericks in the most important categories in both pitching and hitting. He led with a 4.38 average, three triples, nine home runs, 45 runs, 26 RBI and a .565 on base percentage.

On the mound, he led in innings pitched with 73.3 with a 2.66 ERA and 76 strikeouts with 44 walks.

Aaron Saarella, Lakeland

The senior was known as starter 1-B

by coach Miller. The lefty finished 7-1 with a 3.08 ERA. In 50 innings pitched, he struck out 64 and walked 24. Saarella also hit for a .410 average and was third in RBI with 27.

"He's just a winner," said Miller. "He's right there with Ricky in career wins. Those guys made their living against the top teams. He's got a lot of movement on his fastball."

Saarella will continue his career at Madonna.

Donny Holland, Lakeland

The senior catcher knew how to get on

Please see ALL-AREA, B2

Swinging Gates

Northville senior wins individual State title

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

The Gates family tradition was in jeopardy, and it was up to Northville senior Wes to keep it alive.

Wes' grandfather (in Pennsylvania) and uncle (in Michigan) had won the State golfing title. Wes was the last shot in his generation to do so, and he did it in a playoff.

Gates beat Jared Dalga from Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central in the second hole of a playoff to win the Division 1 State individual title with a 148 (71-77), helping the Mustangs to a fifth-place overall finish.

"I had to carry the torch," said Gates. "It obviously felt great. It's been my goal my entire high school career to win it."

Gates said winning it in a playoff was even more special because he got to celebrate it with his teammates, family and friends instead of just watching

a scoreboard to figure out who won.

"We couldn't win the team title, but that was the only other way to go out on top," said Gates. "I can close my high school career on that."

"It was kind of a disappointing season until the State tournament. It's something I'll never forget."

The win also helped propel Gates to the 2009 Michigan Golf Coaches Super Team, consisting of the top eight golfers from any division in Michigan.

Gates will continue to play at Bowling Green, where he received a scholarship for golf and for academics.

FIRST TEAM

The All-Area First Team is littered with players that had major showings in major tournaments.

Chris Cunningham, Milford Cunningham could be found near the top of almost every tournament leaderboard he entered. He



Northville's Wes Gates shoots in front of a gallery on the second hole of a playoff for the state title. He birdied the hole to win the individual championship. He is the 2009 Golfer of the Year.

placed in the top 10 of all but one tournament this year, highlighted by a district individual title and a fifth-place finish at the Oakland County tourney. He averaged 75.1 for 18 holes.

Cunningham was voted to the Michigan Coaches Division 1 All-State First Team.

Joe Fransted, Catholic Central

Fransted saved some of his best golf for the final tournament. He shot a 76-77 for a 153 and into a five-way tie for eighth place. He was low for the fourth-place Shamrocks.

Fransted was voted to the Michigan Coaches Division 1 All-State First Team.

Trevor Grigg, Northville

Grigg came on like a gang-buster toward the end of the year last season. He didn't disappoint this year, finishing with a 79-76 for a 155 to shoot second low for the fifth-placed Mustangs at State.

Grigg was voted to the Michigan Coaches Division 1 All-State First Team.



HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Now's Tyler Manning shot a 77 to lead the Wildcats out of districts and into regional action. He shot his way onto the All-Area First Team.

Steve LaRonere, Catholic Central

LaRonere was part of a steady force that helped make up the potent Shamrock golf team. He

Please see GOLF, B2

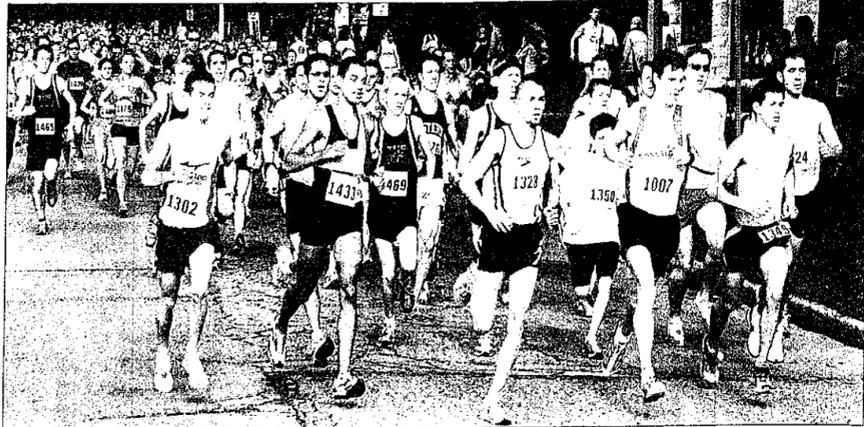
Downtown runaround

Northville Solstice Run gearing up for race day June 27

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

"Thousands of runners will descend upon Northville Saturday, June 27, filling the streets for the Seventh Annual Solstice Run."

The event will raise funds for the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute through a 10K run, 5K run/walk and a quarter-mile Kids Fun Run. The 10K and 5K events will both feature up to 1,000 participants each and will, for the first time, have runners sweat out their first half mile around the horse track at Novi High School.



The leaders of the pack round a corner during the 2008 Solstice Run.



5K. We've invited (Gov. Jennifer Granholm, her husband and kids to come out and it appears they're going to come. Her husband is an avid runner."

Although there may be some notable names in the race, the majority of participants are local residents looking for a good time and a good run.

Last year, twenty-seven-year-old Nick Stanok of Haslet won the men's 5K with a time of 15 minutes and 24 seconds, a 4:58 pace per mile. Dennis Coates, 32, of Novi

won the women's 5K in 17:20, a 5:35 pace. Nick Krus, 22, of Whom won the men's 10K in 32:29 last year, a 5:14 pace. Kelli Williams, 23, of Ann Arbor won the women's 10K in 37:58, a 6:07 pace.

The top 500 overall finishers in the 10K Run will receive medals and all participants in the Kids Run will receive classic Forrester medals. Age group awards will be available at the finish-line tent for the 10K and 5K events, as well as \$700 in cash awards for overall

winner. Everyone who registered by June 22 is guaranteed a race shirt. Online registration at active.com ends at 9 a.m. June 25.

"Our registration is ahead of last year's, so I think we'll do fine despite the economy. It's growing and it's a good cause," Whitehead said.

On race day, Northville Downs will be the starting line for the 7:30 a.m. 10K and 8:45 a.m. 5K. The Kids Fun Run will start 8:35 a.m. at Ford Field. Although streets will be closed most of the races will be complete by 9:45 a.m.

"It's all ages and fitness levels. It's for everybody. People need to see Northville. That's the key attraction for me. They don't realize how beautiful it is," Whitehead said. He said the event needs more volunteers to run smoothly. Those interested in volunteering can contact Jill Whitehead at whitehead@forrester.com.

Forrester, a life insurance organization, are presenting the event and several local businesses, including the Northville Record and Novi News, are contributing. For more information, visit www.solsticerun.org/home.htm.



He also hit for a 410 average with a team-high 10 triples. Dan Mills, Northville The junior provided another dangerous option in the potent Mustang offense with a .463 average. He scored 27 runs and plated 31 more.

Luke Johnson, Milford Johnson led the Mavericks with 28 singles, finishing with a .347 average. He scored 20 runs and knocked in 24 more.

Bryan Miller, Milford The junior batted leadoff and played centerfield for the Cats. He batted .370 and scored 38 runs thanks in part to 26 walks and 16 stolen bases. He committed no errors.

Carry Smith, CC Junior The junior Sharnock earned the starting position in right and kept it with a .369 average with 14 RBI and 14 runs scored.

Kevin Fisher, Northville The Mustang senior went a perfect 7-0 with a 1.94 ERA. He struck out 41 in 47 innings with just six walks allowed. He had six complete games and three shutouts in his seven starts.

Kyle Besault, Northville Speed to burn was the senior's claim to fame, swinging a team high 40 bases and 53 runs scored.

He also hit for a 410 average with a team-high 10 triples. Dan Mills, Northville The junior provided another dangerous option in the potent Mustang offense with a .463 average. He scored 27 runs and plated 31 more.

Luke Johnson, Milford Johnson led the Mavericks with 28 singles, finishing with a .347 average. He scored 20 runs and knocked in 24 more.

Bryan Miller, Milford The junior batted leadoff and played centerfield for the Cats. He batted .370 and scored 38 runs thanks in part to 26 walks and 16 stolen bases. He committed no errors.

Carry Smith, CC Junior The junior Sharnock earned the starting position in right and kept it with a .369 average with 14 RBI and 14 runs scored.

Kevin Fisher, Northville The Mustang senior went a perfect 7-0 with a 1.94 ERA. He struck out 41 in 47 innings with just six walks allowed. He had six complete games and three shutouts in his seven starts.

Kyle Besault, Northville Speed to burn was the senior's claim to fame, swinging a team high 40 bases and 53 runs scored.

He also hit for a 410 average with a team-high 10 triples. Dan Mills, Northville The junior provided another dangerous option in the potent Mustang offense with a .463 average. He scored 27 runs and plated 31 more.

Luke Johnson, Milford Johnson led the Mavericks with 28 singles, finishing with a .347 average. He scored 20 runs and knocked in 24 more.

Bryan Miller, Milford The junior batted leadoff and played centerfield for the Cats. He batted .370 and scored 38 runs thanks in part to 26 walks and 16 stolen bases. He committed no errors.

Carry Smith, CC Junior The junior Sharnock earned the starting position in right and kept it with a .369 average with 14 RBI and 14 runs scored.

Kevin Fisher, Northville The Mustang senior went a perfect 7-0 with a 1.94 ERA. He struck out 41 in 47 innings with just six walks allowed. He had six complete games and three shutouts in his seven starts.

Kyle Besault, Northville Speed to burn was the senior's claim to fame, swinging a team high 40 bases and 53 runs scored.

He also hit for a 410 average with a team-high 10 triples. Dan Mills, Northville The junior provided another dangerous option in the potent Mustang offense with a .463 average. He scored 27 runs and plated 31 more.

Greens' day

Novi father-and-son baseball combo bask in Comerica Park glow

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Father's Day came early for Novi varsity baseball coach Rick Green.

Not only did Rick Green coach his son, Garrett, growing up from boyhood through high school, he got to share in his kid's realization of the American dream — playing on a big-league field.

Rick's son Garrett Green, a Novi High School senior who batted .404 in 2009, sparked as a member of the East All-Stars Tuesday night at Comerica Park.

"I've been coaching him since he was 7 years old," said Rick Green during an interview following the West All-Stars 13-4 victory. "It's been a long run (and) I'm getting a little emotional here."

"But, I've been coaching him for a long time and today was the last day and you saw he was an All-Star today, at Comerica Park."

He noted that his son ranked a double, made an outstanding defensive play and "hit a bomb about 375 feet (to center field) that wasn't a home run, in my mind he was the MVP of this game."

According to Garrett, sharing the experience with his father made it all the more special.

"With my dad, it's been great over the past I don't even know how many years he's been coaching me," said Garrett, who will attend Adrian College. "Just having him out here with me has made it even more fun at the All-Star Game in Comerica."

"You're playing with a bunch of great guys, the best in the state, and it's been a really fun experience coming out here and playing."

When he connected on his gapper to right-center, he "just sort of stood in the box for a while. I didn't know I hit it all that good. But basically, rounding first I knew I had a double."

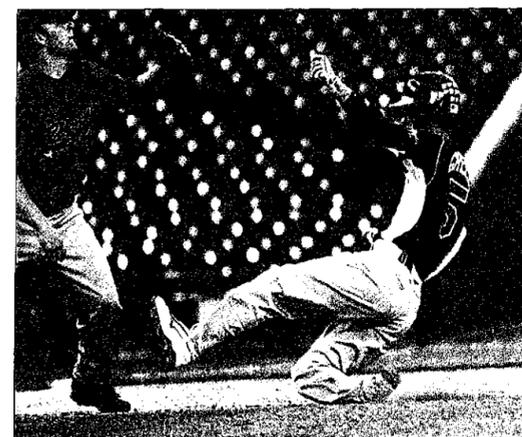
His "web gem" was good enough to be shown on ESPN, stretching to snare a hard grounder and save a run.

"It was a tough play to make," Garrett said. "I just laid out as far as I could and threw it to first."

Although playing on a major league stage would bring out the butterflies in any young player, Green said he just went back to the basics. "It's all instincts when you're out there."

And, remembering what your dad told you all those years. But Garrett's adrenaline was pumping more than usual when he stepped out onto the Comerica carpet.

"Oh, it was pumping a lot," said Garrett, smiling. "Because I've had a hamstring problem



Showing off his baseball instincts is Novi senior Garrett Green, sliding into third base during the East-West All-Star Classic at Comerica Park.

and I didn't feel it at all when I was out there."

The lopsided score was the only downer for both Greens.

"But it was a great, unbelievable experience and to have your

son in here, it just happened to be my 10th year," Rick Green said. "And I always wanted to coach in this game. To have your son be a senior the same year

was tremendous and the year he

had, and the career he had this was a great finish to our career."

"Then, he quickly corrected himself. "To his career."

Advertisement for Tee Time magazine, featuring a golf ball graphic and the text "Your local golf guide".

TEE TIME

Congratulations to Lucas Glover of Greenville, S.C., winner of this year's U.S. Open Championship.

Our readers predicted the outcome in an online poll throughout the last five weeks. Check out how the results compared:

Tiger Woods	52%	Phil Mickelson	24%	Padraig Harrington	0%	Sergio Garcia	4%
Geoff Ogilvy	0%	Kenny Perry	0%	Angel Cabrera	4%	Other	16%

Best amateur golfers in Michigan

By David Graham
GAM Executive Director

Since 1919, the Golf Association of Michigan has been hosting the best tournaments for the best golfers in the state. In that first year, we were known as the Detroit District Golf Association, and the first golf events conducted included Four Man Teams. The District Championship played at the Detroit Golf Club. Worden Hunter from the Country Club of Detroit won that first championship.

Throughout the last 90 years, we have grown into the Golf Association of Michigan, and in 2008, we hosted 16 state championships and 20 USGA qualifiers with almost 1,200 participants. These were great tournaments at great Michigan golf courses with outstanding participation.

The participants earned GAM honor roll points for finishing strongly in these events. In addition, they earn points playing and doing well in prestigious tournaments around the country. At the end of the season, we summarize the results and determine a GAM Honor Roll by gender and age.

The top point earner in each category is the Player of the Year and rightfully recognized as the "best amateur golfer in Michigan" in their category. Listed below are those GAM Champions from 2008.

Jimmy Chestnut of Grand Blanc, GAM 2008 Men's Player of the Year. Jimmy won the Michigan Amateur and the GAM Championship. He was also a quarterfinalist at the U.S. Mid-Amateur. He attended the University of Michigan prior to transferring to Michigan State University and was an Academic All-Big Ten player in 2004 and 2005. Jimmy also won the club championship at Warwick Hills Country Club in 2007 and 2008.

Stacy Stebadnik-Stoll of Haslet, GAM 2008 Women's Player of the Year. Stacy was the GAM Women's Mid-Am Champion, for the fourth successive year and played well in the Michigan Women's Amateur, U.S. Women's Mid-Am, Michigan Women's Open and GAM Women's Championship. She has won the Michigan Women's Amateur in '96 and '98, won the GAM Women's Championship in '98 and earned Women's Player of the Year in '96, '98 and '07. She is coach of the Michigan State University Women's Golf team and was selected as Big Ten Coach of the Year in 2001 and 2007.

Bill Zylstra of Plymouth, GAM 2008 Senior Men's Player of the Year. Bill won the GAM Senior Championship and played very well in a range of other tournaments in Michigan and beyond. He played so well that he was ranked the No. 1 Senior Amateur in the country by the Titleist National Rankings and was the 2008 Golf Week Senior Player of the Year. Bill has also been GAM Senior Player of the Year in '06 and '07. He also holds the record for the lowest round (65) ever recorded in the USGA Senior Amateur Championship (2007).

Joan Garety of Ada, GAM 2008 Senior Women's Player of the Year. Joan was the medalist at the Michigan Women's Senior Amateur and a semifinalist in the match play segment. She also tied for 3rd at both the GAM Women's Senior Championship and the GAM Chrysler Club Championship. She is a two-time Michigan Women's State Amateur Champion in '82 and '97, GAM Women's Champion in '96, GAM Mid-Am Champion in '04, GAM Senior Champ in '06 and two-time Michigan Women's Senior Amateur Champion in '06 and '07. She was a GAM Woman Player of the Year in '97 and '99, and GAM Senior Women's Player of the Year in '06 and '07. Joan was inducted into the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame in 2005.

Joey Garber of Petoskey, GAM 2008 Junior Boy's Player of the Year. Joey won the Michigan Junior Amateur Stroke Play Championship and the GAM Chrysler Club Championship in 2008. He was very active in the AJGA tour. As a high school freshman, he finished second at the MHSAA State Championship and was selected to the first team All State.

Elizabeth Ecker of Niles, GAM 2008 Junior Girl's Player of the Year. Elizabeth won the stroke play segment of the Michigan Girl's Junior Championship and finished in the top 20 at the GAM Women's Championship. During the fall season at Oakland University as a freshman she competed in all five fall events and finished with the third best stroke average on the team.

The above players are truly great champions of amateur golf in Michigan. They compete with a large number of outstanding golfers in our state. The GAM is proud to have the opportunity to host these fine players at our championships. To learn more about championship golf at the GAM, simply to www.gam.org. Who knows, you might be a future Player of the Year!

PLAY MORE GOLF FOR LESS

and Get a terrific GAM/USGA Handicap Title

HERE'S WHAT YOU GET FOR ONLY \$35

Swing & Save at 715 Michigan courses	Subscription to Michigan Links magazine
7 for 1 guest fees at 31 courses	Annual Michigan Course Directory
Official GAM/USGA Handicap Index	Eligibility to play in GAM Golf Days
2009 Subscription to Golf Digest	GAM/USGA Alliance Membership, and more!

TO REGISTER, CALL 248.478.9242 ext. 23 or go to WWW.GAM.ORG

20th Anniversary Weekend Special

Saturday, July 4th and Sunday, July 5th
18 Holes with Cart and Free Hot Dog
\$200 Drafts!

IRONWOOD Golf Club
6902 E. Highland Road, Howell, MI 48843
517-546-3211

Enjoy the REWARDS of Subscribing Today!

Save with special offers from the following sponsors:

- Applebee's
- Busch's Supermarket
- Dairy Queen
- Imagine Theatres
- Fantastic Sam's
- Hungry Howie's Pizza
- Subway
- Powerhouse Gym
- Tanglewood Restaurant

Start a new 12 month Hometown subscription or convert to our E-Z Pay program and we will send you a Reader Rewards card!

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

\$22.40 (for 12 months) PAYMENT ENCLOSED BILL ME ENROLL ME IN THE E-Z PAY PROGRAM

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Credit Card Information: VISA MasterCard Discover Start Date: _____
Credit Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____
Signature: _____

For more information, please call 1-866-887-2737

GOLF FROM PAGE B1

shot an 80 on the first day of States before rallying for a 76 on the second day for a 156 and second low for the fourth-placed Shamrocks.

Tyler Manning, Novi Manning has been a steady force for the Wildcats throughout the year, culminating in an All-State Honorable Mention. He was unable to qualify for State in his senior year, but he was steady throughout the year, averaging 76.9 for 18 holes. He shot a low of 73 during the first day of the Traverse City Tee Off Invite in April for fourth out of 113 golfers.

Manning received Michigan Coaches Division I All-State Honorable Mention honors.

Kyle Gordon, South Lyon The Lion senior finished his high school career being voted team MVP for the second year in a row. He led the team in scoring nine times, averaging 79.2 in seven tournaments. He qualified for regionals before missing by one stroke in making the State finals with a 73. He posted a 4.0 GPA all four years in high school.

SECOND TEAM
Breandan Pigott, Milford Pigott highlighted his season with a 71 at regionals to qualify for the State finals. He also tied for fifth at the Oakland County Tournament, and averaged a 77.4 for 18 holes. He shot a 161 (86-81) at the Division I State finals.

Bryan Hawkins, South Lyon East The Cougar sophomore qualified out of regional play to the Division I State finals. He shot a 177 (86-91) at the finals.

Travis Lynch, Lakeland The senior averaged 39.0 in dual meets and earned All-KLAA honors.

Jayson Cronk, Lakeland The senior earned All-KLAA honors and averaged 39.7 in dual meets.

Joe Sznadzinski, Catholic Central Sznadzinski was another force for the Shamrocks throughout the season. He shot a 159 (81-78) at the State finals.

Steve Brown, Northville Brown fired a pair of 80s for a 160 for the fifth-placed Mustangs at the State finals.

HONORABLE MENTION Receiving Honorable Mention are Jordan Blazny from Lakeland, Eric Goebel from Northville, Novi's Brent Womack and Nick Hansen and Catholic Central's Mike Panek and Connor Street.

jhsen@panet.com | (248) 349-7002, ext. 228

Strictly Business

LOOKING AT BUSINESS

It's Your Novi Business - Q&A with Waltonwoods

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

Waltonwood at Twelve Oaks is a premier senior community providing monthly apartment rentals with 24-hour on-site staff. We are dedicated in offering a senior community with quality and expert care where older adults can have all the conveniences and amenities they want, giving them a comfortable and enjoyable lifestyle. We provide a range of services for residents in independent living, assisted living and memory care; from courtesy transportation, meals and housekeeping to more intense services such as medication management and personal care services.

We offer a full social calendar that includes an array of on- and off-site entertainment and activities.

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

Waltonwood is owned and managed by Singh, a local family owned and operated builder/developer that has been providing exceptional real estate in the metropolitan Detroit area since 1973. Singh has always been able to see the needs of the communities it is apart of and meet those needs. The company saw senior housing as a necessity in the area and developed Waltonwood. Around the early 1990s the concept of assisted living was strong in the marketplace. It was realized that as Waltonwood's independent residents aged, they would need to move to another level of care and

DETAILS

Business Name: Waltonwood at Twelve Oaks
Address: 27475 Huron Circle, Novi MI 48377
Your Name/Title: Christian Miller, marketing manager
Your Hometown: Waltonwood at Twelve Oaks is located in Novi. The corporate office is based out of West Bloomfield.
Business Opened When: Waltonwood at Twelve Oaks opened in 2000.
Number of Employees: Approximately 115
Hours of Operation: It is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Sunday. Tours are available during these times or by appointment.
Your Business Specialty: luxury senior housing
Phone: (248) 735-1500
Web site: www.waltonwood.com

receive more assistance with their activities of daily living. Waltonwood then decided to venture into assisted living to better help the need of others.

In 2000, due to the influx of individuals suffering from dementia/alzheimer, Waltonwood decided to take their services one step forward and created an elegant, family style environment to better service the needs of Memory Care residents.

3. Why did you choose Novi?

Waltonwood locations have always been carefully selected to ensure that each one is part of a thriving community with convenient surroundings. Novi is a great community to be apart of. It offers our residents and their families all the amenities they ask for and continues to be prosperous.

4. What makes your business unique?

We offer a continuum of care where seniors can age in place, from Independent Living to Licensed Assisted

Living and Memory Care. We are also licensed by the state of Michigan which means we are held to the highest rules and regulations in providing senior housing.

5. How has it changed since you opened?

When Waltonwood at Twelve Oaks opened it only provided independent living. In 2005, we built on the assisted living and memory care residence to the main building. Waltonwood at Twelve Oaks has always been committed to continually enhancing the quality of life for the residents and improving the community's environment by incorporating the latest technology, offering the best services and staying at the fore front of advances in senior living.

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

The first Waltonwood opened in 1989 at the corner



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Members of the staff of Novi's Waltonwood residential center, including Kim Berg, Gary Kosten, Mary Henkel, Hather Laskos, Mary Dziadzio, Stephanie Bryant, Ashley Martin, Kenney Jones, and Khushbir.

of Walton Boulevard and Adams in Rochester Hills and that's how we got our name, "Walton"wood and since then Singh has developed six more Waltonwood locations in Michigan and one in North Carolina.

7. How has the recent economy affected your business?

Many seniors have seen drops in their retirement funds do to the slumping stock market and have to reassess their long term financial situations. We have seen this cause some slight hesitation in prospective residents taking

the move to a full service senior community such as Waltonwood. However, most often we overcome this hesitation because we are a rental community and our residents do not feel locked down financially. Also, most will find that if they take a look at all of their bills compared to what it will cost to live at Waltonwood, where everything they need is included in one monthly payment, they find they are saving money.

8. Any advice for business owners? Always remember that your

business would not succeed if it wasn't for your customers. Treat them with integrity and honestly and continually try to learn more about them and what they want out of your product.

9. What's in store for the future of your business?

All of our Waltonwood communities, including Waltonwood at Twelve Oaks, will continue adding new features, amenities and services to ensure Waltonwood evolves and meets the ever changing needs of its market.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

MarketLink, Alvarion partnering

MarketLink Services, a provider of outsourced marketing and sales services, is partnering with Alvarion to focus on enterprise, education and government channels for broadband wireless products.

This new partnership with MarketLink Services will enable Alvarion to expand its reach with certain segments in U.S. and engage with leading VARs, distributors and national resellers.

"MarketLink is very excited to work with Alvarion on this project. We have extensive experience in the wireless space and have built several successful wireless channels," said Dan Dempsey, MarketLink President and CEO. "Alvarion provides the best technology solutions we have tested, and is poised to grab significant market share in the municipality, education and commercial space. Leveraging MarketLink's experience and infrastructure, we have the resources to immediately deploy a dedicated sales and marketing campaign for Alvarion. Engaging the MarketLink resellers and its comprehensive end-user base provides Alvarion with a significant advantage over the competition."

Capture 3D expanding

Capture 3D, the North American partner for GOM mbH optical metrology systems, has begun the expansion of its Novi facility to support growing R&D and sales. Since 1997, Capture 3D has provided its ATOS and TRITOP 3-D metrology systems.

Capture 3D's turnkey ATOS scanning and inspection solutions come in various automated configurations, such as motion control stations and robotics. To support the growing trend of automation, the Michigan facility will be the central location for the research and development of further improving and advancing such technology.

Scrunch Bottle Bib

Jennifer Edison, founder of Novi-based Wee Baby, Inc and

inventor of the Scrunch Bottle Bib says her niece-inspired product is the new revolutionary way to protect infants from spills during bottle feeding by attaching to the bottle instead of the infant and extending onto the infant's chin and lower cheek area catching spills before they reach that tender neck area.

"It was so frustrating when I would baby-sit my nieces and I would feed them and it seemed like half of the bottle would come spilling out of their mouths and dribbling down their necks," says Edison. "I would have to try and scrunch paper towel around their chin or hold the bib up to their chin. It was a balancing game between holding the bottle and wrestling with the bib or paper towel. I knew I had to do something to make this easier. I couldn't imagine having to do this everyday," says Jennifer. Providing spill protection for babies was essential for the auntie-inventor, as well as a hassle-free solution for moms and dads.

The Scrunch Bottle Bib™ is made of 100 percent cotton, and one size fits all bottles. It is machine washable and reversible for double usage. The Scrunch Bottle Bib is recommended for infants 0+, available in various boy, girl and neutral colors and retails for \$7.99 each.

For more information visit www.WeBabyInc.com.

Jatheon taking over NorthSeas

Jatheon Technologies, a provider of Plug n Comply e-mail archiving appliances, announced that it has reached an agreement to take over the ongoing operations and support of NorthSeas AMT, a global provider of e-mail archiving software for appliance solutions. Jatheon has headquarters in Novi and Toronto.

The new combined customer base will give Jatheon a much larger share of the e-mail archiving market with additional distribution channels across the US, Europe, Africa, Australia, and Asia-Pacific. Both Jatheon and NorthSeas ranked

in the Gartner E-mail Archiving Appliance Vendor report issued on January 15, 2009. According to the Gartner report, Jatheon held 2 percent of the worldwide market share, and NorthSeas had 8 percent market share at year-end 2008.

"This agreement, coupled with our recently launched next generation PNC2 product line, significantly strengthens our position in the growing e-mail archiving market," said Kieron Dowling, President and CEO of Jatheon Technologies. "We are pleased to be merging."

In addition to this agreement, Jatheon announced that Stephen Spence has been appointed to the Advisory Board of Jatheon. Stephen was the founder and CEO of NorthSeas, and brings a wealth of industry knowledge and contacts to the Jatheon team.

Bright House's battle

Bright House claims it has received reports that agents of AT&T have been claiming cable customers will be unable to receive local broadcast stations after the transition unless their homes undergo a costly rewiring and/or receive special equipment.

"The confusion that has been created is unnerving customers who know that they're ready for the digital transition," said Robert McCann, president of Bright House Networks Detroit Division. "Nobody likes to argue with pushy door-to-door sales people, and since these misleading sales tactics have continued, our customers have contacted us and we have tried to have these practices stopped."

Bright House claims AT&T has resisted repeated efforts and requests to take the necessary steps to put an end to these misleading tactics by their sales contractors and set the public record straight. Bright House Networks says it was forced to file a complaint in April with the Federal Communications Commission, and it is currently under review. Bright House Networks is considering additional legal remedies.

decks4less.com

Best selection, service & price
 New deck or redo your old deck
 Don't yourself or have it done
 "Like a Junior, You Should Be"

Stop the old sawing
 Blowing, Odors, the noise

NORTHVILLE
UMBER CO.
SINCE 1845

615 E. Baseline Rd. in Northville
Located across the street from the Northville Cider Mill
 ph 248.349.0220 fx 248.349.0222
www.northvillelumber.com

Trex
The Deck of a Lifetime.
from \$169
LN FT

Trex
AZEK

Northville's 21st Annual Fine Arts Festival

Art in the Sun

June 27 & 28, 2009
 Sat. 10-5 and Sun. 11-5

Experience over 100 juried artists, lively music, food, kids activities and the ambiance of downtown Northville.

For more information: Northville Art House 248-344-0497 or www.northvillearts.org

KNOW THE SCORE: Check out the numbers in today's Sports section