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Enrollment up slightly

Northville schools show increase of 84

By Nathan Menoian SPECIAL WRITER

Projected student enrollment numbers for the 2008/09 Northville School District shows an overall increase of 84 students.

The new numbers project 6,949 students for the coming school year, with a state allocation of \$8,543 for each enrolled pupil. But until school actually begins, enrollment numbers are subject to change. Additionally, a per-student

increase of \$56 is also included in this year's state allocation, but Northville is budgeting on the cautious side by not counting the increase in their 2008/09 budget. according to Joan Wadsworth, school board president.

"If the state's budget doesn't work out as they hope, the \$56 increase might not happen," she said. "So we based our new budget on a zero increase of students just to be safe."

Northville does have a fund balance if ever needed when times are tight, added Wadsworth. And because Northville's enrollment numbers are not taking a dramatic jump. class sizes will remain within the district's guideline limits.

Northville enrollment projections as they are right now, show the district will receive \$59 million for operational costs including salaries - all based on the number of students.

Districts receive monthly allocations during the state's fiscal

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Northville Schools Student Count

	9/26/07	* 9/24/08
Amerman Elementary	533	539
Moraine Elementary	434	459
Ridge Wood Elementary	584	609
Silver Springs Elementary	485	485
Thornton Creek Elementary	476	454
Winchester Elementary	530	535
Hillside Middle School	749	776
Meads Mill Middle School	877	914
Northville High School	2,229	2,226
Total	6,897	6,981

* These are projected numbers as of Tuesday and may change.



PARKING: All but one part approved

Requirements for office space to remain same

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

City council approved all but ments to Northville's zoning

ordinance, with the mayor wanting to leave requirements for office space the same.

Council waived the second

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Good stuff

David Splan, 4, gets some carrots and apples ready for an eager trail horse at the Maybury State Park stables on a recent Friday afternoon.

reading: planning commission members review the office space requirements section In the previous ordinance, the city of Northville parking permit

requirements were one parking space for every 200 square feet of

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City ready to move forward on new wayfinding system

Signs will lead people downtown

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

As a longtime resident. Nancy Darga finds Northville a beautiful community.

'But, it's not always the easiest city to find," she said.

Motorists will have an easier time, however, locating the historic city when a new way finding program gets under way.

Working as community volunteers, Nancy Darga, a newlyelected city councilmember, and her husband. Michael Darga, owners of Fortunate Land Planning and Design in Northville, presented a wayfinding sign study at the December 2007 Downtown Development Authority Board meeting they took months preparing.

The study addressed the need for and possible placement of

directional signs leading travelers to Northville from area freeways The study documented existing

conditions and included recommendations to the DDA Board on how to improve signs.

The Dargas prepared the study at no cost to the DDA or the city of Northville.

The DDA Design Committee then met in January to review and study and give feedback.

Cost estimates were presented at the April DDA Board meeting On Aug. 4, city council mem-

bers approved the only bid of \$12,010.24 from Highway Services Company for the design and fabrication of the new wayfinding system for Northville. Nancy Darga abstained from voting, as she was directly involved in the project.

This bid was below the estimate of \$13,618 prepared by Fortunate Design

Pulling county permits

Now that the studies and designs for the signs have been done and the money is appropri-

ated for the work, the installation can move forward.

The city is in the process of pulling permits with Wayne County Road Division to actually place the signs by the roadways Nancy Darga said

"It's nothing really dramatic." she said "But, it will help people find their way into the city of Northville. When we did the study, we looked at every place where you stop and must decide which way to go, and it's not that simple to find Northville from the highways'

Part of the Dargas' wayfinding plan was to ask staff members from the Michigan Department of Transportation to change some of the signs when they replace when they replace the signs in a few years.

"We're not asking them to spend any extra money, just to identify how to find Northville." she said. Replacing the signs is part of the normal maintenance program of the MDOT.

We found some errors in the signs as well," Darga said, such as just listing Exit 169 and not



Photo by JOHN HEIDER Northville Record

Plans for this sign at Randolph and Eight Mile roads include replacing the center panel to reflect the new Town Square and clock.

Exit 169-A for Northville off of 1-275.

The wayfinding program way approved by members of the DDA Board before the city appropriated funding. The DDA Board unanimously voted to accept the bid from Highway Services Company at its June 17 meeting

Funds from the DDA's allocated reserves will be used for this

project during first quarter budget amendments.

"Although only one bid was received, the bid is from a reputable firm in the industry with ample MDOT and Wayne County Road Division experience," said Lon Ward, executive director of the DDA

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Spotlight's 'Hello Dolly' starts soon

■ 3 involved have ties to Novi, Northville

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Two cast members with Northville connections and a director from Novi will be part of the "Hello Dolly!" performance in Canton next month.

Nicole Wawok, of Northville Township, is a featured dancer in the play, along with Christine Kapusky, who grew up in Nonhville and graduated from Northville High School in 1996. Her parents, John and Carol Kapusky, still live in Northville.

Wawok is a native of Chicago who just moved to Canton last summer. She has studied dance at Millikin University in Decatur, III.

"Ever since I moved here, I hadn't been able to do anything related to dance, and I wanted to get involved in theater again," she said. "So, I started doing some research online and found a notice about auditions for 'Hello Dolly' that took place in mid-July."

She was involved in community theater in Chicago, was a member of the DePaul University Choir in Chicago, the Milhkin University's Concert Choir and studied voice at Millikin.

The cast is very talented and the choreography is outstanding," Wawok said. "I'm looking to forward to my friends and family members from Chicago coming to the Detroit area to see me perform." she said.

Preparing for auditions

Wawok hadn't starred in any productions of "Hello Dolly!" before, so she rented the movie with Barbra Streisand to get a feel for the plot.

The musical comedy is the story of a gregarious widower and matchmaker, Dolly Gallagher Levi, who creates a stir wherever she goes. While conducting her matchmaking, she also secretly harbors designs on one of her customers for herself.

This entertaining and heartwarming story takes place in New York City and Yonkers, N.Y., at the turn of the 20th century. Fun for the whole family, it is chock full of memorable songs, including "Before the Parade Passes By," "Put on Your Sunday Clothes," "Hello, Dolly!" and "It Only Takes A Moment." Lyrics and music are by Jerry Herman, and the book is by Michael Stewart.

Wawok, who works for an advertising agency in downtown Detroit, learned recently that Streisand once performed at a Detroit restaurant, the Caucus Club, which features photographs of the star in the restaurant.

Studied voice at U of M

"Performing is my passion, and it's what keeps me invigorated and inspired to teach," she said.

'I've performed since I was really young, and that prompted me to study music."

She missed the theater, however, and decided to increase her involvement by auditioning for the cast of "Hello Dolly !"

"It's going to be a big, colorful, extravagant production," she said. "I'm really excited because I've never been involved in a production quite this large, where they are costuming us and have an actual publicity person, stage manager and board of governors.

"It's very professional. I'm very impressed."

Director hails from Novi

Novi resident Barbara Bloom is directing and choreographing "Hello, Dolly !"

She is affiliated with the Novi Theatres and will direct and choreograph "Damn Yankees" this fall. Auditions for the Novi production are the second week of September, with the show opening the second week of November.

She also assisted with costumes for "The Pied Piper of Hamelin" this summer in Novi and directed "It's a Wonderful Life — The Musical," last year.

A native of Farmington, Bloom moved to Novi in 1999 from



Photo by Laune Kondek Christine Kapusky, left, of Canton, a 1996 graduate of Northville High School who grew up in Northville, and Nicole Wawok of Northville Township, are both part of the dance ensemble of the Spotlight Players' production of "Hello Dolly!" at the Village Theater in Canton.

Minneapolis and was approached to choreograph "Oliver" for the group.

"I've done quite a few shows for the Spotlight Players," she said. She's been a member of the group's board of governors for five years and has been president for

three years.

"The Spotlight Players, formerly the Plymouth Theater Guild, has been in existence for more than 60 years. We are the adult, resident theatre company at the Village Theater," she said.

Bloom has danced all of her life, owned two dance studios, and has a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in communication with an emphasis on theater from Wayne State University.

She performed in professional theater for more than 10 years. Locally, she performed with the Michigan Opera Theater and was recently in the world premier of "Father Bingo" at the Music Hall Performing Arts Center in Detroit.

Directing and choreographing more than 60 shows, Bloom has been involved in these aspects of theater for more than 20 years and has appeared in more than 100 productions.

She believes "Hello Dolly!" appeals to all ages.

'It's pure entertainment," she said. "Our goal is to have the audience come away from the performance humming a tune with a smile on their face. There is a message in the performance as well, however, which is survival. But, it's treated in a very light-hearted, lyrical fashion."

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Kapusky studied danced on and off for about 15 years and has performed with other community theaters in the area.

But, this will also be the first time she's performed with the Spotlight Players.

She also studied voice at the University of Michigan.

"I consider myself more of a singer than a dancer, but I've studied both fields, as well as acting." she said

Kapusky has taken a number of classes at the Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea and is a music teacher for Walled Lake Consolidated Schools





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Northville schools show student increase of 68

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year from October through the end of September.

Schools conduct a 75 percent student count in September, and a 25 percent count in February. The two numbers are then added together and multiplied by the dollar amount set by the state.

John Street, director of business and finance for the school district, noted that the

two annual stu-IN YOUR VOICE: dent counts are a Join in discussing our stories blend of online at hometownlife.com February 2008 and September

2008 for the coming school year. According to Street, the \$59 million Northville is to receive won't be coming directly from Lansing.

"18 mills, or about \$9 million, will come to the district via the non-homestead property tax," Street explained. "Those are taxes paid by owners of non-occupied properties, whether businesses or individuals.

"Michigan says we will receive the \$59 million, however the amount we receive from our portion of local property tax will be

subtracted from the amount the state actually sends us." If state revenues don't meet

expectations, Street says the allocation dollar numbers could decline or change. "A concern is if the state budget

isn't all that great, there is always a chance the state could withhold some money. If that happened though, it would be at least January of 2009 before they make

a decision." Enrollment numbers coming in lower than last year's from the district's only

high school, isn't unusual. "For this time of year it's normal for those numbers to fluctuate, as parents do a bit of shopping around for other public or private schools to send their children to."

Don Thomas, director of human resources for the district, said the overall growth of the district has been slowing the past two years, including this coming year.

"For the coming school year we're seeing growth in both the elementary and middle schools," he said Thomas added that neighboring

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declines in enrollment when compared with numbers over the past five years. New enrollment in Northville has been slowly declining, particularly during the last two years.

districts are experiencing similar

Pinpointing a strong reason for the decline in the district's student population, Thomas said, "We believe the slow down in new enrollment is very much a function of the housing market."

To help them project accurate enrollment numbers, Thomas said the district works with pipeline numbers (students actually in the system).

"We use two consulting firms to assist us in projecting enrollment. Our Assistant Superintendent, David Bolitho, has extensive experience with enroliment trends and boundary adjustments during periods of growth. With the slow down, we've only been using pipeline numbers

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space on first-floor offices and one space for every 300 square feet of space for second-floor offices.

The proposed amendment would have changed this part of the ordinance to one required parking space for every 300 square feet of gross floor space for offices on either the first floor or second floor.

"I would like for the current parking requirements for office space to stay the way they are, but adopt the rest of the ordinance," said Mayor Chris Johnson.

In other words, the mayor wants to keep the city's requirement for one parking space for every 200 square feet for the first-floor offices.

Planning commissioners will review this request at their next meeting on Sept. 2.

Other off-street requirements within the Central Business District will be subject to the following regulations with council's adoption of the rest of the changes:

• Residences with one bedroom will be required to have one parking space per unit. (No change.)

• Residences with two bedrooms will be require to have two parking spaces per unit. (No change.)

• Retail outlets will be require to have one parking space for every 250 square feet of gross floor area. (The previous ordinance required one space for every 200 square feet.)

• Restaurants will be required to have one parking space for every 150 square feet of gross floor area. (The previous ordinance required one space for every 100 square feet.)

Collective parking

The planning commission may consider the collective use of parking areas. Two or more buildings or uses located within 400 feet of each other may collectively provide the required offstreet parking. In this case, the required number of parking spaces shall not be less than the sum of the requirements for the several individual uses computed separately.

Collective parking usually increased a site's total parking count and also promotes more efficient circulation. A Collective Use Parking Agreement would contain a provision that indicates

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Shared parking

Shared parking within the Central Business District may be considered for neighboring uses within 400 feet, based upon the fact that certain uses may operate at different times, with the greatest demand for parking occurring at different times.

The planning commission may require these applicants to submit parking studies or documentation on parking use. The total number of combine parking spaces required for one or more use may be reduced by up to 30 percent. A Shared Parking Agreement would also have to be recorded on all affected land tutles with the County Register of Deeds.

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Mixed-use projects in the Central Business District may also receive a reduction in required parking spaces from the city. The respective hours of operation of the uses may overlap, as demonstrated by a schedule of mixed-use parking calculations provided in the ordinance. A parking plan must also be submitted. All parking agreements will be subject to review by the planning commission, city attorney and city council. pfleming@gannett.com (248) 349-1700, ext. 105

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Harassing communication

A woman who works at Sunrise Assisted Living at 16100 Haggerty Road reported to police at 12:30 a.m. on June 28 that her husband, whom she had recently left, had come to her work several times.

The woman said she had told her husband that she did not wish to speak to him and to leave her place of business.

The man came to the assisted living facility, refused to leave and demanded that she speak to him or he was going to take the car they both own.

The man left when she contacted police. The woman did not want to press charges but just to have police contact him to tell him not to come to her workplace.

Police contacted the man and told him if he came back to her place of employment he would be arrested.

Retail fraud at CVS

Two men and a woman were arrested for retail fraud near the new CVS Pharmacy at 44300 Five Mile Road following an incident that occuirred at 4:45 p.m. on June 28.

Police were advised that three subjects were involved, and that they had just left the area in an

older model, beige minivan being driven by a white man with a beard.

The caller said the subjects had pushed a shopping cart full of mer-chandise out of the store without paying, traveling westbound on Five Mile Road.

The suspects were apprehended near Broadmoor Lane, and several CVS bags were found in the van. The recovered stolen merchandise was valued at \$60.95.

Driving while intoxicated

A man was arrested for driving under the influence at 3 a.m. July 14 at Eight Mile and Haggerty roads.

The man was pulled over when radar registered him traveling at 57 mph in a 45 mph zone.

Police could smell the odor of intoxicants coming from inside the vehicle when he was approached in the parking lot at the McDonald's restaurant on Haggerty Road north of Eight Mile Road.

The man told police he had consumed about six beers.

Two arrested near CVS

Two men were arrested following a retail fraud attempt at 5:18 p.m. July 13 at the CVS Pharmacy

store and told the first suspect police were waiting in the parking lot. The man then left the cart in the store with \$184.93 worth of formula.

A female passenger in the suspects' waiting vehicle admitted that she and the two men were crack

cocaine users. Police then searched the vehicle and found two crack pipes - a Seagram's whiskey bottle that had been modified to be used as a crack pipe and a clear tube crack pipe.

One suspect was arrested for disorderly conduct and possession of drug paraphernalia. The other male suspect was arrested for outstanding warrants.

Domestic disturbance

Police were dispatched to an apartment on Innsbrook Drive at 11:30 p.m. on July 10 following a report about a possible domestic disturbance.

Police spoke with a woman who said she and her boyfriend had gotten into a verbal argument. The man was arrested when police learned he had three outstanding warrants.

Drug paraphernalia

A man was arrested for possession of drug paraphernaha at 11:32 p m. on July 16 at Haggerty and Cross roads.

The man was pulled over because he only had one working headlight.

While conducting a search of his vehicle, police found one green marijuana bowl in the pocket on the rear of the driver's seat.

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Police also found some fireworks and a public "No Skateboarding Allowed' sign on the floor of the vehicle.

He said he did not know where the sign or the marijuana bowl had come from and they were not his. He did, however, admit to owning the fireworks.

Road rage arrest

A man was arrested for malicious destruction of property following a road rage incident at 1:50 p.m. on July 17 in the CVS Pharmacy parking lot at Six Mile and Haggerty roads. A woman was visibly shaken as

she told police she had been following a man in a Dodge Viper who was driving slowly and then turned into the Mammoth Video parking lot without signaling.

After she honked at the man, she was afraid to get out of her vehicle, which was parked in the CVS lot, because the man was standing outside of his vehicle staring at her.

As he started walking toward her vehicle, she backed out of her parking space to exit the parking lot. He then began running toward her

vehicle and started pounding on her driver's side window. He was also shouting obscenities

and kicked her driver's-side door. Police found small scratches and black, rubber scuff marks on the

woman's car door. Police were able to locate the man, who was just pulling into a

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Volunteering

Karlek Johnson said simply, "I want to elect John McCain for President."

That explains why he can be found daily working at the Republican Party Regional Headquarters in Farmington Hills. He is among the Republican volunteers working on behalf of "Victory 08," in an effort to elect John McCain as our next president.

Katlek, who was graduated from Northville High School, is a junior at the University of Michigan. His career objective is being a lawyer.

"I have really enjoyed working in this fast-paced setting where failure is not an option." I believe, that in the future, I can face any challenge that comes my way."

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And, answering a question half asked, "Yes, I've voted in every election I have been able to vote in."

So, based on experiences so far, would he recommend political involvement to his friends? The answer: "Yes!"

Story and photo submitted by John Reddy



ENGAGEMENT



Spinazze-Wells

Greg and Cheryl Spinazze of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Gina, to Jonathan Wells, son of Keith and Carol Wells of Troy.

The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of Northville High School and a graduate of Michigan State University. She is the executive assistant for the Los Angeles office of Providence Equity Group:

The groom-elect is a graduate of Troy High School and also graduated from Michigan State University. He is employed by Northrop Grumman in Los Angeles.

An October wedding is planned in Longboat Key, Fla.



IN THE SERVICE

Air Force Airman Michael M. O'Brien has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air

Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. During the Air Force mission, organization. and military

courtesies, performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations. In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Jim O'Brien of Wixom and Louise Roney of Milford. O'Brien is a 2005 graduate of Northville High School.



Newsmakers

Local bicyclists prepare for annual DALMAC Tour

Several Northville residents are preparing to ride in the 38th annual Dick Allen Lansing to Mackinaw (DALMAC) bicycle tour later this month.

Founded in 1971 by former State Sen. Dick Allen, DALMAC offers riders a choice of five routes beginning on either Wednesday August 27, or Thursday, August 28 and ending on Sunday, August 31, in either Mackinaw City or DeTour Village, depending on the route chosen. This year's routes range in distance from 303 to 414 miles. Over 2,000 riders are expected to participate in the 2008 tour. Local rider Anne Marie Phillips will ride her 11th DALMAC this year and has cho-

sen the four-day, 414-mile route. The Northville riders, the number of their past DALMAC rides

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BIRTH

Loreli Elizabeth Bugar



Mike and Cortney Bugar of Northville announce the birth of their

daughter. Loreli Elizabeth Bugar, on Aug. 6, 2008, at St. Joseph's Hospital. She weighed 6 pounds, 9.5 ounces and measured 20 3/4 inches.

Grandparents are Curt and Maryanne Cranford of Northville and Mike and Sherry Bugar of Northville. Great-grandparents are liar and Arlene Cranford of Gladwin, Bob and Joyce Perron of Troy, the late Jane Perron, the late Cornelia Bugar, and the late Walter and Kathleen Hanlin.

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Paul Himelhoch aims for a 'Fresh' venture

By Nathan Mueller STAFF WRITER

South Lyon resident Paul Himelhoch first saw the Barista Supremo coffee machine at a trade show in March, and immediately fell in love with it.

He and his wife, Marcy, are big coffee drinkers, and thought that starting their own company to provide high-quality coffee to businesses would be a solid investment venture. A few months later, Fresh from the Bean, LLC was launched, and the two are in the early stages of getting the business off the ground.

"I was quite impressed with it," he said. "This machine is meant for someone who wants a quality cup of coffee.'

The machine produces espresso based specialty beverages for the workplace, including espresso, cappuccino, cafe latte, mochaccino, black coffee with and without milk, hot chocolate, French vanilla, chai tea and the Himelhoch's own special blend.

Himelhoch said it grinds the beans fresh for every cup of coffee, and it rivals the best coffee stores in terms of quality. It also is notably cheaper, costing between 75 cents to a dollar for a cup.

But the most important thing to note is that the machines are put in businesses at no cost to the employer. All cleaning, service work and refills are done by the company, and the only money made is off user charges. Michigan Seamless Tube

recently added one of the coffee makers to their cafeteria, and were



By Chris Jackett

hair cut of her life.

Anna Lausch walked into

town Northville and took her

hair out of a bun. It dropped down 62 inches to her calves.

She was about to get the first

The 14-year-old will be a

freshman at Novi High School

this fall and wanted a change.

"I'm going into high school and decided to cut it," she said.

her hair long when she was 3 in

order to compete in a Michigan

State Fair contest for the longest

ponytail. She competed three

times, winning when she was 5

and 11 and taking second place

The competition ponytail

measurement is taken from the

hair tie to the end of the pony-

tail, which measured 44 inches

"We just decided to cut it yes-

terday," said her mother, Mona

in 2005 when she last won. It

was 53 inches last Monday.

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STAFF WRITER

Photo by HAL GOULD South Lyon resident Paul Himelhoch stands by his Barista Supremo machine at Michigan Seamless Tube.

so pleased with the results that they are adding two more.

The prior coffee vending was low quality and not consumed by our employees," said Human Resources Manager David Brukoff. "The machine looks like it is straight from a high end coffee house, which was a refreshing change from our prior equipment."

Himelhoch said he hopes to get the machines into school districts for teachers, mid-to-large businesses, auto dealerships and more.

The company also is selling its beans under private label and they are available to the public in 12 oz. or 5-pound packages.

For more information about Fresh from the Bean and to try one of the machines for free, contact Himelhoch at (248) 867-9760.

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"It'll make classical ballet and basketball easier. The braid, in the Utopia Salon & Spa in down-

| Teenager gets her first hair cut; 3 feet chopped at Utopia

down position, was down to her knees."

Mona Lausch

On her daughter Anna's 36-inch ponytail

active as a 5-foot, 11-inch teenager. 'It'll make classical ballet and basketball easier," her mother said. "The braid, in the down position, was down to her knees."

Anna hopes the 36 inches that were cut off will help her maneuver faster and easier during tryouts as a center or forward for the girl's basketball team at the high school. Her hair now lands just above her waist when hanging freely.

'It's a lot lighter," Anna said. examining the new length of her hair a few minutes after the cut. She said she doesn't plan to grow it back out, but she may cut her hair

even shorter in the future. Anna said it could take some time to get used to having her hair only 26 inches long, and said it hasn't been that length since she was 7 or 8.

The hair cut took all of three minutes because it didn't require much styling or straightening. "It was a free cut because it's being donated," said Utopia editorial artist Timothy Jack, who cut Anna's hair.

Anna and her mother said they haven't decided where to donate the locks of light brown hair, but the 36 inches is enough for three children's wigs that run 10-12 inches each.

They want to donate the hair to children in need. Mona said St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, Wigs for Kids, Locks of Love or an individual child with alopecia, a condition which causes hair loss, are all options they've considered.

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Anna Lausch holds the 36-inch ponytail. Editorial artist Timothy Jack cut the locks at Utopla Salon in downtown Northville.

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Jeff Fletcher finds serenity through a canoe and paddle

New book's out and another ones on the wav

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Doc Fletcher may be the only canoeist who paddles with a digital audio recorder in his pocket.

That's because the canoeist is also an author who finds peace and serenity by spending time on Michigan's rivers.

You hear the birds singing and the wind rustling through the trees," Fletcher said.

A veteran canoeist with more than three decades of experience on the state's waterways, the 20year resident of "Noville" (Novi resident with a Northville mailing address) has a new book out about his canceing adventures.

"Weekend Canoeing in Michigan: The Rivers, The Towns, The Taverns," has been published by Arbutus Press in Traverse City and is now available at local bookstores, including Barnes & Noble and Borders.

A soundtrack that goes with the book will be produced next year.

Working with Arbutus Press' Susan Bays, he's on contract to write another book on canoeing. "Rivers Less Traveled," to be published in late January.

He even paddled two rivers in one day this month - the Prairie and the Dowagiac. The next day, he canoed the Kalamazoo River in Saugatuck.

There are actually six rivers you can take out of the town Three Rivers," he said with a smile. For the second book, he's scheduled to paddle 20 rivers.

He's canceing the Rouge River with the Friends of the Rouge River on Oct. 25, which should be fun and educational.

"I'm excited about going on the Rouge. I grew up in Detroit. and the Rouge was always the river to me," Fletcher said.

A man and his paddle

His longtime love of canoeing actually began with a trip he missed in 1977. "I heard fun things about it ---

great exercise, see the outdoors

- and I love the outdoors." Fletcher said.

Then, in June of 1978, he was free to go on a cance trip, and joined his friends on an adventure on the Pere Marquette in Baldwin.

He was hooked.

"I absolutely love the Pere Marquette River, and this year marked my 26th trip down that river," Fletcher said.

His wife, Maggie Meeker, has also been on many of the trips as well.

Fletcher's favorite stretch is on the Jordan River.

The first 35 minutes are unbehevable," he said. "It's choppy, fast water, but never unsafe. You just feel good. ... It's a thrill ride.

Retired from Duraceli

Fletcher has even more time to canoe after retiring after a 30year career as a Duracell account executive in October 2006, when he took a two-year buyout.

"I decided this would give me the opportunity to get more into canceing, promote canceing and the state of Michigan," Fletcher said.

The first book, which focuses on locations with canoe liveries. is for people who don't own their canoe.

"This book is more for the weekend warriors who just want to get away for a Saturday or Sunday," Fletcher said. The book, which has a lot of photos, explains how to get to the canoe spots, what stretches to take and who to rent canoes from.

"I talk a little about the nearby towns as well," Fletcher said. Since canoeing is a summer sport, he also mentions the local

Detroit Tigers' radio affiliate for each trip, so paddlers can keep

track of the game while on the river.

Fletcher loves history as much as he does canoeing, so the book includes brief histories of the nearby towns.

"I look for the colorful characters and the interesting stories," Fletcher said. "There are a lot of references from the logging days of the 1880s and 1890s. What happened during those days really shaped these little towns."

Fletcher added that canoeing isn't really an expensive sport.

"You can rent a canoe for about half the cost of a tank of gas these days," he said. Motels along the rivers are inexpensive too, as a lot of them cater to canoeists and hunters.

He plans to write a kids' canoeing book in the future that will feature some of the slower rivers in the state as well as some canoeing techniques and safety tips, although canoeing is a relatively safe sport.

"About the worst thing that can happen is you fall in the water." Fletcher said.

Fletcher has already had several book signings, was inter-viewed by Jayne Bower of WWJ Radio and was featured in the Aug. 17 travel section of the Chicago Sun Times.

He will also present a video at Michigan State University's Quiet Water Symposium March 7 that focuses on the canoeing industry.

A real canceing war story

Stories are part of the canoeing experience, and one of the Fletchers' best ones involved the Little Manistee River --- one the most challenging in the state.

On a 1987 trip, 3 inches of rain fell, which greatly impacted the river.

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boats. We lost every pad, every cooler, some paddles, and we almost lost one canoe and a canocist," Fletcher said. "His cance tipped over coming around a corner. He got pinned under some branches and couldn't get any air. But, he finally broke free.

"Our first clue that it would be a difficult stretch was about two bends into the river when we saw a family on folding chairs on shore. We said, 'Good morning,' and their greeting back to us was, You are going to die.' We soon found out what they were talking about. It was the only trip I've every aborted."

Canoe livery owners eventually came to their rescue.

Those who would like more information about canoeing Michigan's rivers can contact Fletcher at weekendcanoeingmi@gmail.com.

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Why he's called "Doc"

A lot of people don't even know that Doc Fletcher's real name is Jeff. His college buddies gave him the nickname in the 1970s because he used to tutor a lot of his fellow students at Eastern Michigan University, and a lot of professors are referred to as "doctor." "It just stuck," he said. "A lot of our godchildren, nephews and nieces, and our friends' kids call me Uncle Doc," Fletcher said with a laugh.





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Northville Equestrian Center open for training, boarding

Classes offered for all age levels

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

If your children would rather ride a horse than eat or sleep, Lynn Carey has just the place for them.

Carey, who has worked with horses her entire life, recently reopened the equestrian training at 50265 W. Seven Mile Road as the Northville Equestrian Center. "I was a barn mom," she said.

Located just a few minutes from downtown Northville, the facility located on 74 acres is

also the home of A.D. Training under Andrea Durham of Livonia, who has 30 years of experience as a trainer. Durham and her students recently won top honors in Class

A, national-level horse shows. The center offers riding lessons, horse camps, boarding and training in a 27-stall barn attached to a large observation room.

The center just moved to the new area in June, and a horse camp just ended last week.

We moved from two barns --one in Northville and one in Milford," Carey said. "When this facility became available, we jumped at the chance."

Carey is leasing the facility from the owners of the property. known as CJM Farms

A full kitchen is also on site for birthday parties.

"We scrapbook their whole week at the camp," Carey said.

"We're going to do some weekend and holiday events and may do an overnight for high school students this fall," Carey said, for those involved in the Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association. Someone is on site 24 hours a

day to care for the horses.

Campers have fun

Erin Venegas, 6, a first-grader at Ridge Wood Elementary of Northville, enjoyed attending her first week-long horse camp. "We rode horses, went on hay

rides, made treats for the horses and played games," she said. She

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LEFT: Megan Durham braids the forelocks of

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ABOVE: Jane Huffman rides "Leah" at the Northville Equestrian

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"Bree" in the stables of the

is the daughter of Paul and Sue Venegas of Northville.

Jennifer Haely, 8. a third-grader of Milford, also had fun. "It was nice," she said. It was also her first time at a horse camp.

Her older sister, Heather Haely, 10, a fifth-grader liked going on the trails with the hors-es. The daughters of Mark Haely and Leslie Thumm, they both attend Scotch Elementary in West Bloomfield.

"It was special," she said. "I've never done that before."

Classes include hunt seat, saddle seat, Western, show hat, basic dressage, side saddle, and private, semi-private and group lessons, Monday-Saturday. The facility is closed on Sunday.

pleasure riding, but is designed for instructional riding, training and boarding.

Equestrian team members from

Livonia Stevenson High School and Mercy High School have also practiced at the facility. Two outdoor rings are available, and Maybury Park is accessible from the facility. A television and wireless Internet are available at the site, and all ages and levels can be trained.

Assistant instructors include Maria Decapite, Megan Durham, Jane Huffman and Claire Beer.

all of Livonia. Decapite, Durham and Beer are on the Stevenson High School Equestrian Team, and Huffman is on the Mercy High School team.

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Children benefit from practicing yoga

Providence's summer classes continue to fall

By Kelly Murad STAFF WRITER

Monday afternoon, Meghan, 7, and Ryan, 5, Rotole spent 45-minutes taking bunny breaths, standing in down dog and practicing rainbows in the reflection space at the Assarian Cancer Center.

Four other children joined the Rotoles for the second session of Yoga for Kids with instructor Karen Lutz. The class, for kindergarten through sixth grade, is 4:45-5:30 p.m. Mondays through Aug. 25.

"This seems like a great environment for it, they seem to be very centered on children here." said Meghan and Ryan's mother, Cheryl Rotole of Plymouth. "She (Lutz) seems to have a really good repertoire with my kids. She got more out of them in five minutes than I got out of them in an hour."

Rotole, who practices yoga at Life Time Fitness in Canton, saw an advertisement for Yoga for Kids while at the play area in Twelve Oaks Mall.

"It (yoga) just seemed like a good place to start to get them aware of their bodies and their posture," she said. "See Ryan. he's the youngest kid in the class and he seems to be keeping up."

The four-week session is the first kids yoga program offered through the Providence Center for the Healing Arts.

"It's so beneficial for anybody, and the earlier you get started with yoga, the better you are," said Gigi Geraghty, adult yoga instructor and physicians assistant of radiation and oncology at the Cancer Center. "It can help children to focus better, to concentrate better and they learn good habits such as posture." ----Lutz, who is new to the

Providence Center for the Healing Arts, has been practicing yoga for more than six years, teaching adults and children for about a year and is certified in Yoga Ed.

Yoga Ed was established in



ABOVE: Meghan Rotole, 7, and her brother, Ryan, 5, from Plymouth, stay focused at their yoga class.

BELOW: Yoga instructor Karen Lutz teaches the children in the beautiful atrium at the center, which has an abundance of natural light.

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ticing yoga for 10 years and

teaching it about nine, said all five of her kids, 5-25, practice

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themselves," Lutz said.

"They learn respect, and kind-

1999 by Tara Guber. She was in the education field in southern L A. and she is the one person who implemented and developed the program," Lutz said. "Since then, it has snowballed all over the country. The purpose is to bring yoga into the classroom, to allow children to be more focused and improve their behavior."

Until local schools have the means to implement this program. Lutz continues teaching and practicing yoga.

"The format is different (for children) than the adult classes. I base a lot of my teaching on my training from Yoga Ed." she said. "We use different names for postures for the children, like rock. star, rainbow, flying dragon.

"We break up the class in segments, it's not just a flow of postures, because their attention span is pretty shallow. I try and allow the students to have some interaction."

Geraghty said Lutz's use of games and stories makes yoga There's a variety of ways to teach the kids the different postures as well as breathing techniques," she said. "The kids actually love to do yoga, they think it's kind of cool. It gives them confidence."

Geraghty, who has been prac-

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Get your first look at Providence Park Hospital Saturday

Grand opening event 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

By Kelly Murad STAFF WRITER

Providence Park Hospital is offering the public a behind the scenes look at the new \$224 million Novi facility, two weeks prior to its official opening.

"It's a pre-opening event because we wanted people to see the inside of the hospital prior to us providing patient care," said Lou Martin, account executive of marketing and public relations for Providence Park Hospital. "It will be the first time we will let anyone inside the hospital."

The grand opening celebration is from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday.

"Everyone is invited to come, all they need is a willingness to have fun," Martin said.

The event will kick off with a community walk around a limited portion of the campus, followed by a ribbon cutting ceremony.

"We have a one-mile campus walk," Martin said. "The walk is only a portion of the campus because we wanted to showcase the beautiful wooded areas and walking paths, but we didn't want people walking in an area where there might be traffic."

The 200-acre health care campus is surrounded by a 1.6 mile serene path for walking or biking through the natural woods and wetlands of the property.

Event-goers will also have an opportunity to tour the campus via free trolley rides.

"The trolleys will be encircling the campus and we will have a guided tour of the whole Providence Park campus," Martin said. "One of the important reasons we are giving the trolley tours is because several of the buildings are new and have opened within the last six months."

There will be three open-air trolleys, which hold 35 people each, providing tours and popcorn from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Behind-the-scenes tours of the hospital will run from 8:30 a.m.-I p.m. and include a free T-shirt

and chair massage.

Martin said the event, which is focused around health, will include a farmer's market, which is being organized by Novi resident Sher Watkins, manager of the Northville Farmer's Market.

The farmer's market is going to be a wonderful part of the event," Martin said. "Great Harvest Bread Company and Caribou Coffee will be there and a wide variety of vendors so that people can sample things and buy things to really enrich the whole experience.

Healthy food and refreshments will also be available for purchase in other parts of the campus, including the Healthy Inspirations Cafe, inside the hospital.

We are having our cafe be all about health," Martin said. "No item has more than 30 percent fat. We're following low sodium and low sugar guidelines, but you will be amazed how tasty the food is.

We want to show people how great healthy food can be. It's our responsibility."

Five dollar boxed lunches will also be available for purchase.

The family-friendly event will keep children entertained with the

40-by-40-foot inflatable Adrenaline Rush obstacle course and an interactive Operation game Martin said is the size of a pool table

"The Operation game, we all knew as kids, will be here on site, a large adult-size Operation game," he said.

Attendees of all ages will be able to participate in a community art activity sponsored by the Providence Center for the Healing Arts and Assarian Cancer Center.

"The general public will have the opportunity to assist in the creation of a large mosaic art piece that will eventually hang in the hospital," Martin said. "It will be nice for people to walk in the hospital and say 'I had a hand in making that."

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HEALTH EVENTS

American Legion Hall

100 Dunlap, corner of Center Street, Northville

Strength Training Classes DATE: Mondays and Fridays **DETAILS: Diane DiVita offers** Strength Training classes (light weights with a little yoga stretching) for adults.

CONTACT: Diane at (248) 344-0928 or visit trianglesix@sbcglobal.net.

Psychotherapy & Counseling Services Classes

LOCATION: Northville **Counseling Center**

When Your Past Comes Back to Haunt You

DATE: Thursdays until Aug. 28 **DETAILS:** Negative experiences causing roadblocks to happiness and health? Cost is \$50.

CONTACT: (248) 348-1100

St. Mary Mercy Hospital LOCATION: 36475 Five Mile

Road, Livonia CONTACT: (734) 655,4800 or stmarymercy.org



TIME/DATE: 5:15-6:30 p.m. every Tuesday, beginning Aug. 26 through Sept. 30

energy level and strength at your own pace. Participates need to be able to move between a standing position to a hands and knees position with ease. There is a fee for class and space is limited. To register, call (734) 655-1162.

26 First Aid - Wednesday, Aug. 27

LOCATION: City of Northville Fire Department, 215 W. Main

DETAILS: These American Heart Association and Life Support Training Center (LSTI) classes offer two year certification. Cost is \$40 per course. For more information and to register, call the fire department at (248) 3494730 or LSTI at (248) 304-6055.

Tai Chi Classes

DATE: Currently in session. DETAILS: Non-profit Michigan Tai Chi Association is offering classes in Livonia and Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 332-1281 for more information.

Party on the Docs Grand Opening

LOCATION: Meadowbrook Medical Building, 25500 Meadowbrook Road (two blocks north of Grand River Ave.)

Meadowbrook Medical Center is open for business and celebrating with this free family fun fair and festival. Includes rides, inflatables and games for kids, live music, food, prominent NBA and NHL sports figures, Novi police and fire vehicles, classic and performance cars, mini health fair, give-aways, drawings and more. Everything is free.

Hatha Yoga

LOCATION: Classrooms 1 and

DETAILS: Increase flexibility,

CPR/AED & First Aid Classes CPR and AED - Tuesday, Aug.

TIME: 6-9 p.m.

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Study candidates and issues before November election

This year's general election in November will feature ballots filled with important contests, both at the local and national level.

With our state's economy in the dumps and an entire nation tiring of a seemingly endless war, those successful candidates from the president on down will be faced with significant and serious issues and challenges.

And the best way to make sure our political leaders are up to the task is to elect the most qualified men and women for those positions.

Because the political stakes are so high, voters need to put in extra time becoming a truly educated electorate. Voting along party lines or simply going with the incumbent no longer are options.

Incumbents need to be challenged on their past performance and clearly explain why they deserve to keep their job. This is especially true in the state Legislature, where every seat in the House of Representatives is up for election.

There is a wealth of information available about each contested race in every hometown. Voters should study the candidates, and make sure their positions on critical local, regional or national issues is in line with their own beliefs and values. Local newspapers — including this one — candidate Web sites and voter guides produced by the League of Women Voters and other organizations are all good places to mine information about the races.

Thanks to the hotly contested presidential races, area clerks are bracing for record turnouts at the polling places. Let's hope voters make the effort to ensure they cast an educated vote.

In Your Voice

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

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Downtown Northville: NOMI reopening; tanning salon coming soon

The rent on the downtown locations must be so high its no wonder a new business cannot make it. I don't hold out much hope for the businesses in Northville Square either because its a closed in shopping center. Historically that type of smaller, closed in, shopping center has not been successful because no one knows what businesses are there. I hope to be proven

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Time for Dems and Republicans to unite

I have to write this. I am sure a lot of people are thinking this, but I don't think the auto industry gets it, which really surprises me. Business economics 101. Maybe they should go back to school or we should do what they are doing to us.

A little history first. Henry Ford built a car for the people. by the people who supported the by the people, etc. It was a machine built on U.S. people power. Manufacturing built in the U.S., ASSEMBLED IN THE U.S. and bought by people in the U.S.

What is happening today, and it started about 15 years ago, but now is out of control is pure greed by the owners of the auto plants and suppliers. Look at the salaries of these executives, 22 million, while closing plants and taking away benefits from past retired people who made these companies who they are today. I guess that is what we call thanks today; all for one and none for you.

OK, here is my gripe. Each and every time an auto plant closes and lays off people for every one that you lay off; force into retirement, you loose two people that can or will buy a car from them again. Who are they building cars for? You have to ask yourself that question before we get too upset about their business model. It sure is not us, it does not save us any money. A typical car costs well over \$20,000 when all is said and done. When we loose our jobs can we actually afford that \$300-400 per month payment? Do we even want to buy a car again from a company or companies that say one thing but talk out of the corner of their mouths as they sold us down the river years ago. I am all for making a buck and a lot of bucks for that matter but at what cost? You have to ask yourself. maybe if all decided to do the same thing that Ford, GM and Chrysler Daimler, Ceribus (who are they, or who will they be next year) and buy Toyota, Honda, anything but a U.S. car. maybe they would get the picture. I am so tired of how much money they lost compared to what numbers are they talking about. When you can afford to pay million dollar salaries you cannot be losing too much. So, again at whose expense are they

after flat-lining stock and laying off people. When is everyone going to remember what for the people actually means. Now, I have many people in my family that have worked or are still working for the auto industry including myself, but I have to ask myself how long is that going to be the way things are going. It is time for the auto executives to look at the whole picture not the micro economics structure. They have hurt the economy themselves for the people. We have lost jobs because they chose to build cars in Thailand, India, Taiwan and Mexico. Nobody told them to do so. They saw \$20 per hour jobs in the plant compared to \$5 per hour jobs. Wow, we can save us a lot of money and profits will increase if we build in Mexico. So what if we laid off 25 percent of our workforce. Well, look at the numbers guys, your sales are down approximately 25 percent. Wonder where those numbers came from. I guess that is why they pay the executives million dollar salaries.

We used to be the land of opportunity, we are now going to be known for the land for wasted opportunity. Our kids cannot even get jobs, at least in this state. The governor says we have to stop the brain drain from Michigan colleges, kids leaving the state in droves. We have some of the best colleges in the country but those graduating students are starting to leave because they see what this state stands for today. We are in the national papers and not just for losing jobs, how we handle our politics in Lansing, Detroit, Pontiac or Flint. If the auto companies don't wake up and look at what they have done to the economy with all the support companies associated with them and the thousands of people who have lost their jobs - well, enough said. I think you get the idea.

John Galeas

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Gas math

Recently there appeared in an AARP Bulletin a comparison between a young man starting out in 1958 and one starting out in 2008. In 1958, his annual income was \$2,396 and in 2008 \$34,167, which is about 14 times greater. In 1958, the cost of gas was 30 cents per gallon. If we increase that by 14, we ge \$4.20 at the same rate of growth. On top of it, in 1958 you were lucky to get eight miles to the gallon.

Therefore, relative to wages, gasoline is cheaper today than it was in 1958. As a result, all the models of cars they stopped building have become fantastic buys. The \$3,000 to \$5,000 discount will buy a lot of gas and the cost and maintenance will be less than the new models coming out. If we want cheaper gas than we have, then we must drill for our own oil to control the market. This whole thing is world economics in play.

Frank Turchan Northville

On energy and our state

Large dependent bureaucracies sown by liberal state governments have states stuck in a bad position. These state dependencies and organized special interest groups remain in control and fight change. The associated high costs of them are fixed into government spending and are greater than the interest of taxpayers to invest more. This is unlike private businesses who find no guaranteed handouts and need either to shrink or close. Tax supported bureaucracies exist like trust fund babies and unfortunately maintain a dangerous political influence in both state and national governments.

We can only wait for invention. While doing so, all in Michigan must fully support our auto industry for the defense of this nation. Liberal politicians suggest green is our solution. Clinging to a switch to alternative energy as the panacea is a little better than the idea of solving the nation's energy needs by adding air to balloon tires. Politicians always find the oil business a target to beat up largely to remove scrutiny from themselves. It is simply impossible to drop internal combustion engines as the principal power source, and many products related to oil usage, by cts replaced. Removing the tho.... drill" restrictive thinking and rewarding free competition for profit is more intelligent to do. The proposal to provide bounties for energy-related inven-tions is outstanding. Such bounties, if used, should be paid only on actual commercialization of ideas and generous as to the level of benefit. America's loud "sky is

falling" zealots drain the thinking of the nation. We all have

America and other sensitive countries care about environmental threats, but the very big dogs in this world do not. This is a problem. Unreal sensitivity sometimes can be the tool toward unlocking the gullible and vulnerable to confidence games of charlatans? Do America's real enemies laugh out loud in our collective paralysis over global warming? Are we folding up like a cheap chair over natural events?

As to our elected leaders, politicians previously trained as lawyers compete with each other to give good lawyers a bad name. Lawyers skillful in persuasion followed the usual delay and deflection in defense of status quo. Michigan has been terribly unlucky with the examples that occupy too many top politi-cal offices. Patterson of Oakland County an exception? In Detroit to get untangled, insult will probably follow injury as a draft proposal is found for the city to share some love with complete exoneration and a large pension benefit. Go figure!

Michigan crisis begs for the talent of a person with a record of turning big problems around. Some time ago, with the State in a floundering mess a business talent stepped up from American Motors - a great governor! The governor has a very difficult job and the real danger is being run over by the organized bureaucrats, special interests and the weak Legislature. Is it time for Roger Penske with wide support and credentials of achievement to run for governor?

Jim Nowka Northville



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Township supervisor runs through annexation issue

When the State of Michigan placed the 414-acre psychiatric hospital property up for sale. Northville officials were excited about the possibilities a new development could bring to our community. Unfortunately, our high expectations were quickly dashed for many reasons: problematic negotiations with the developer, an unintentional aspect of state law regard-



ing charter townships that would allow attempts to move the land to a neighboring community, a legislature unwilling to provide a remedy and an

Mark Abbo

opportunistic neighboring mayor who took steps to try to move the boundary of Nonhville Township.

I am proud of our township for putting forth incredible efforts against long odds, and I am extremely grateful for the support we received from so many of the citizens of Livonia, as well. From the courthouse to Lansing, it seemed elected and appointed leaders who could have, and should have, come to our aid, unfortunately chose not to help protect the zoning, planning and development interests of our community.

It began with the exploitation of security problems the township had encountered on other state and county owned properties. With the knowledge township officials would want to secure the 414-acre site known for teenage drug use and numerous other illegal activities, the developer proposed placing security trailers throughout the property. Once the township approved the security plan, the developer moved four families onto the property under the guise of security personnel, had them register to vote, and then they signed petitions calling for an annexation election to the city of Livonia. It seemed our culture of being helpful to residents, being helpful to business owners, being helpful to property owners was used against us.

The existing charter township law was supposed to protect townships, like ours, from those who may attempt to use annexation as a method of coercing local governments. We are disappointed the Republican leadership in the state Senate did not take action to protect, not only our township, but the over 51 percent of Michigan citizens who live in townships and have no voting rights on annexation Regardless, we are still hopeful the Senate may act before the end of the year.

For months, Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey was on record with news-



papers as being opposed to annexation and was hopeful the township and the developer could resolve this issue. In a meeting in our township board room, he informed his counterparts at the Conference of Western Wayne of his position. Unfortunately, Mayor Kirksey's actions over the two months complicated an already difficult situation, and made it more problematic to resolve. Upon resolution of the nearly year-long dispute with REIS, requests to Mayor Kirksey and the Livonia City Council to stop campaigning and promoting the annexation were denied.

Although township officials compromised on many of the developer's demands, Mayor

Kirksey and the Livonia City Council continued to wage a full campaign supporting annexation despite Mayor Kirksey's carlier claims he was hoping the two sides would settle. Also, throughout the process, the township was under confidentiality constraints through the federal court and could not comment publicly on the status of negotiations, or respond to disingenuous information regarding the same, or our posture on any matters of the dispute.

This arduous process stymied the township with a judicial system where equity of law seemed to be disregarded, where no one was willing to acknowledge the petition for annexation was no more than a

dupe, a legislative system where elected leaders refused to take action, not just for Northville Township... but for Michigan, and a political system where a neighbor was blinded by a morally empty promise of tax revenue.

I am very proud of the grassroots organizations of Nonhville Township who accepted a daunting mission. They organized efforts to challenge the developer, to challenge the legislature and to challenge the leadership of Livonia to do the right thing. On that note, I would like to single out those instrumental leaders which Northville Township will forever owe a debt of gratitude. They are Carol Poenisch, Fred Shadko,

Laurie Marrs and Rhonda Weber. Thank you for a job well done.

We have now reached the end of this treacherous road and the time for moving forward is upon us. I am proud we stood by our principles and maintained our integrity. With this in mind, I have already met with the developer in an attempt to begin the healing process. I ask you to join with me in welcoming REIS and strive to work together to make this project a first class development for our community.

Mark Abbo is the supervisor for Northville Township. He can be reached at (248) 348-5800,



HOT TICKET: A Catch the "Shoemaker & the Elves" play at Marguis Theater at 2,30 pm alurday

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Local Events

Blood Drive Northville First United Methodist Church

TIME/DATE: 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday

LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road, at Taft

DETAILS: Appointments preferred, walk-ins welcome. CONTACT: Janet at (248) 349-6592

Shane McFarland Healthy Kids Fun Run

DATE: Sunday, Aug. 31 TIME: Registration 8.45-9:15 a.m.; Start Times 9:30 a.m.-5

years and under: 9:35 a.m.-6-8 years old; 9:40 a.m.-9-12 years old: 9:45 a.m.-12-14 years old LOCATION: Lexington

Commons Park, 21201 Taft DETAILS: This half mile fun run/walk is sponsored by Lydia Dunn, age 9 and Abby Jensen, age 8, to help Shane McFarland, age 5, who has Acute Lymphocyctic Leukemia and is going through chemotherapy. Registration fee is \$10 for kids up to age 14 and free for ages 15 to adult with an accompanying kid. Checks, cash or charge accepted. Entry fees are non-refundable and tax deductible.

CONTACT: For more information, e-mail to abbylovessoccer@comcast.net or

call Mary (Abby's mom) at (248) 380-0005

Victorian Festival Clothing Sale

DATE: Thursday, Sept. 4 LOCATION Mill Race Village CONTACT: (248) 348-1845

Rocky Sperino Exhibit Wine and Cheese Opening

Reception, Exhibit and Sale TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5.

DATE: Exhibit runs until Sept. 30.,. TIME: Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Noon-4 p.m. Sunday. Monday by appoint-

ment only. LOCATION: Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art, 133 W. Main St., Suite 210

DETAILS: Opening Reception also includes drumming demonstrations by Julian Pavone, "The World's Youngest Drummer" from Victorian Saloon and more. CONTACT: (248) 349-7640

Fail Fashion Fling Show and Dinner

TIME/DATE: 5:30 p.m. opening, 6-7 p.m. buffet dinner, 7 p.m. fashion show Friday, Sept. 19 LOCATION: Our Lady of Good

Counsel Catholic Church, Social Hall, 47650 North Territorial Road, Plymouth

DETAILS: Annual fashion show by Fine Threads, Bridal Couture, Gigi's Mode, Maggie and Me, Van Dam's and Pure Fashions (for teens). Tickets are \$30 for ages 17 and older, \$20 for ages 16 and younger and must be purchased by Sept. 12. Evening includes buffet dinner by Family Affair Catering, fashion show, beverages (including wine) and door prizes. Tickets are available at stores listed above or call Sandy at (248) 344-7995 or Diane at (734) 455-2059.

Northville VFW Events

LOCATION: 438 South Main St. CONTACT: (248) 349-5982 or the VFW at (248) 348-1490 Appraisal Fair and Bake Good Sale

TIME/DATE: 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24

DETAILS: Bring your antiques and valuables for appraisal during our own Antiques Roadshow. \$5 for each item. Accredited appraisers. Take home a dessert. Auxiliary sponsored.

CONTACT: For more information, call (248) 349-5982

Northville Eclipse Base Ball Ciub

DETAILS: The Eclipse Base Ball Club plays other vintage ball clubs by the rules of the 1860s. Home games are played at Ford Field in Northville. For a complete schedule, visit eclipsebbc.com. TIME/DATE: Noon Sunday, Aug. 31 - Mighty River Hogs of

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Northyllie District Library '" Weekly Activities

LOCATION: 212 W. Cady St., near Northville City Hall TIME/DAY: 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Closed on Sunday for the summer.

CONTACT: (248) 349-3020 or northvillelibrary.org for information regarding programs and library materials.

Teen Summer Reading Final



Up to the sun^a

e set You have to sky vourself.

Eric Lucido's mom, Laura, sent us this photo of her son's incredibly tall sunflowers, grown with four seeds given to him by his Winchester Wondergarten teacher, Katherine Elgin, at the end of the last school year. Eric has been taking care of the flowers all summer, with the tallest now over nine feet high and completely covering the family's front porch.

Aug. 24

DETAILS: Interactive Cornedy Dinner Theater spoofing the popular Wholesale Warehouses. See a day in the life of underpaid sales

of the Shoemaker and the Elves is the classic tale of a hardworking shoemaker whose life is transformed and enriched when visited by some magical friends. Don't miss Gracie the elf, fly across the stage. No children under the age of 3. Tickets are \$8.50 each. Groups rates and reserved seating for 20 or more are available. Call the theatre for tickets.

Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday Sept. 6 - Oct. 12 DETAILS: Tickets are \$23 senior/student and \$25 adult for Thursdays/Matinees; \$25

1.600

Barnes & Noble LOCATION: Barnes & Noble, 17111 Haggerty Road, near Six Mile Road

CONTACT: For all events contact Betsy Storrs at (248) 348-1274 or e-mail crm2648@bn.com Summer Storytimes

TIME/DATE: Through Sept. 2 DETAILS: Children entering

grades one through six can read any eight books, list them, and record their favorite parts of the book in their "Summer Reading with Andrew Clements" journal. They then bring their completed journal to any Barnes & Noble to receive a coupon for a free book and enter to win an autographed copy of an Andrew Clements book.

Weekty Storytimes TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. Tuesdays and 7 p.m. Wednesdays

DETAILS: Storytimes are various themes and involve story reading followed by crafts, games and activities.

Solid Grounds CoffeeHouse

LOCATION: 133 W. Main St., Northville CONTACT: (248) 348-9737 Open Mic Nite TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m. every Tuesday Carol Smallwood, classical guitarist TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-noon

every Saturday

The Art House

Open 1-5 p.m. every Thursday-Sunday; 1-9 p.m. on "First Fridays" of the month. LOCATION: 215 Cady St. DETAILS: Admission to Art House shows is always free and open to the public. **CONTACT: Northville Art House** (248) 344-0497 or northvillearts.org Showcase 2008, A Northville Camera Club Exhibit TIME/DATE: Opening artist reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5. Exhibit runs through Sept. 28 during regular gallery hours, DETAILS. This exhibit highlights the medium of photography in the 21st century. It features recent works of members of the Northville Camera Club. Victorian Festival Extended Hours TIME/DATE: 1-8 p.m. Fnday,

Sept. 12; 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13; and Noon-4 p m. Sunday, Sept. 14. Plein Air Artists TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-4 p m. Saturday, Sept. 13 DETAILS: The artists will be painting models dressed in Victorian attire in the Art House

7:15-8 p.m. Seprino shares the spotlight with Pavone in a remarkable fusion of music, video and live painting. Seprino's work is a unique brand of pop art. Included in the show are a series of paintings inspired by the young drummer. One painting making a debut will be given to Oprah Winfrey following this show.

CONTACT: (248) 380-0470 or sherrusgallery com

"Fall Buibs for Spring Color"

TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Social, 7-8 p.m. Program Monday, Sept.

LOCATION: Northville City Hall, 214 W. Main St.

DETAILS: Hosted by Gardeners of Northville and Novi. Presentation by English Gardens. Public welcome.

CONTACT: For more information, call (248) 349-2352 or visit our website gardenersnorthvillenovi.org.

Travel Show Extravaganza

TIME/DATE: 10 am. Tuesday, Sept. 9 LOCATION: Northville

Community Senior Center

DETAILS: Come discover what great trips are planned. Join our great travel companies: Above and Beyond Tours; Brookside Travel; Shoreline Tours; Escapades Tours, Omega Tours; and Ed and Ted's Excellent Adventures. Open to the public ages 21 and over. Fun, food and prizes.

Victorian Festival

TIME/DATE: 5-10:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12; Noon-10:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13; and Noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14

DETAILS: Parade begins Friday at 6:30 p.m. For the next two days, enjoy period costumes, free horse and carriage rides, storytellers, strolling musicians, kids games, food, street entertainment, four stages of entertainment, a

Party

TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. Friday DETAILS: Join us for free Wii play and ice cream and the Grand Prize drawing.

Summertime Movies and Munchies for Kids TIME/DATE: Noon, Tuesday

DETAILS: Bring your lunch to the library and enjoy the Walt Disney movie "Meet the Robinsons." All ages welcome. Fantasy Baseball Participants TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Tuesday DETAILS: Come for the awards ceremony and cheer on the Tigers on the big screen.

Farmer's Market

TIME/DATE: 8 a m.-3 p m. every Thursday, through Oct. LOCATION: Northville Downs

Parking Lot at the corner of Seven Mile and Center Street (Sheldon). DETAILS: On the first Thursday

of each month, from 8:30-9:30 a.m., Providence Park Hospital presents "Good For You", promoting healthy recipes and lifestyles. The "Chefs at the Market" program, third Thursday of the month at 8:30 a.m., features local chefs and free recipes and cooking demonstrations. Today will feature Marc Strausberg from Fleming's Prime Steakhouse.

CONTACT: (248) 349-7640 or northville.org

Genitti's Little Theater

LOCATION: 108 E. Main St. CONTACT: Call for reservations (248) 349-0522 or genittis.com Surviving SamCo. TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25; 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11; 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3; 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23 and 30, Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27 and Oct. 4 (also 7 p.m.). Also 11:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 20, Tuesday Sept. 9, Wednesday, Sept. 19, Thursday, Aug. 28, Sept. 16 and Oct. 30, and Saturday, Sept. 13 and 27. Also 12:30 p.m. Sunday,

associates and their high maintenance customers. Buying in bulk never felt so good. Dinner tickets are \$45 until Sept. 1 and \$49 95 after, lunch tickets are \$35.

Toy Chest, Children's Lunch Theater

TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 13. Special Halloween Performances 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, 18 and 25 wear your costumes.

DETAILS: Tickets are \$14 95 for children and \$16.95 for adult, not including tax or gratuity. Will open any date for 25 or more.

Dinner and Doo-Wop TIME/DATE: 6:30 p m. Saturday, Sept. 13 - Bob Posch and John Cionca

TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10 - A Tribute to the Stars (Neil Diamond, Rod Stewart, Elvis, Buddy Holly)

TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8 - The Reflections (Just Like Romeo and Juliet) TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 8 - The Reflections

(Just Like Romeo and Juliet) DETAILS: The cost for the din-

ner theater shows are \$49.95 per person. The cost for the matinee lunch and show is \$35.

Genitti's Acting Workshops DATE: We will open any date for 10 or more.

DETAILS: Enjoy our famous family-style lunch or dinner, then practice voice and body movement with one of our actors on stage. Play theater games; take backstage tour; \$16.95 per person.

Marquis Theatre

LOCATION: 135 E. Main St. CONTACT: (248) 349-8110 or visit northvillemarquistheatre.com Shoemaker and the Elves TIME/DATE: 2:30 p.m. Saturday

Aug. 23 and Sept. 6, 13 and 20; and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, 14 and 21.

DETAILS: This musical version ·

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Classic Movie Weekends TIME: 7 p.m. doors open, 7:30

p.m. movie starts DETAILS: Cost is \$5 which includes a box of fresh popcom.

DATE: Friday, Sept. 5 - "Murder on the Orient Express'

DATE: Saturday, Sept. 6 -"Operation Petticoat" Auditions for "Halloween

Hocus Pocus" TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Sunday,

Sept. 7 DETAILS: For children ages 8-15. Sing "Do-Re-Mi" from "Sound of Music." Accompanist will be provided. Read a poem or a monologue, no longer than 90 seconds.

CONTACT: For more information, call (248) 349-8110 Auditions for "Stuart Little" TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14 DETAILS: Same as above for Hocus Pocus.

Tipping Point Theatre

LOCATION: 361 E. Cady St. CONTACT: (248) 347-0003 or visit tippingpointtheatre.org Improv at the Point TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. first and third Tuesday of the month **DETAILS: Hilarious night of** comedy in the style of the TV show "Whose Line is it Anyway". Features rotating cast of the best improv talent in the metro area. No two show alike. General seating tickets are available 7 p.m. at the door on the night of the performance, \$8.

CONTACT: (248) 347-0003 I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change

TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 3-5 (Preview) TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Thursdaysenior/student and \$28 adults for Friday-Saturday. Musical celebration of the mating game. **Improv 101 Adult Class** TIME/DATE: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays, Sept. 8-Oct. 13 DETAILS: Join Second City alum and popular TPT performer Quintin Hicks and learn the basics

Baseline Folk Society Open Mic

of improv. Performance on Oct.

14. Cost is \$175.

DATE: Third Saturday of each month, Sept-June TIME: 7-9 p.m. LOCATION: Northville Art House, 215 Cady

DETAILS: Enjoy traditional, folk and acoustic music in a casual setting. Five open mic spots available on first to sign up basis beginning at 6:15 p.m. Tickets \$5 at the door.

CONTACT: (248) 344-0954

As The Page Turns

LOCATION: 149 North Center Street, Suite 102, Northville CONTACT: (248) 912-0085 or www.asthepagetums.biz

Bo's Lasting Lessons: The Legendary Coach Teaches the **Timeless Fundamental of** Leadership

TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4

DETAILS: Local sports writer, radio show host and co-author, John Bacon, will meet and greet customers. Books available for sale.

"When One Door Closes: A Teen's Inspiring Journey" Book Signing

TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 10 DETAILS: Parents of Alex Graham, who battled and lost her life to cancer, will talk about her inspirational journey. Refreshments served.

Maybury State Park

Gardens.

LOCATION: Eight Mile Road (between Beck and Napier roads.) State Park motor vehicle permit required for park entry; \$6 daily, \$24 annually (\$6 annually for seniors 65 and older.) 2008 permits now available at park office, 20145 Beck Road.

CONTACT: (248) 349-8390; Friends of Maybury (248) 349-3858 or FriendsofMaybury.org. Story Hour at Maybury

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. the second Saturday from May to Sept.

DETAILS: For children ages 10 and under with an adult; bring a blanket and favorite stuffed friend; meet at the Concession building; rain or shine. For more information, call the Park Office at (248) 349-8390.

Mill Race Historical Village

LOCATION: 215 Griswold Ave , north of Main Street near Ford Field

DETAILS: Office open 9 a.m.-1 p m. Monday-Friday. Village buildings open 1-4 p.m. Sundays June-Oct.

CONTACT: (248) 348-1845 Village Calendar

*Grounds closed to public Thursday: 9 a.m. Archives Open; 7 p.m. Northville Historical Society Board Meeting

Friday: 9 a.m. Archives Open; 3:30-5:30 p.m. Wedding*; 5:30 p.m. Rehearsal

Saturday: 3-5:30 p.m. Wedding*

Sunday: 10 a.m. Mill Creek Church; 1-4 p.m. Village Open Monday: 10 a.m. Heirloom Rug Hookers; 3:30 p.m. Junior Scouts; 7 P.m. Lions Club

Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang; 6:30 p.m. Northville Democrats • 2 -- .

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Wednesday: 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation Mill Race Village Open for the Season

TIME/DATE: Buildings open 1-4 p.m. every Sunday from mid-June to mid-Oct.; grounds open daily from sunrise to sunset.

DETAILS: This historic Village includes seven buildings, dating from 1831 to the 1890's, moved from various parts of Northville; two more were re-constructed with the aid of period photographs and plans. A tenth structure, the 1850's General Store, is being re-assembled in the Village, having been moved board-byboard from its original Main Street location. Costumed docents inform visitors about the buildings, their contents, and Northville's past. Many weekends, a blacksmith, musicians, weavers and rug hookers demonstrate their crafts. No admission charge.

Macy'r "Shop for the Cause" Benefits , il Jace Village DATE: Saturday, Sept. 20 DETAILS: In this program, shoppers buy a \$5 ticket, then take their tickets to Macy's Twelve Oaks Mall store on Saturday, Sept. 20. On that day only, savings of 10-20 percent are offered on most merchandise in the store - including sale items. Mill Race village benefits from the ticket sales. Tickets are available 9 a.m.-1 p m. weekdays and 1-4 p.m. Sundays at Mill Race Village Office, 215 Griswold St. and at Northville Candle and Gifts, 124 N. Center St. during regular business hours. For more information, call the Northville Historical Society at (248) 348-1845.

Northville Chamber of Commerce

LOCATION, 195 S. Main St.,

TGIF TIME/DATE: 8-9 a.m. Friday LOCATION: Chamber Office

Regional Events

EMU GOLD Alumni Party TIME/DATE: 8:30-10 p.m.

Today LOCATION: 5th Avenue

Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi **DETAILS: Join the EMU** Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD) and friends for a night of live music, networking and fun. The event is \$5 which includes admission to the reception, an appetizer buffet and the band performance. Alumni and friends are welcome.

CONTACT: For more information, or to RSVP, contact Acadia Hahlbrock, EMU Office for Alumni Relations, at (734) 487-0250 or a.umni.relations@emu.edu.

Madrigal Chorale of Southfield Auditions

TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Tuesday LOCATION: Rochester Church of Christ, 240 W. Avon Road, west of Rochester Road, **Rochester Hills**

DETAILS: This chorale, under the direction of Robert A. Martin, is holding auditions for all voice parts for the 2008-09 season. Singers should be prepared to sing a brief solo and sight-read a piece of music. Call Marie at (248) 352-9527 to arrange an audition time Highlights for the season include an annual holiday performance in Greektown, a benefit concert, a scholarship competition and some new twists to some old favorites. This is a non-profit organization. Members volunteer

"Connections" Artist's Show TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Monday-Friday, through Aug. 31 LOCATION: Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery, Assarian Cancer Center, Providence Center for the Healing Arts, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi

DETAILS: Local Artist Jim Quinlan presents "Connections" a colorful exhibit of original painting from the artist's collection of watercolor and acrylic creations that looks at one man's perspective on life and nature.

Growing with Master **Gardeners Conference**

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13 LOCATION: University of

Michigan-Dearborn campus, 4901 Evergreen, Dearborn DETAILS: This 20th annual all-

day educational program for environmentalists and gardeners of all levels includes two keynotes, classes, shopping and lunch. Sponsored by the UM-D **Environmental Interpretive Center** and organized by MGAWC volunteers.

CONTACT: For details and registration visit www.mgawc org or call (734) 786-6860.

"Hello Dolly"

TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 19, 20, 26, 27 and Oct. 3 and 4; 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28 and Oct. 5

LOCATION: The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

DETAILS: Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$16 for seniors and children under age 18. Visit www.spotlightplayers.net for a coupon code for a discount on tickets online. Directed and choreographed by Novi resident Barbara Bloom

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20 LOCATION: St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Auditorium, 36475 Five

Mile, Livonia DETAILS: Reasonably priced, gently used clothing for sale for women (sizes 14-32) and men (sizes 40-60, and up to 5 XL). Sponsored by the Michigan Bariatric Institute and St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

CONTACT: For more information, call (734) 655-2692.

Rock Financial Showplace

46100 Grand River Ave., Novi CONTACT: Call (248) 348-5600 or visit rockfinancialshowplace.com.

My Favorite Bead Show TIME/DATE: Noon-6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 29; 10 a.m.-6 p m. Saturday, Aug. 30; 11 a m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 31

DETAILS: Show will feature over 40 bead vendors as well as free beading workshops throughout the event. Admission is \$6 for adults, ages 15 and under are free. \$5 parking.

Antique Arms Show TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 6; and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Sept 7 DETAILS: Buy, sell and trade antique arms. Cub members get in at 8 a.m. Cost is \$6, ages 12 and under are free. \$5 parking.

Meetings

Northville Public Schools Board of Education DATE: Second and fourth Tuesday of the month (Aug. 26) TIME: 7:30 p m. LOCATION: Old Village School, 405 W. Main St.

of the month TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: City Hall, 215 W.

- Main St. **Downtown Development**
- **Authority Meeting**
- DATE: Third Tuesday of each month (Sept. 16)
- TIME: 8 a.m. LOCATION: City Hall Meeting
- Room A, on lower level, 215 W. Main St.
- CONTACT: downtown-
- northville.com **Planning Commission**
- DATE: First and third Tuesday
- of month
- TIME: 7:30 p.m.
- LOCATION: City Hall
- Housing Commission DATE: Second Wednesday of
- every month
- TIME: 3 p.m. LOCATION: Allen Terrace, 401 High St.
- **Historic District Commission** DATE: Third Wednesday of month

- TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: City Hall
- Arts Commission
- DATE: Second Wednesday of every month
- TIME: 7:30 p.m.
- LOCATION: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.
- Beautification Commission DATE: Second Tuesday of every
- month
 - TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Northville City Hall,

Photo submitted by Paul Skut

NHS band happenings

The Nonhville High School music program held its annual Band Camp last Friday with students working hard in preparation of the upcoming marching season.

The State Champion Northville High School Jazz Ensemble will be performing at the Detroit International Jazz Festival from 6:15-7 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 31. Admission to the jazz festival. which runs Friday through Monday in downtown Detroit, is free.

In addition, six jazz musicians from Northville High School will be performing with the MSBOA All-State Jazz Band at the Detroit Jazz Festival at 7:15 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 1 at 7:15 p.m. on the Campus Martius Stage.

These talented students include: Tony Pizzimenti, trumpet player, Zack Thomas, trumpet player, Brian Earle, trombone player, Mike LaCivita, bass trombone player, and Yonglu Che, alto saxophone player. These musicians were selected after performing with the Northville High School Jazz Ensemble I at the State Jazz Festival in April. Nathan Love, junior, saxophone player, was chosen as an Honorable Mention. For more information about the Detroit Jazz Festival, visit detroitjazzfest.com/index.html.

Meeting Room B

Northville Township

Planning Commission DATE: Last Tuesday of month TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Township Hall, 44405 West Six Mile **Board of Trustees** DATE: Third Thursday of month TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Township Hall **Zoning Board of Appeals** DATE: Third Wednesday of month TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Township Hall **Beautification Commission** DATE: Third Monday of month TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Township Hall Youth Assistance DATE: Second Tuesday of every month TIME: 8 a.m. LOCATION: Northville Township

Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road CONTACT: Sue Campbell (248) 344-1618

Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@gannett.com; by fax to (248) 349-9832; or by mail to Northville Record, 104 W. Main, Suite 101, Northville, MI 48167. Items must be received by noon on Tuesday to be included in Thursday's newspaper. Visit hometownlife.com for more in our Etcetera listing.



Northville CONTACT: (248) 349-7640 or visit northville org

their time and talent, work togeth er to achieve vocal excellence and promote vocal education.

3rd Annual Plus-Size Clothing Sale

City of Northville City Council DATE: First and third Monday for your FREE consultation 866-479-5353

CHARTER TOWNSHIP **OF NORTHVILLE** NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OFFICE CLOSING

The Charter Township of Northville Administrative Offices will be closed on Monday, September 1, 2008 in observance of Labor Day. The offices will reopen at 8.00 a m. on Tuesday September 2, 2008. The Department of Public Safety (Police and Fire) will remain open.

(8-21-08 NR 427544)

SUE A. HILLEBRAND CLERK

INVITATION FOR BIDS **CITY OF NORTHVILLE CITY HALL LANDSCAPING PROJECT**

Sealed bids will be received in the City of Northville Council Chambers, City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167 until 2:00 p.m. local time on August 27, 2008 for a "City Hall Landscaping Project* for the City of Northville.

This project for the City of Northrade. This project consists of the furnishing of all labor and materials for landscaping on the east side of City Hall along Wing Street in Downtown. Northville. The successful contractor will provide the necessary plant material as designed and presented in the City's contract documents. Contract documents may be obtained by calling the Northville Decontract of Duffic Works at 10400 400 0000

Department of Public Works at (248) 449-9930.

The City of Northvite reserves the right to waive any irregularity or informatity in bids, to reject any and/or all bids, in whole or in part, or to award any contract to other than the low bidder, should it be deemed in its best interest to do so

JAMES P. GALLOGLY PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR (8-21-08 NR 427692)

DIANNE MASSA **CITY CLERK**

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE **PLANNING COMMISSION** NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REZONING

The Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Northville has scheduled a public hearing to discuss a proposed rezoning. The meeting will begin at 7.30 P.M. on August 26, 2008 at the Northville Township Municipal Offices, 44405 Sox Mile Road, Northville, Michigan. The public hearing is for a request to rezone 2.15 acres on the east side of Haggerty Road, north of 5 Mile, from Residential (R-3) to General Business (B-1).

The public is invited to attend this hearing to receive information, express comments or ask questions. Written comments regarding the proposed rezoning will be received by the Northville Township Planning Commission, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.

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OUR NEIGHBORS



Saddle up and help sick kids during trail-riding event

Fundraising 9 a.m. Saturday

By Aileen Wingblad STAFF WRITER

A group of local horseback riders are hitching on to a fundraiser to help sick kids.

The Kensington Trail Riders are participating in the Saddle-Up Trail Ride for St. Jude Children's Hospital on Saturday, beginning at 9 a.m. But the fundraising is going on now with riders seeking pledges for the 8to 10-mile trek they will take through the metropark.

This is in support of research on childhood cancer," said Bill Terian, Kensington Trail Riders Association chair. "To help make this event a success, we encourage all those people who are interested in helping to obtain donations from friends and family to support this worthy cause."

Besides answering the call for donations, Terian said KTRA is also urging people to join them on the ride.

'We are asking horseback riding groups or individuals, and they can just register right at the park and bring their donations the day of the event," he said.

Participants will be treated to lunch as well as refreshments half-way through the ride.

The Saddle-Up Trail Ride for St. Jude Children's Hospital was chosen by KTRA for its annual charity event. As a non-profit organization, the KTRA schedules one each year to benefit a deserving cause, Terian

explained. "This year we decided to choose St. Jude because of all the good it has done in the past," he

said. St. Jude treats children and adolescents with newly-diagnosed untreated or suspected cancer, immune disorders and infections, and genetic diseases. Patients are accepted based on eligibility for an ongoing treatment study, regardless of ability to pay. Those accepted are enrolled in a specific study, and information gathered from the studies is used to develop treatments.

Terian said the trail ride fundraiser will not only benefit the research hospital, but also provide a terrific opportunity for people who are interested in horses and horseback riding to meet the KTRA members. "People can just come out and look at the horse, ask questions and learn things about them. We will have a ground crew of eight or ten people there," he said.

To participate, those interested can get more information or a donation form in the mail from KTRA by contacting Terian at (248) 721-1653 or Sandy Navetta at (248) 685-9113. They can be mailed back to KTRA or brought to the event, which will be held at the Kensington Horse Staging area on Martindale Road, just off Dawson Road, in Milford Township.

Information is also available at www.kensingtonriders.org.

> awingblad@gannett.com (248) 685-1507, ext. 261

KENSINGTON TRAIL RIDERS ASSOCIATION

Photo by HAL GOULD

The Kensington Trail Riders Association is seeking pledges and participants for a fundraiser to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital on Aug. 23. Pictured (from left) are Blll Terian and his horse, Sonny; Araxie Terian; Ken Peltier; Jeanie Kelleher and her horse, Tango; Bruce Darr, Bill Gunn and his horse, Cole: and Sandy Navetta.

"This year we decided to choose St. Jude because of all the good it has done in the past."

Bill Terian Kensington Trail Riders Association



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Visit our booth to support Fickay, Sept. 12, Saturday, Sept. 13 & Watch us Performi Saturday, Sept. 13, 6:30 p.m. CSDC doncers will perform in the

> Town Square Plymouth Chili Cook Off

Watch us Performi Sunday, October 5, 1:15-2:15 pm. CSDC dancers will perform a variety of dances

Register Now for Fall Classes Classes begin Thursday, Sept. 4

Call the studio or visit our website for more info

Convention Crew Class Auditions FINAL AUDITIONS: Thursday, Aug. 28, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

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a charity event to benefit Children's Hospital of Michigan - Festival of Trees To take place at the Dearborn Inn Sunday, Oct. 5, 2008, 2 shows

Open auditions will be held during our studio open house*





MONDAY AUGUST 25, 2008 3-8 p.m.

- Tour our 5,000 sq. ft. facility with 4 studios & student study areas
- Meet our staff
- Watch live performances
- Register for fall classes
- Ask questions
- Have fun!

43334 W Seven Mile Rd, Ste 250 In the Northville Research Center, just east of Northville Road call: 248-380-1666 email: csdc5678@sbcglobal.net



Advance registration is not required for American Girl auditions. Come anytime from 3 - 8 p.m. (plan to stay about one hour) Navance registration is not required in minimum of an available come any internet with a spin (data red any door of the hour) Rease wear a lookard, tights, and dance skit or shorts. Any style dance shoes may be worn. Models and dancers selected are required to attend reheats at Center Stage Dance in Northwile prior to the Tea. Schedule to be posted on our website by July 21, 2008.

Visit www.dancingcenterstage.com for our current class schedule & more info on auditions



Stacy Tanner prepares for her upcoming nearly new consignment sale in Novi featuring children's item.

Shopping by season, by consignment

Sale of children's clothings, toys planned in Novi

By Tracy Estes SPECIAL WRITER

Stacy Tanner wants to help parents save money while raising their constantly growing children. The 39-year-old Salem resi-

dent is hosting the first of several to come seasonal children's consignment sales Sept. 27 at the Novi Christian Outreach Center at the First Baptist Church on 11 Mile Road, in Novi.

As a way of starting a new business, which offers sales twice a year in the spring and fall, Tanner hopes to make a name for herself as she helps people looking to get rid of the old and afford the new without breaking the bank.

"In our economy today with so many people losing their jobs or having to be financially minded, they want to look nice and also stretch their dollar," Tanner said. "With this seasonal consignment sale, kids can still wear name brand clothes and have nice toys just at a fraction of the cost."

Tanner's premier children's consignment sale is open to the public, welcoming those looking to sell their children's clothes, toys, furniture, games, baby items, nursing items and more.

Unlike other consignment stores and sales, Tanner is giving 60 percent of the consigners total sales back to them. She said the point is to get people to want to consign and want to buy.

This is a really easy way for people to sell the things they don't need anymore and find new items," Tanner said. "You don't have to sit at a garage sale which takes a lot of time and as a shopper you never know what you're going to get.

"I'm bringing the sellers and shoppers together to make it

Why consign?

According to Tanner, by signing up as a consigner. you are able to recoup a portion of the money spent on children's items throughout the year.

"You tend to make a greater profit when you consign verses having a yard sale," Tanner said. "Unlike at consignment stores, my sales offer the consigner the opportunity to set their own prices on items.

Tanner's Children's Consignment sales will be held

in the fall and spring seasons. She said her sales are organized just like a store, with clothes in one area, baby items in another and so on, making it easier for shoppers to look for needed items quickly and stress free.

Tanner said she hopes this first seasonal sale goes well and will continue to grow in the future.

Consignment sale

10 a.m.-3 p.m.

When: Saturday, Sept. 27 Time: Main Sale: 9 a.m.-noon; Half-price sale: 1-3 p.m. Where: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road, Novi Christian Outreach Center at the First Baptist Church Drop-off times: Thursday, Sept. 25 7-9 p.m. and Friday, Sept. 26

For more information or to sign-up, visit www.nearlynewconsianment.com.

more convenient for everyone." "I don't look at seasonal sales as a one-time shopping experi-ence," she said. "This is a thing that will be a need at least twice a year. That's why I'm so confident this concept will work because of the ongoing need." Tanner said though her sale in

September will be a first for her. she hopes to make a profitable business.

"Hopefully I will inspire other women to transform their ideas and start up their own businesses," she said. "I was raised by a woman business owner, and I

want to inspire other women that if they have a dream or see a need in our community, they can do this and it is obtainable."

Tanner said she is looking for volunteers and consigners to help in the sale. She said anyone involved in the sale will be offered pre-sale hours to shop before the general public. "I'm both excited and nerv-

ous," she said. "Starting a new business is always nerve-wracking, but hopefully you work it and put hard work in and it will be a success in the end."





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Mustangs enter brutal KLAA Central Division



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last season



Mustang Tim Wasielewski serves at Northville High's tennis courts.

Competition steps up for Mustangs

By Jeff Theisen RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville tennis relied on its doubles teams last year to help the Mustangs finish in 13th at the state meet. They also swept the honors in the WLAA, winning the division and conference.

But the expectations could go up this year as a deep Northville squad also comes

armed with singles experience. Melvin Joseph, Tim Wasielewski and Steve Irvine

each return to singles play. There are probably under 10

teams in the state that can roll out three players as strong as Joseph, Wasielewski and Irvine," Northville head coach Matt Stetson said. " Until last year, we had relied heavily on our doubles teams to carry us. "I have a feeling that our singles players are going to have big years."

The biggest change in the lineup comes from the new rules of the KLAA. A fifth doubles will be added, making depth the biggest priority. It's also something that will benefit the Mustangs.

"I believe we have 14 strong players to cover the new format," said Stetson as he begins his sixth season as head coach. "Adding a fifth doubles flight should help us because of our depth.

Northville, winners of the WLAA, are now in the same division as the KVC champs in rival Novi.

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NHS Tennis Schedule

Aug. 19 Aug. 26 Sept. 6 Sept. 8 Sept. 10 Sept. 12 Sept. 13 Sept. 15 Sept. 17 Sept. 19 Sept. 22 Sept. 24 Sept. 26 Sept. 27	Port Huron Invite Home quad Grand Blanc Salem Novi South Lyon Troy High quad S. Lyon East Stevenson Salem Novi South Lyon S. Lyon East Holly	Away Home Away Home Away Home Away Away Away Home Away Home Away	TBA 8 a.m. TBA 4 p.m. 4 p.m. 4 p.m. 4 p.m. 4 p.m. 4 p.m. 4 p.m. 4 p.m. 4 p.m. 8 a.m.
Sept. 26	S. Lyon East	Home	4 p.m.

KVC's, WLAA's best meet in same division

to get abold of the ball during Northville's pla

By Jeff Theisen RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville brings 15 players back from last year's soccer team finished in the semis and piled up an 18-2-5 record

ustang John Donikian, right, tries

They will all be needed as the Mustangs are lumped into a division that boasts three teams annually considered state powerhouse.

Novi, Stevenson and Northville will go head to head twice each year along with Salem. South Lyon East and South Lyon (last year's co-KVC champs with Novi) just for the division title. Only the winner of the division

can compete for the conference title, as the top team from the Central and North divisions will

play for the championship. "The tough schedule will prepare us for the state run," Mustang head coach Henry Klimes said. "It also means we must be in better condition to

minimize injuries and depth will be a big factor for all the teams." Northville graduated nine from last year's team, but back are Latif Alashe, Nick Sclabassi, John Donikian, Doug Beason and Alex

Marilley to help lead the charge

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER Northville Record

Northville's Alicia Weber watches her tee shot disappear on the 5th hole at Oakpointe during MHSAA divisional playoff action.

Huge expectations for golfers

By Jeff Theisen RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville golf head coach Mary Jane Ossola isn't even trying to hide her feelings for her team this year. She knows their good, but how good they can be is yet to be seen.

The Mustangs return most of last year's team that placed third

They've already gone up against some of the top teams in Division I at Traverse City and finished ahead of them all.

"This depth is just outstanding. I've never seen a team this strong 1-6," said Ossola, who is entering her fifth year as head coach. "Our strength 1-6 is the best in the state."

She isn't just setting her sights on winning the division or the conference, Ossola thinks her team has a shot at winning the final tournament of the year.

"I think the important thing for them is they know it's within their reach ... but only if they work in the next two months," Osola said. This isn't an unrealistic goal."

Alicia Weber returns as the leader of the team after finishing seventh individually at states for the third-place Mustangs.

She is the true head and shoul-

By the Numbers

COACH: Mary Jane Ossola, fifth year LAST YEAR: Division and conference champs, third at state **RETURNEES:** Alicia Weber, Kelley Hill, Brianna Roberts, Amy Bernstein, Joanne Weber, Stephanie Sakorafis

ders leader on this team," Ossola said. "She's got a great short game. Her overall game is so solid. She hits the ball pure every time. "Whatever she wants to accom-

plish, she will." But one golfer does not make a team. She is surrounded by returnees Kelley Hill, Brianna

Roberts, Amy Bernstein, Joanne Weber and Stephanie Sakorafis. Having six to seven girls fighting for five spots should make for some good in-team competition,

especially in matches the Mustangs won't see much competition from the opponent.

Our 2-6 are awesome also, Those kids could switch every day," Ossola said. "The next round they play is going to be based on the round before. The only way I

NHS Golf Schedule

Aug. 25 **Brighton Invite** Sept. 11 AA Pioneer Sept. 12 Salem Sept. 15 Novi South Lyon Sept. 17 Sept. 19 S. Lyon East Grosse lle Invite Sept. 20 Sept. 22 Stevenson Sept. 24 Salem Sept. 26 Navi South Lyon Sept. 29 S. Lyon East Oct. 1 Stevenson Oct. 3 Conference Tourn. Oct. 7 Oct. 10 Regionals State Finals Oct. 17-18

can reward someone for having a great round is to move them up in the order.

That makes all of our conference matches important. These girls know every time they go out its important."

The Mustangs are grouped into a division with Novi, South Lyon, South Lyon East, Stevenson and Salem.

The teams will play each other twice to determine the division

champion. A conference champion will also be determined by a oneday tournament.

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But no matter what lies ahead, Ossola is more than ready to trot her team out to the course to see what they can do.

"This is going to be the best year," she said. "I'm excited. They're excited."

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Running into a new league

By Jeff Theisen RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville lost a lot of quality runners to its girls cross country team, but that doesn't have head coach Nancy Smith backing down from big goals.

Despite losing top runners Lindsay Hagan, Anna Hardenbergh, Jenny Murphy, Karina Puskorius and Kristen Stutrud, Smith is looking for a conference crown and a trip to the state meet.

"It will be a challenge this season as we graduated our No. 1,2, 4, 5 and 6 runners," she said. "If they learn to challenge each other By the Numbers

COACH: Nancy Smith, eighth

year LAST YEAR: Division champs, fourth at regionals **RETURNEES:** Stephanie Hamel, Amy Baditoi, Maria Rocco, Emily Sklar

both during practice and races we should see times drop throughout the season.

"If we can remain healthy we will have a successful season." Heading the pack of returnees are seniors Stephanie Hamel, Amy Baditoi and Maria Rocco. Also expecting to contribute are sophomore Emily Sklar, sophomore Molly Shuart and freshman Gina McNamara.

Smith said captains Baditoi, Hamel, Shelby Johnson and Sidney Migoski did a good job with the team during the offseason.

"This team has put in a lot of summer conditioning which should pay off during the season," Smith said.

The Mustangs won their division and went undefeated in dual meets last year.

The biggest change this year

Northville got a taste of what it's

like to run in the biggest race of all

last year. Head coach Chris Cronin

hopes that taste turns into a bigger

The Mustangs won the final

WLAA title and finished ninth at

Gone are five of the top seven

runners from last year, making the

their homework during the offsea-

"Our goal is to put in 500 miles

between Memorial and Labor day.

Our guys did that," he said. "Our

trek back a difficult one. But Cronin said the boys did

hunger to get back to the state

By Jeff Theisen

meet this year.

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comes in the schedule as part of the Central Division in the KLAA.

"Our biggest change will be competing against Novi and Stevenson in the regular dual meets this season instead of in a scrimmage," Smith said. "Also, competing on Tuesday and having a dual meet every week, compared to only four jamborees last season,"

Northville begins the season Saturday morning at the South Lyon invite.

By the Numbers

COACH: Chris Cronin, 10th

RETURNEES: Jack Dalton.

first week of practice, I felt like we were ahead of the game."

Only captain Jack Dalton and

Frank Griffiths return from the top

seven last year. Their experience

will be crucial to the team's suc-

cess. The other captains are Cory

Smetana and Armen Changelian.

Others expected to help con-

ninth at state

Frank Griffiths

year with boys, 15th overall LAST YEAR: Division champs,

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Mustangs seek return to state



Mustangs Keisey Katynski, left, and Stephanie Hamel finish the 5K run at MIS.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northvide Record Mustang Frank Dalton finishes ahead of a Novi runner

playoffs.

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last year.

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Klimes said team depth and speed are the two biggest strengths entering the season. The goals are similar to last year, win the division and conference before a long run into the state

NHS Soccer Schedule

Aug. 22	Country Day Invite	Away	TBA
Aug. 23	Country Day Invite	Away	TBA
Aug. 26	Churchill	Uama	7 p.m.
Sept. 2	Salem Contraction	Home	7 p.m.
Sept. 4	Salem Salem Novi	Away	7 p.m.
Sept. 8	Dearborn	Home	7 p.m.
Sept. 9	South Lyon	Home	7 p.m.
Sept. 11	S. Lvon East	Away	7 p.m.
Sept. 16	Stevenson	Away	7 p.m.
Sept. 18	Salem	Away	7 p.m.
Sept. 19	Saline	Home	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 13	Novi	Home	7 p.m.
Sept. 25	South Lyon	Away	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 20	Canton	Away	
			7 p.m. 7 p.m.
Sept. 30	S. Lyon East	Home	7 p.m.
Oct. 2	Stevenson	Home	7 p.m.
Oct. 6	Conference crossover	Home	7 p.m.
Oct. 8	Association crossover	Home	7 p.m.
Oct. 13	District	Away	TBA

Northville started the season

with a four-team scrimmage Friday, beating Clarkston 1-0, Okemos 2-0, Ann Arbor Huron 2-1 and Rochester Adams 1-0. The regular season schedule

begins Friday and Saturday at the Detroit Country Day Invitational.

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Sports Shorts

Weber medalist at Seaholm Invite

Northville's Alicia Weber showed she is a threat for the state title after winning medalist at the Seaholm Invite on Monday. Her 70 was one stroke better than second place. The Wildcats tied Stoney Creek for third with a 354. Rochester ran away with the title, shooting a 323. Flint Powers was second with a 343.

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Baseball tryout

The Livingston Storm 11U Baseball Team will hold tryouts for the 2009 season. Players

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For more information, contact: Mike Cusick at (734) 645-6276 or at mikejcusick@comcast.net.

tribute this year include Jeff Girbach, Collin Riley, Trent Johnson and Alex Kanya.

"We're not going to have any superstars. Jack is probably the closest thing we have," Cronin said, "But I have a lot of good, quality cross country runners. We'll have to rely on pack running.

"The guys have really bought into that philosophy. The guys seem to be working well together."

Cronin was very pleased with the turnout of 35 guys to the team. The team used up all of its uniforms this year.

The ultimate team goal is a trip back to state, but there are others throughout the year.

We always want to be in the top three in our conference," said

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"Novi is going to really tough again this year, so our first goal is to get past them to win the first division and conference titles in the new league," Stetson said.

Other team goals include getting back to the state meet can cracking the top 10.

"Last year we were pretty young with our top three players all being sophomores, so hopefully the experience we gained last year will payoff for solid state tournament run," Stetson said, "We were one match win away from being

eighth last year, and we are a

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Cronin, who enters his 10th year as coach of the boys and 15th overall. That was our goal since I took over the program. If you are in the top three, you show up at the con-ference meet with a chance to win. "I think we have enough guys and horses to do it."

Getting there will be difficult as the Mustangs are paired in a region with defending state champ Pinckney, but he hopes the lessons learned last year pay off.

"They want to get back," Cronin said. "We took some really big steps, in part because we had some great leadership. These kids have learned from that."

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By the Numbers

COACH: Matt Stetson,

sixth year LAST YEAR: Division and league champs, 13th at state **RETURNEES:** Phil Irvine, Graham McHenry, Andy Mills, and Brian Lovett

stronger team this year." The Mustangs aren't backing down from a schedule that will include many of the top teams in the state, but that's something that should help Northville get tougher as the year goes on.

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Northville's Joe Lekovish rides on the course.

and women, sport men and women, beginner men and women). Payout amounts to be determined yet.

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so Weight Watchers[±] has a few tips and recipes to help you keep cool without sacrificing a healthier lifestyle.

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Soaking Up the Sun. Before hitting the beach, stock up your bag with the essentials — sun screen, beach towel and a good book. For a beachside snack, don't forget to pack a cooler with lots of water and deluciously creamy and refreshing Weight Watchers Ice Cream bars. They are portable and come in flavors like Chocolate Mousse, English Toffee Crunch, Giant Cookies & Cream or Giant Latté.

Eating Light. When preparing for the next picnic or back yard barbeque, experiment with sensible foods or menu items that include fruits, vegetables, whole wheat options and foods high in protein and fiber.

- For a luscious appetizer, try wrapping kiwi in a slice of prosciutto.
- Instead of serving traditional pigs in a blanket, pair mini-dogs with a zesty fat free tomato, mayonnaise, mustard and scallion dipping sauce.
- For an entrée that everyone will enjoy, make a pizza with whole-wheat flour tortillas, sour cream, thinly sliced smoked salmon, fresh basil and onion.
- Include seasonal fruits and vegetables with dips made from low-fat or fat-free yogurt instead of mayonnaise or creamy dressings.

Too "Clothes" for Comfort. With the summer heat comes the summer sweat. Dress as lightly as possible to allow the added moisture to evaporate from your body. Light-colored fabrics that are roomy and let the skin breathe are ideal for summer temperatures.

End-of-the Day Quencher. Treats don't have to be high in calories. To quench your taste buds at the end of a hot day, indulge in a Weight Watchers Ice Cream Cup. Ranging from 140 to 170 calories and with only 1.5 to 5 grams of fat per serving, these decadent ice cream cups are available in Mint Chocolate Chip, Turtle Sundae, Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough or Chocolate Fudge Brownie.

For other tasty summer recipes visit www.weightwatchers com/sensiblefoods.



Ice Cream Sandwich Fruit Tarte Prep: 8 minutes Serves 2

- 1 Weight Watchers Round Vanilla Ice Cream Sandwich
- 3 medium strawberries, hulled and halved
- 1 medium peach, thinly sliced
- 1 medium kiwifruit, peeled and diced

Slice ice cream sandwich in half through ice cream so each half has a chocolate bottom. (For easier slicing, hold a sharp knife under hot running water for 30 seconds before cutting the ice cream sandwich in half.)

Place on two plates, chocolate sides down. Divide strawberries, peaches and kiwi on top of each ice cream sandwich half and serve.

Per serving (1/2 sandwich): 150 Calories, 3.5 g Fat, 1 g Saturated Fat, 0 g Trans Fat, 0 mg Cholesterol, 270 mg Sodium, 29 g Carbohydrate, 4 g Fiber, 4 g Protein, 6% Calcium. *POINTS*² value: 2

Multigrain Waffle Ice Cream Sandwiches

Prep: 10 minutes

Serves 4 (1/2 waffle sandwich per serving)

- 4 multigrain waffles, toasted
- 1/2 cup strawberries, hulled and sliced (divided)
- 2 Weight Watchers Giant Cookies & Cream Bars

Once waffles have cooled to room temperature, place 1 ice cream bar on 1 waffle and remove wooden stick. Using butter knife, gently spread ice cream evenly across waffle

Arrange 1/4 cup strawberries over ice cream, and place 1 waffle on top of strawberries and ice cream to form a sandwich. Repeat with remaining 2 waffles, ice-cream bar, and 1/4 cup strawberries. Cut both sandwiches in half and serve immediately.

Good Idea: Play around with different flavors for your ice cream sandwiches. Use different flavors of Weight Watchers Giant ice cream bars and pair them with your favorite fruits or berries. For example, try Weight Watchers Giant Chocolate Fudge Bar with sliced bananas.

Per serving (1/2 sandwich): 150 Calories, 3 5 g Fat, 1 g Saturated Fat, 0 g Trans Fat, 0 mg Cholesterol. 270 mg Sodium, 29 g Carbohydrate, 4 g Fiber, 4 g Protein, 6% Calcium *POINTS* value. 2

Chocolate Latté Milk Shakes

Prep: 10 minutes Serves 6 (1 cup per serving)

- 4 Weight Watchers Giant Latté Bars
- 4 Weight Watchers Giant Chocolate Fudge Bars
- 1 cup fat-free milk
- 12 ice cubes
- 2 bananas

Remove wooden sticks from all ice-cream bars.

Combine all ingredients in blender and purce on high power until mixture is smooth and creamy, 2 to 4 minutes Pour equal amounts into glasses and serve immediately.

The new Giant Latté Bar is a rich, coffee-flavored low-fat ice cream bar with only 90 calories, 1 gram of fat and 4 grams of fiber. Each serving has a *POINTS* value of 1.

Try It: Entertaining during cocktail hour? Give your milk shakes an extra kick by adding a splash of Kahlua or Godiva, but be sure to factor in the **POINTS** value.

Per serving (1 cup): 180 Calories, 1.5 g Fat, 0.5 g Saturated Fat, 0 g Trans Fat, 5 mg Cholesterol, 105 mg Sodium, 42 g Carbohydrate, 7 g Fiber, 6 g Protein, 25% Calcium *POINTS* value: 3.

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ance More... Pay Less! is the motio this year for the American Dance Academy. The economy has taken its toll on everyone in some way. Unfortunately, addi-tional opportunities that all children need and enjoy can be out of reach in these difficult times. In response, the Academy has created specialized packages to alleviate the stresses involved in affording classes in the performing arts.

Since 1977, young people of Metro Detroit have turned to the American Dance Academy for education in dance, personal growth, and to achieve their goals in the performing arts. In return, the school has devoted itself to supporting the community and giving each student an opportunity to be in the spotlight.

The American Dance Academy always goes the extra mile to help young people achieve their goals. For those who cannot afford a dance education, the Academy works with local youth enrichment and youth assistance programs. In honor of our military families, special discounts are given to the children of parents currently serving active duty in the armed forces.

The care for the community stretches beyond helping young people in need. The American Dance Academy also extends itself to the community and supports the schools.

A.D.A. faculty assists with the productions of the High School musical theater. They also contribute to charities and local schools by providing entertainment Last year, The American Dance Academy presented "Making Spirits Bright," a holiday benefit concert for children's shelters while collecting items for Toys for Tots.

All of these community projects are a part of the American Dance Academy's overall philosophy that every child should have the opportunity to participate in the performing arts. Special emphasis is placed on skill, teamwork, and dedication. Every experience is a learning experience, which Melva, the Academy director, believes is the key to success.

uming the plines of dance is very important to any performer. The American Dance Academy offers a complete schedule of classes for boys and girls as young as three years through any adult age. Classes are hosted in a beautiful state-ofthe-art facility in South Lyon.



At the American Dance Academy, Tiny Tots and Pre-Dance classes are aimed at the young beginner, and the curriculum is continued into Kinder-Dance, which allows students to enjoy a combination of ballet, tap, and jazz before moving into individual classes.



Among the many classes offered at the Academy, there are classes designed specifically for very young children. Tiny Tots and Pre-Dance classes are aimed at the young beginner, and this curriculum is continued into Kinder-Dance, which allows students to enjoy a combination of ballet, tap, and jazz before moving into individual classes. A new program, "KinderMusik" is available for little ones interested in music and movement.

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Jazz, tap, hip-hop, acrobatics, and traditional Hawaiian and Polynesian classes are offered as well. Hip-hop classes have grown to be a favorite in the world of dance, and this year, A.D.A. is presenting its new Hip-Hop Competition Team for those with a love of performance and competition. Acrobatics, or floor tumbling classes, compliment any dancer's education with the benefits of added strength, coordination, and balance.

In addition to dance classes, the school also offers theatrical training including voice and acting. "Theatre and dance go together," said Melva, the dance studio director.

Students have the opportunity to excel in many different types of dance, build fitness levels, and enjoy performing at the Academy's productions each усаг.

Boys have multiple learning opportunities at the American Dance Academy in South Lyon.

Adults are not forgotten at the Academy — there are classes in ballet, tap, Pilates, and yoga designed specifically for adults. New this year, the Academy will be offering. "Dancing with the Stars," a specialized six-week session for couples is being offered just in time for holiday parties. Private couples lessons are available for brides and grooms to prepare for their spe-cial wedding dance.

The key word is learning. Not only is it important for students to continue learning and growing, Melva insists that her instructors do the same.

Dance The American Academy instructors are certified Dance Master and Cecchetti teachers and they are required to attend continuing education pro-grams. Many of the A D.A. instructors are current and past

professional performers. The Academy also often hosts guest master faculty form New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, and Florida's Disney World, among others.

Of the approximately 280 students enrolled in classes, 40 students are a part of the performing arts team, which dances competitively around the country and even around the world. "We performed in the International Youth Festival in Russia in 1986," Melva said. "It was quite a learning experience."

Alumni students of the Academy have won numerous college scholarships to every major university in Michigan and others around the country. Many have achieved coveted roles in theater productions, collegiate dance companies, and professional dance companies.

Students have won awards such as Petite Miss Dance of America, Junior Miss Dance of America, and Miss Dance of Michigan from the elite Dance Masters of America competition. Students of the American Dance Academy continually exhibit the success of excellent training. Awards are not limited to female dancers; male students have won Junior Mr. Dance and Mr. Dance of America.

From the youngest student to the pre-professional, the American Dance Academy offers outstanding education for students of all levels of dance experience.

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Glassware, art. cci-lectubles, videos, COs, jewelry and much more! 781 NOYI Sub 8/22 & 8/23, 8am-5pm. 26055 Island Lake Dr., Off of Wixom Rd., past Catholic Central Aug 23 9am-3pm Furnature, art, dishes, etc., Rd North of Highland Rd Schoolcraft & 5 Mile mile rd. Selling grandpa's treasures. Western videos, jots of books, piano music, vertical piano, washer/dryer, clothes, loys & misc. Spm. Everything Must Go! Panorama, Thur-Sat, 10-4pm NORTHVILLE 21658 Taft Rd SOUTH LYON -LIVONIA- Fn-Sat, Aug 22-23 PLYMOUTH SH OAL O.S. SOUTH LTUM ~ MOVING SALE Aug 21-23, Sam-Som., 744 West Hals Dr. Hidden Creek Sub off 9 Mile E. of Dichoro **HOWELL Multi Family Thurs** -Sat. 8/23 8-4pm. Furniture, 9-5pm. 28529 Cleveland, S of Plymouth Rd off Harrison. 3 households, home decor, Sat. 9-4pm. Kid's clothes & toys, adult size XS-XQ, home goods, collectibles & crafts. 54 Henderson off Oak Grove couch, shelves & misc. boat, trim, dishes, misc. **MILFORD-MULTI FAMILY** thing for everyone! Don't miss! 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Farmington Hills 248-348-6430 Classic brick bungalow loads of updates roof windows, siding, baths, plumbing, new Aitchen wihrdwd floors and maple cabinets, kitchen wihrdwo fenced backyard \$140,000



Farmington Hills 248-851-1900 EDVELY HOME W VAULTED CERLINGS & MARBLE FLOOR. 3 bedrooms. 2 baths family room & living room are ample size for entertaining Master bath has double sinks, corian counter & kastrious bathtub ous bathtub (28121892)



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Clean, updated ready for mmed occupancy Located in the popular state streets of Livonia This clean updated Ranch is ready for you Windows roof, furn/AC, Copper plumbing Just Isted \$250,000 (28104345)



1-12 Green Oak Township 248-437-3800 This Home Will Wow You' Upscale lake living w beach, marina nature trails & more Great bright, open floor plan. Dual staircase w cat walk Wonderful fn. LL w full bath. A must





Highland 248-684-1065 Sweet home in Huntwood" Neutral & move in ready! Fin BSMT w/corner bar Mstr BA w/stone t 'e HDWD firs, crown moulding, ceramic baths jetted tub patio



Highland 248-684-1065 Spotless, warm 8 charming 3 BR ranch in serene horse community area. Gorgeous treed private backyard: 41 acre lot. Open fir plan w/ large kit. great rm. gas FP





Livonia 248-851-1900 UPDATED RANCH ON A COURT IN LIVONIA 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, fu'l finished basement Hot tub, fenced yard. 2 car garage sidewalks Move right in'

LUXURIOUSI OPEN FLOOR PLAN. OVER 4100 SF 3 car garage, granite counter tops, sunroon w heated floors, finished basement w sauna (28098298)

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Novi 248-851-4100 SPACIOUS 3 BR RANCH IN TOLLGATE RAVINES Soaring ceilings in foyer & great room w/ freplace. Hardwood floors, maple cabinets. 2 car side entry garage

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BBR2.5 BATH PICTURE PERFECT TOWNHOUSE HWF in fayer, powder rm & hirchen All appliances included 1st fa lundry GR w gas fplc Library w built in shelves MBR has cathedral ceiling Backs to wooded area (19132321) (28132393) \$214,900



Plymouth 248-348-6430 HISTORIC HOME W A GREAT WALK TO TOWN! Spacrous LR. Arched wa'kway leads 2 DR w/built in china. Knotty pine rm: 2 brs full bal Detached garage. Close to Kellogg Park & ntown act v ties



Plymouth 248-348-6430

Perfect House in Downtown Plymouth. Enjoy the heart of Plymouth in this 2 BR, 2 BA home Inside redone on 04 in granite ceramic & wood Nener siding windows. & roof Great Loude (28055858) \$155 000



PLYMOUTH "FIXER UPPER" Great potential

Pyrouth Needs work but has some updates. Large treed yard. Much more!



South Lyon All Sports Lake Front This chain of lakes is a well kept secret, beautiful tranquil area close to everything Outdoorfun yrround 3 BR 2 BA, full bsmt, updated kit. Move right in

(28094869) \$299 000



South Lyon 248-437-3800 JUST REDUCEDI 2136 SF, 1-1/2 story home -3 bedrooms 31 baths, 1st floor master bedroom, bedrooms, 3.1 baths, 1st floor master bedroom, 1st floor laundry: partially finished basement. and a 2 car garage



South Lyon 248-437-3800 Location Location Coation Three BR ranch on 5 acres Home in needs at Title TLC but offers great potential 30:40 pole barn Easy commute to Ann Arbor Nov, Plymouth Great Opportunity (28071553) \$189.900





Walled Lake 248-684-1065 Well maintained and updated condo! HDWD firs on entry level. Natural FP in cathedral ceiling living room. Part fin. bsmt. Some exclusions apply



Waterford 248-684-1065 Great kit w/ cherry cabs, plank wood firs in DR french doors in LR. 1st fir laundry w' blt in cabs. Open FR w' FP Large fenced yard custom deck





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HOW SATET IT IS' Clean neat and ready' Great ficorplan great yard great mechanics garagel Totally updated and move in ready!



Very nice ranch on a corner lot w'alg fenced in yard includes alg eat in & twihrdwd firs. Mstr bdrm hashrdwd firs & new carpet throughout. C.A. Newer windws



Westland 734-455-7000 HUSPIN OR IT S GONG, GONG, GONEI A very lovely 3 bedroom 1 1/2 buth Westland bick ranch with a full finished basement (with kitchen and bar) central air, appliances & 2 1/2 car garage

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Westland 248-348-6430 Spotless End Unit Ranch Condo Move in ready 2 BR, 1 BA home wipmate entrance Updates incl HWH, roof Anderson windws & doorwall 1st foot laundry ATappis including



Westland 734-284-5400 CHAPPER THAN FENT LOCATION LOCATION Super clean Condo across from Westland Mall Homeowners have taken a great deal of care in this super sharp end unit Priced to S-11*U-Ty" (28132546) \$72 000



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Gorgeous Historic home on quiet street Extensively remoded. Custom tile, cabinetry granite island. SS appl. HDWD frs. Inground

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\$235 000

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Phymouth



Home with 3.9 acres. First floor laundry Unfinished basement. Two car attached garage with side entry. Dining, living and family rooms. Library/study





Milford Spacious historic home w/ walking distance to town Renovated w/MBR Cherry inlayed HDWD thru out Bay windows/crown mouldings Wrap-around porch





Milford

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Canton

DRAMATIC HOVE! Gorgeously landscaped w deck & gazebo 4ER 3 18A, over 3000 sq ft of living area, oversized kitchen familyrm w FP, fin bsmt 2 1/2 car gar comm clubhouse!

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248-348-6430 Sports Commerce Lake' 265 acre Lk Commerce 2 full kit & basion separate firs New kit wi ceramic is and brand new furnace. Anderson win C6 cirista rease. dock & seawa L Hurry!



248-348-6430 Farmington 2 BD Condo Steps Away From Farmington Offering 1 car grg w opener HDWFIrs vaulted ceilings all appliances stay great view & s conveniently located near shopping schools B access to freeways



248-343-6430 Dearborn 200-20-20-20 Stunning Springwells Park Home HDW FLRs. 1825 sq ft New win, roof, siding gutters CA HAH deck Spacious BDs w Storage Kt w eating space & Bhfst bar & a fn Birnt w received lighting (78)131551

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248-348-6430 Stroff to Downtown Events. Best location in Valley View at fair end of the complex. Open floor plan with 2 B & 2 BAs. Generous size rooms Parking under building. Quiet area Dear po (28068174) \$92,500

248-437-3800 Howell JUST PEDUCED! Stunning 2 Story Shows I ke a

model You'll love the layout. Premium wooded lot w. wildlife is very peaceful. Stamped patio and a 3 car garage



Livonia

Just right for fam. Great hm & neigh flood 4 BPs, 2 S bihs fin bismt fire pl in fam im hrdwdrfis T O marb foyer & kit, list fir laun bltfins in bisrdy roof 3 yrs o'd All appliances inc Yrs to enjoy (28101759) \$270,000



734-591-9200 Livonia Search no more this is it? 3 bdrm brick ranch Open concept from living rm to kit and fammin New kitchen catinets and counter with a large dining a eal Exceptional y large family room



734-591-9200 Livonia Immac 3 6R brick ranch Iking fam rm Door wa'lle priv fenc yd Evythg up d Trim, Drig Opt, HWD fris fu brick ranch wilg eat in kitch ovr/ Door wall leads to deck ovrilking systhg up dred BAs, Kit Winds, Pf Kit Windstin nd FR A.' appl Evythgup d*e st.HMD frefeli





Move Right in Lg open fir Condo. 2 ig BRs 2/1/2 BAs Mstr BR wimstr BA& ig witv'n Clos Bridge opnistrcasov Rkingig opnigrim, wigas fir plilig DR, Grikit 35 appli

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Northville

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pool w patio deck.

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Affordable Northville, A Great Value! This 2600 sq ft home has everything! 45R, 3 5BA overszed wooded lot fin BSMT w XIT BA wood fis Updares inc most new wins, roof fum & A C N \ I'e Schools



Northville 248-348-6430 Better Than New Quality built Northville home offers Great RM w Cathedral ceiling, library formal DR gournet KIT w center island granite counters, 42" cabinets & large nock!



734-455-7000 Northville S BEAUTIFUL ACRES! Home with lots of potential on natural beauty rd. Huge vaulted cerling grand rm, 3 large bedrooms, att. garage plus out bidg. Enjoy nature and privacy.



248-348-6430 Under \$125,000 in Northville¹ Beautiful home with many updates, new paint throughout Ready to move in Large living room wigas EP overlooking lake & patio deck. Community \$105 000

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South Lyon JUST REDUCED¹ Beautiful decor A many upgrades thru out Gournetkit w hardwood floor center island & pantry open to GR w hardwood floor & fp. Master BR suite wiethed tub (28112591)

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248-684-1065 Redford Quant brick home on trend lot. Knotty pine kit cabs, part fin bsmt adds 910 sq ft and rec room. 3 BDRM/ 11 BA. Fenced yard. Lovely pumbhend



Redford 248-684-1065 Move in condition¹ 30x21 full finil bsmt HDWD firs, all appl, included including washer &





248-437-3800 AUST REDUCEO* Abounds w/wildlife Brick cape w/4 car garage paver driveway 1000 SF of decking Spectacular views Private deck off Tst firmstrijetted tubi Custom built





248-437-3800 Westland

West Bloomfield 248-348-6430 Rare Four Bedroom Condo¹ W. B'oomfield Open plan w/1900+ sq ft. Freshly painted interior new HDWD FLin KIT new roof add to the appeal. MSR w BA, newly fn shed LL are homes great features (27157543) \$189 900

-----1.2.3 West Bloomfield 248-348 6430

End Unit Condo w Outstanding Floor Plan GR w TP Ff MSTR or can be I b Upstars master stelfeatures IG BA w tub & sep shower Cedar deck is private Eff laundry RM. Neutral decor Move in condition (28067497)



734-284-5400 PERFECT FAMILY HOME Just pack your bag & move on in New construction home w/ A bedrms. 25 baths Lots of upgrades to make your life more comfortable and to impress your friends



734-455-7000 Westland DH ME, DH MY Country in the Cityl 3BR/2BA living im, family im, dining im, 2+ car garage and a huge fenced yard. Too Good To Be Truel

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White Lake 248-684-1065

ALL SPORTS LAKEFRONT FOR SALE LEASE Situated on a private cull de sac setting. Open floor plan will marble entry extensive fir to ceiling windows, Quality T10



Lg kit wi vau't ceil, recessed lights & oak cabs. DR & D W to deck GR w/ vau't ceil & gas fp Fin W OLL wi fu'l baibar FR & BR office Piliu y 41



Sharp 1994 3 BR w pos. 4th BR or office in approx 400 sq ft fin bsmt. Open fir plan w beautiful wrap arcund deck. Heated 2 car pos 4th BR or office in garage Lake Priminues

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248-348-6430 Wixom Gorgeous 4 BR, 3 1 BA, LAKEFRONT Home nestled on almosi 2 acres. Huge gournet KIT huge GR, mstrist, with WIO LL Every room displays acute attention to de tail





Lyon Twp 248 437-3800 Super Colonial With Lake Privileges Outstanding features include: oversized study kitchen w/spacious counters and built wispacious counters and built Frushed basement w we in appliances. Fully Enishe bar Master suite and more (28065662) \$292,900

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For the last seven years, Lindsay and Chris Cortis have put their hearts and souls into their business — Scapparé Salon much they have appreciated Scapparé's service and products.

Since the day Scapparé opened its doors at 21190 Pontiac Trail in 2001, it has won the South Lyon Herald's "People's Choice" awards for best hair and best nail salon every year. That means a lot to Lindsay and Chris and they are saying thank you by offering even more services to the South Lyon community. Already known for its service to entire families, Scapparé is now focusing on its senior citizen customers as well.

Every Monday is Senior Day where customers 65 and older can get 30 percent off all products and services. All they need to do is show proof of their age. "Hey, when is the last time you have been carded," joked Chris.

Showing their care for the senior members of the community is just one way that has made Scapparé the preferred hair and nail salon in the South Lyon area. The commitment to being the best starts with a highly trained staff, which the Cortis' put a great deal of emphasis on.

Education is a key

"I believe we have one of the best trained staffs in the area," said Chris. "We bring in national and international artists to train our staff in-house. Everyone here is a hair cutting or color specialist."

Scapparé's top distributor — Beautycraft Systems provides the resources to send the staff to various locations for advanced training, including trips to New York and Toronto.

"Our education is unbelievable," Chris added."I believe in providing the training my staff needs to be capable of doing anything the customer wants."

Because of its education and commitment to making its staff well-rounded professionals, Scapparé has had little turnover its seven years. The 33 employees have career opportunities that few other salons in the area can offer. Some of them are profiled on Scapparé's Web site at www.salonScapparé.com.

That commitment to excellence also benefits Scapparé's customers — customers of all ages, including males, females, and children. Chris said he gets a little teasing from his male friends because of one of the services Scapparé offers. "I like to get a massage before playing a round of golf," he said. "It relaxes me and I encourage guys to try it." He said a lot of kids come in for haircuts, especially

He said a lot of kids come in for haircuts, especially around the time of dance recitals and proms. The point is, people of all ages and gender are welcome.

Products and services

Visitors to the Scapparé Web site can find a complete listing of all of the products and services available. Chris is especially proud of his nail tech staff and said the "pedicures are very big this time of the year."

The list includes: • Nail services including a full set, fill-in, removal

• Spa services including manicure, pedicure, exfoliating hand treatment

• Hair care including cuts, color, styling

• Massage and body treatments including Swedish massage, deep tissue massage, prenatal massage, reflexology, hot stone therapy

• Skin care including anti-aging facial, acne facial treatment, back cleansing treatment, calming facial, essential mini facial, complex eye beaute

 Specialty care including gentle microdermabrasion, make-up, body waxing There are also a number of gift packages available,

There are also a number of gift packages available which make great gift ideas for mom, dad, or the grandparents.

All of the products and services, delivered by a welltrained professional staff have made Scapparé a success, even in challenging economic times.

"We pride ourselves on making you feel like your money was well spent," said Chris. "We understand that people have to cut back on their purchases but they still like to look good."

Lindsay and Chris are planning to make some remodeling changes in the near future, adding to a relaxing and charming atmosphere that so many customers enjoy.

Scapparé is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, and 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Chris said an appointment is not necessary "but I recommend it because we fill up in a hurry."

For more information call 248-437-1112 or visit www.salonScapparé.com.

— By John R. Hall



Photos by JOHN R. HALL

Some of the many Scapparé employees take time out to pose in front of their familiar location on Pontiac Trail in South Lyon.





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Clockwise from top: Pedicures are a popular item at Scapparé; Customers and styl sts enjoy Scapparé's atmosphere, Lindsay and Chris Cortis are the proud owners of Scapparé

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> - Chris Cortis Owner, Scapparé

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Submitted photo

Dr. Abir Faraj and her staff combine many years of experience to give patients "gentle dentistry" at her practice in the Novi Professional Village

Abir Faraj, DDS, PC

248-348-5151

keep up with the latest trends in dentistry.

Dr. Faraj's office is not only warm and welcoming, but technologically savvy as well.

Dr. Faraj uses the latest dental equipment, including an intraoral camera so the patient can see what the dentist sees. Her office also uses the latest in digital x-ray equipment so patients are exposed to much less radiation.

Some of the services available from Dr. Faraj and her staff are: preventive dentistry which includes sealants, fluoride treatments, oral cancer screenings, dental cleanings and examinations; esthetic procedures such as chair-side or at-home whitening, and metalfree restorations including tooth-colored fillings, crowns, and veneers.

Dr. Faraj offers diet consulting — a direct link to cavity prevention. "People can make changes in their diet which can improve their oral health tremendously,"she added.

As part of her gentle approach to dental work Dr. Faraj offers relaxation CDs, warm blankets, televisions in each exam room, and a massage chair to relax patients. Nitrous oxide is also available.

The office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, and 1-8 p.m. Wednesday. Weekend appointments are available by appointment. Dr. Faraj accepts most insurance plans.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call 248-348-5151.

— By John R. Hall

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Stacy Tanner, of Nearly New Consignment, is busy these days arranging the upcoming consignment sale from her Web site

Nearly New Consignment

703-727-0535 • www.nearlynewconsignment.com

Imagine selling your used children's clothes and items for a price that you set without the hassles of setting up and running the sale — at a time when buyers are plentiful. That's what Nearly New Consignment is all about.

The business concept has been brought to the South Lyon area by Stacy Tanner, who recently moved here from Virginia. The concept has been growing across the U.S. but is still relatively unknown in Michigan. Nearly New Consignment is unlike traditional consignment businesses.

Firstly, it is a seasonal consignment business with a rented site. Secondly, the consignment sales are geared toward two seasons, spring and fall, which is when parents are reorganizing children's wardrobes. Lastly, the quality of the items is much higher. All consignment products must be in good, gently used condition.

"People can register as consignors and sell children's items at any price they want to put on it," said Tanner. "The sale includes clothing up to size 14, toys, furniture, shoes, bikes and maternity clothes, too."

The consignors price the items but don't need to be around to sell them. Volunteers working a three-hour shift receive early shopping privileges before the general public. Consignors also receive early shopping privileges after the volunteers shop.

All items are categorized by size and/or description. "If it's 2T clothing you're look-

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ing for," said Tanner, "then all of the 2T clothing is on one rack. This makes it very convenient for the shopper."

This year's consignment sale will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 27, at the Novi Christian Outreach Center at the First Baptist Church on 43501 W. 11 Mile Road in Novi.

Tanner organizes the sale via her Nearly New Consignment Web site and then coordinates the sale.

Anyone can register as a consignor at www.nearlynewconsignment.com. Consignors receive an I.D. number, which is used to track sales, to place on their items.

"A few weeks later after the sale is over, I will mail a check to each consignor for 60 percent of the revenue from all of the merchandise sold minus a \$5 consignor fee," Tanner said. "I also include a donation slip from Purple Heart if the consignor wishes to donate any unsold items."

Consignors may also reduce their items to 50 percent off and sell them during the added 1-3 p.m. portion of the sale. Consignors can choose to pick up any unsold items, too.

There is no sign-up cut-off date, but potential sellers should register early and refer friends. For every referral the consignor can earn \$5 up to a maximum of \$50. For more information visit

www.nearlynewco.isignment.com.

- By John R. Hall

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The dentist with the gentle touch, who

cares as much about your dental health as you do, is Dr. Faraj of Novi. Her office is

located in the Novi Professional Village at

and Novi roads.

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23985 Novi Road, Suite B103, which is slightly south of the intersection of Ten Mile

Dr. Faraj said that she and her staff are

very concerned about healthy teeth and

"We are aggressive when it comes to

Dr. Faraj believes sets her practice apart

tal hygienists who have from 15 years to

all of her patients at ease and make them

Dr. Faraj received her degree from the

University of Detroit-Mercy School of Dentistry in 2003. She was recently featured

in Hour Detroit magazine which described

in 2008. She is a member of the American

Dental Association, the Michigan Dental

Association, and the Detroit District Dental

But being experienced and well known is

only one part of a successful dental practice.

Dr. Faraj and her staff are continuously par-

ticipating in continuing education classes to

her nomination by her peers as a top dentist

from others. She believes her experienced

staff --- including dental assistants and den-

more than 20 years of experience - can put

are just as important as your teeth."

treating gum disease,"she said."Your gums

Her concern for a healthy mouth is what

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The service is excellent, the food is delicious, and the wine selection is top-notch at Steve & Rocky's of Novi.

Steve & Rocky's 248-374-0688 • www.steveandrockys.com

At Steve & Rocky's restaurant in Novi, the business philosophy is straightforward: to provide simple food done well and to treat each guest with warm, personal hospitality.

Co-owners Steve Allen and Chuck "Rocky" Rachwitz combine great food and great service into --- what else? --- a great dining experience. For Allen the experience starts with a staff who take their jobs very seriously."People who work here are professional at what they do," he said." For example, our cooks come here to learn how to be great chefs."

Allen, who himself is a hands-on working chef, believes that his staff should be able to answer customer's questions about the menu items as if they sampled all of the food themselves -- and they often do. "We get the front-of-the-house team and the chefs together for a daily show-and-tell," he said."We go over the menu items and encourage the waitstaff to sample the food. I taste everything every day to make sure it is good. How do you tell a guest the food is good if you never tasted it?"

Both Allen and Rachwitz take their food very seriously, too. Each has a great deal of experience in the business. Rachwitz was the executive chef of the Chuck Muer Corporation for 18 years. Allen apprenticed in France and worked for the Golden Mushroom for 15 years, serving as the executive chef for the last eight years.

Steve & Rocky's is an award-winning restaurant, having won several Michigan competitions. Allen has won many American Culinary Federation Gold and Silver medals during his years of competition. Rachwitz has won such events as the American Seafood Competition, Best of Michigan Meal, and is a four-time winner of the Northville Fire & Ice Chili Competition.

But cooking awards don't mean anything unless there is great food and great customer service, two characteristics of Steve & Rocky's. The food is fresh and made from scratch daily. The menu is very diverse and geared to all times of the day. Separate menus include lunch, dinner, young person, and an early-bird matinee.

Allen said the seafood is very popular and cited the much-requested Lake Perch Sauté as a delicious lunch and dinner dish. But he stopped short of recommending any one particular item."I recommend everything," he said."It all depends on what the guest wants."

The friendly staff is ready to recommend wine from a large selection -- over 130 different types - or the staff is ready to serve up a draft beer at the bar, too. Whatever the taste or thirst, Steve & Rocky's can satisfy it.

And don't forget about Steve & Rocky's great catering menu, which can serve up to 250 people onsite or up to 1,000 people offsite.

Steve & Rocky's is located at 43150 Grand River Avenue. Call 248-374-0688 or visit www.steveandrockys.com.

– By John R. Hall



Standing at jewelry cases displaying custom designed jewelry pieces at South Lyon Watch & Jewelry are Scott Ward, owner, and his son, Max Sidorov.

South Lyon Watch & Jewelry

248-486-9219

South Lyon Watch & Jewelry is known throughout the region for their fantastic prices, but they're known throughout the world for the wildlife housed in the jewelry cases

Ripley's Believe It or Not declared South Lyon Watch & Jewelry to be the world's most dangerous jeweler because of the live scorpions that scuttle inside of the jewelry display cases. The poisonous stings of the creatures pose a deadly threat to any potential thieves.

'We're becoming a 'zoo-eweler'," said store owner Scott Ward. Ward, who opened the business five years ago, recently launched his third jewelry store in Maryland. With his sons acting as managers, all of the businesses are family-run operations.

Another unique aspect of South Lyon Watch & Jewelry is their commitment to create one of a kind jewelry pieces. To protect the originality of their jewelry designs, no pictures are taken of the custom pieces.

Everything is limited edition. We even destroy the molds, so no duplicates are made," said Ward.

They also work hard to keep prices low. According to Ward, their prices typically run about one-third of their competitors' prices.

While most jewelers charge about \$40 dollars for ring sizing, South Lyon Watch & Jewelry charges only \$10 dollars. They also charge significantly less than other stores

for watch batteries.

Good prices and beautiful custom jewelry have combined to make a thriving business. "I've never seen a jewelry store this busy," said Ward. After 40 years in the jewelry industry, he knows what customers want from their jeweler.

Proving to be a favorite among local customers, South Lyon Watch & Jewelry won the South Lyon Herald 2005 and 2008 People's Choice Award.

South Lyon Watch & Jewelry uses only the best materials to make their jewelry. According to Ward, they use only Russian diamonds, which are non-conflict diamonds.

The store also allays any fears of diamond switching. When customers bring pieces in for repair, the store will set the original diamonds back in place with their clients' supervision.

Ward, who runs the business with his son, is also preparing to welcome more wildlife to the South Lyon store. They will soon adopt a live honey bear from Brazil. Ward explained that the bear is quite friendly and will be able to visit with customers.

South Lyon Watch & Jewelry is located at 20740 Pontiac Trail. Store hours are from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Email with questions to southlyonjeweler@hotmail.com. Contact them at 248-486-9219.

- By Jessica Swayze



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is no secret that Northville's Piazza Dance Company is one of the outstanding dance studios in southeast Michigan, serving the surrounding communities with outstanding dance instruction since 1981. It is the only born-and-bred school of dance in Northville. There are now — and have always been - exciting programs for dancers of all

ages. But what people may not know is that the Piazza Dance Company is also known as a gathering spot for families to participate in dance and dance production.

The Family Gathering

"Piazza Dance has always been a place for kids but it is also a place for moms and dads, too, said co-owner Gina Piazza. "Moms are never too old to dance and this is the

opportunity for them to do something they may not have had a chance to do as a child. Moms also enjoy the workouts they get in a dance class."

"Dads have fun learning dance routines with their daughters. They are able to spend time with their daughters doing something that they are not familiar with. Seeing the smiles on their daughter's faces as they watch Dad dance is so touching."

Another family tradition at the Piazza Dance Company that brings everyone together is building props for performanc-es. Moms and dads contribute their time and experience to building beautiful scenery for the various production numbers.

"There is so much out there that pulls families apart," said Gina. "We are proud to be a part of something that brings families The staff is experienced at teaching many dance disciplines to people of all

ages, people who have enjoyed the fun and learning experiences in many of the Piazza Dance Company dance classes.

The Busy Schedule

Dance instruction really heats up from September through June but the lights are still on in the dance studios dur-

ing the summer months. There is never a dull moment at the Piazza Dance Company. Gina and

her sister, coowner Marilynn Piazza-Esper, are constantly searching for new activities

dents.

In the summer the schedule begins with an intensive three-day workshop with guest artists, then a series of workshops featuring dance instruction and a Latin-style fitness class called Zumba!, followed by the very popular Precious **Princesses** imaginative dance and play. Dancers Boot Camp wraps up a busy summer. In addition to these activities the all-important fall registra-

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Classes are offered for all ages at Piazza Dance Company

process continues. wrapping up with

events is the Kids for Kids performance at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center in

that provide learning experiences for their stu-



Piazza Dance Company offers classes for preschoolers, as well as teens and adults.



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At Piazza Dance Company, moms and dads are invited to learn the dance routine with their daughters. This successful program delights the girls and give moms and dads some special time with their daughters.

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Some of the students

week number two registration from 4-7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, August 25-28.

Marilynn said that students can register online at www.piazzadanceco.com, but she would prefer that students and parents come in and visit the facility and see some of the changes that have happened, like freshly painted and redecorated studios, dance rooms, and offices.

Visitors also can meet and talk with the office staff, whom Marilynn describes as "extremely helpful and customer focused. They are amazing. They take time to answer any questions from any-one."

The Many **Opportunities**

It isn't just the regular schedule of classes that keep students busy - it is the full schedule of community events that also round out a very fulfilling experience at the Piazza Dance Company.

We do four dance competitions and we are always looking for other events for our dancers," said Gina. One of those

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recently marched at Northville's Independence Day Parade, part of the

many ways that Gina and Marilynn show their support for the community that has supported them for 27 years.

Other events include the annual Detroit Ignition Soccer half-time performance at the Compuware Arena and the annual Christmas Performance at Rock Financial Showplace.

We also perform for local nursing homes and assisted living homes," added Marilynn."And we hosted the Northville High School dance company three times a week last year because they needed more room to practice."

But opportunities don't just mean the various venues to perform in - opportunities include the various disciplines that dancers learn. The list includes **Russian Method Ballet and** Pointe, Jazz, Tap, Hip Hop, Polynesian, Irish-Step, Preschool Ballet and Rhythm, Musical Theater, Acting classes, Belly dancing. Acro-gymnastics, Modern Dance, Kinderdance, and Salsa.

The Piazza Dance Company is located at 42333 Seven Mile Road in the Northville Plaza.

For more information call 248-348-3720 or visit www.piazzadanceco.com.

— By John R. Hall

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Novi Family Dental Center

248-348-3100 • novidental@hotmail.com

Getting to know generations of families and more than 32 years of dental experience has given Dr. Tuchklaper of Novi Family Dental Center the reputation of being an ever-reliable dental practitioner serving the Novi area.

Novi Dental is a full service facility that performs family and cosmetic dentistry catering to all ages.

Dr. Tuchklaper's primary goal at Novi Dental is to help people improve their smiles and in turn help their overall health.

Novi Dental prides itself on possessing both experience and the latest technology in order to ultimately leave their patients satisfied. Cutting edge technology like digital X-rays, intraoral imaging, ceramic "one hour crowns", and advanced II ZOOM whitening systems are just a few of the advances at Novi Dental. Novi Dental offers porcelain veneers, crowns, bridges, implants and treatment of gum disease.

Another area that Dr. Tuchklaper has had special training in is the treatment of snoring and sleep apnea. Many times a dental appliance can be used to treat snoring, mild to moderate sleep apnea and CPAP-intolerant patients. Let Dr. T evaluate you for signs of sleep apnea. This condition can have long-term negative medical complications if left untreated.

One more concern is gum disease, which if left untreated can become accelerated through such life challenges as stress. Novi Dental offers treatment for the disease's specific symptoms such as swollen and red gums. Cosmetic dentistry, implants, gum disease, and sleep apnea are just some of the treatments offered by Dr. Tuchklaper and his experienced staff.

Novi Family Dental Center is located at 43410 W. Ten Mile Road in Novi, and on the Web at ww.novidental.com. Dr. Tuchklaper and his staff can be reached at 248-348-3100 or by e-mail at novidental@ hotmail.com.

- By Lon Huhman



Allen Tuchklaper, DDS

"We're primarily a service company,' said

you only pay a small one-time diagnostic fee."

Customers also appreciate having an opportunity to provide feedback after every service call, with a survey sent by the professional team of Pyro Heating & Cooling. 'Thorough' and 'professional' are the two words most often used to describe the service and installation work completed by Pyro.

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"We want you to get to know us," invited Schmidt. "Please call us to set up a pre-season check on your home comfort system or let us perform a engineering analysis."

Pyro Heating & Cooling is located at 772 McPherson Park Dr. in Howell, phone 810-632-7976, 810-229-4328, or 517-548-2114.

For more information, visit their Web site at www.pyro-heating.com

- By Sally Rummel



Steve Andersen, founder of the 30-year old company, stands in front of Pyro Heating & Cooling in Howell. The company's offices are housed in an award-winning building design

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Working with clients in a challenging economy to prioritize treatment schedules for pet care are, from left, Dr. John Parker, Jude Howison, Jeannie Snelling, and Dr. Ronald Studer of Briarpointe Veterinary Clinic in Novi.

Briarpointe Veterinary Clinic

248-449-7447

Business is not going to the dogs at Briarpointe Veterinary Clinic in Novi. As a matter of fact, it is going to cats, birds, pocket pets, and a few other animals, too.

That's a good thing for Dr. Ronald Studer and Dr. John Parker, owners of the clinic. They are happy to see and treat family pets and have over 50 years of combined experience.

And despite all of their experience, the doctors are happy to have clients actively participate in their pets' health care.

"We practice with the view that we partner with our clients," said Dr. Studer. "We share information with them and that helps them make more informed decisions. We work with people."

Both doctors have been sharing information and knowledge with clients in their Novi location since 1996. Along with their team of experienced professionals at Briarpointe Veterinary Clinic, the doctors emphasize preventive medicine, especially today when some pet owners may be cutting back on pet care because of the economy.

"People should not put off preventive medicine for their pets," said Dr. Parker. "It is important to stay on a regular schedule, especially when it comes to things like heartworm prevention. We can work with clients and prioritize a treatment schedule." Some of the services include blood tests, X-rays, dental surgery, mass removal, GI surgery, and bladder stone removal. The clinic has its own in-house pharmacy and carry prescription pet food.

The doctors have a great deal of experience treating all types of animal illnesses and injuries but they also will refer a client to a specialist if the problem is outside of their expertise.

"It does happen that a pet will need care from a specialist, whether for the heart, neurology, or even dermatology," said Dr. Studer. "We have a network of professionals we feel comfortable referring them to."

When an emergency arises late at night, on weekends, or after hours, there is an emergency center available in the area that the doctors can refer clients to.

The good word about Briarpointe Veterinary Clinic has also spread to the Internet, too. As one person wrote in an online review at CitySearch.com, "They have a great staff and really care about your pet."

Briarpointe Veterinary Clinic is located at the corner of Ten Mile and Beck roads. Appointments are available Monday through Friday as well as Saturday morning. For more information call 248-449-7447.

- By John R. Hall



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Personal one-on-one attention is what makes the exercise program at Fitness Together stand out from other personal training programs.

Fitness Together

248-348-9230 • www.ftnovi.com

For certified personal trainer Boo Sadikot and his staff of professional trainers at Fitness Together of Novi, back to school means back to fitness. The distractions of summer including vacations, snacking, and fewer organized exercise programs are all good reasons to consider personal training solutions from Fitness Together.

"Each fall, the vow to lose weight and increase our level of physical fitness outweighs many others," said Sadikot." This is the time of year many people flock to crowded area gyms in search of a better body."

Sadikot knows that people have the best intentions to stick with exercise programs throughout the year but many factors take them away from a regular schedule, especially after a long summer — and that adds to disappointment.

"People get frustrated when they don't see results," he added. "I've met people who have worked out for years who have not been able to achieve the results they'd like. It is often because fitness goals fall by the wayside or they didn't have a fitness plan that addressed their needs in the first place."

Whatever the reasons, the upcoming fall season is a great time to reevaluate fitness plans and goals. That is where Sadikot and Fitness Together have the answers. "Fall is a good time to reconnect to a fitness schedule," he said. "The kids are back in school and it is time to get back in shape." The Fitness Together motto of "one client, one trainer, one goal" is a great way to get personalized attention and put together a proactive, targeted, client-specific workout program, designed to help clients from age 13 to 80 get into the best shape of their lives.

The Fitness Together training studio, at 47210 Ten Mile Road in Novi, has private rooms where each client can work directly with one trainer to guide them in terms of the most effective exercises to blast away trouble spots, teach proper techniques to avoid injury, and motivate clients to keep working toward their goals.

Sadikot said that most clients see physical changes and a sense of renewed healthfulness a little quicker than they expect. "It's essential to get the most effective workout without wasting time," he noted. "The difference at Fitness Together is that we practice personal training in the method that is intended — through building a rapport with clients and constantly challenging them to work harder and smarter when it comes to their appearance, not to mention their overall health."

Information on the training programs is available at www.ftnovi.com where visitors can take a virtual tour of the studio and read testimonials from happy clients. You can also call Fitness Together at 248-348-9230.

- By John R. Hall



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Jim Maher, president of Maher Construction Company Restoration Services, stands ready at a moment's notice to help with restoration services

Maher Restoration & Construction

248-926-6631 • www.goMaher.com

When disaster strikes a home or business, restoration work must begin immediately to minimize the pain and suffering of owners. Maher Restoration & Construction of Walled Lake has built its reputation by helping people rebuild their homes and businesses when the unexpected happens.

Maher Restoration & Construction is known for "Restoring Shattered Lives and Dreams"TM. Jim Maher, founder and president said, "People need guidance during these tough times. They look to us for support."

The support his clients get is immediate. Maher Restoration & Construction guarantees immediate response to an unexpected disastrous event including fire, water and storm damage, or burglary and vandalism within 60 minutes. Maher knows that his clients need to get their life and property restored as soon as possible and any delays can bring on more distress.

"We take an approach of comforting each client in a time of need," he added. Maher Restoration & Construction wants people throughout Oakland, Livingston, Washtenaw, and parts of Wayne counties to know that they can call his company 24 hours a day, 7 days a week during an emergency situation.

"Who do you call on Christmas Day when the turkey burns and there is smoke throughout the house, or you come home after a long day and find your finished basement flooded?" he asked. "You call us."

Once the call is made, Maher Restoration & Construction and its team of professionals can provide the information, expertise, and equipment to begin the restoration process. The team knows that for every minute that passes after a disaster, deterioration begins in walls, flooring, contents, and even the structure.

Maher will handle mold remediation, vandalism/burglary, water extractions, roof tarps/repairs, storm/wind damage, snow/ice/freeze damage, sump pump failure, toilet backups, and more.

The company's slogan "Maher Makes It Happen"TM is printed on every truck and on all of the company materials and it is not an empty promise.

"This is not just a slogan," Maher said. "We truly believe in it and live and breathe it. We are there to get in and get out as quickly and efficiently as we can."

Jim Maher has been in the construction industry for over 17 years and has his B.A. degree in Construction Management. The company is well established and is an important part and great supporter of the local communities.

When disaster strikes call 877-MAHER-24, for 24-hour guaranteed 60-minute emergency response time emergency service.

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- By John R. Hall



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The Center Stage Dance Company is a big supporter of Northville community, including dancing in such events as the Northville Victorian Festival

Center Stage Dance Company

248-380-1666 • www.dancingcenterstage.com.

The Center Stage Dance Company of Northville is a great place to learn about dance --- but it is much, much more than just being trained in several dance disciplines. It is all about the "educational experience of dance" according to owner Lisa Shapiro."Our primary goal is to build good people through dance."

The learning process is so important at the Center Stage Dance Company that many of the former students like to come back to the studio located at 43334 West Seven Mile Road in the Northville Research Center to teach new dancers or just to visit and rekindle old friendships. The bonds formed through the dance experience last a lifetime.

Shapiro has taught dance for over 29 years while assistant director Becky Hicks has over 20 years of know-how. They are constantly looking for ways to keep their classes and programming "fresh and cur-rent," said Hicks. "We are always coming up with new programs and ideas."

Both believe that the dance experience is important in a non-competitive environment. The dance company rarely enters competitions unless Shapiro and Hicks see a real educational value in them."If there is a competition that recognizes creativity and education, we may pursue it," they added.

They are also strong believers in ongoing education, inviting visiting artists to teach and offering workshops in choreography,

modern dance, and creative movement. In the summer, dancers between the ages of 4 and 8 are encouraged to attend fantasy camps. In the fall, the primary season begins, running from September through June, culminating with annual recitals. Enrollment for performance classes (except adult classes) is accepted through January.

Shapiro stated that Center Stage Dance Company has been a community business partner with the Northville Parks and Recreation department for 11 years. All dance classes are taught on-site at the studio and are offered by session; usually 10-12 weeks in the fall and winter, eight weeks in the spring, and open classes in July and August. Fall, winter, and spring classes have an end-of-session performance for family and friends. Adult classes include ballet, tap, and jazz/hip hop.

The studio is also a vital part of the Northville community. Shapiro enjoys giving back to the community that supports her and she also feels very strongly about supporting the local arts, too. Center Stage locally supports high school musical theater; Northville High School's spring 2008 production of "Cats" was choreographed and dance directed by Shapiro and another CSDC instructor, Erin Sattler.

To learn more, call 248-380-1666, or visit www.dancingcenterstage.com.

- By John R. Hall



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The Omni Valet Service van is a familiar sight around the western suburbs, picking up and dropping off dry cleaning and laundry free of charge

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The Omni Valet Service is provided by Lake Cleaners and is available to many customers along its routes. Titled "Total Dry Cleaning & Laundry Service at your doorstep," this service is designed as a convenience for people who are just too busy to drive to the dry cleaners or who don't want to keep paying the high price of gas to run their dry cleaning errands.

Omni Valet Service owner Robert Rockafellow took over the established business four years ago and knows that his customers appreciate the convenience of a dry cleaning delivery service. "We are competitively priced and don't

include any hidden trips charges," he said. Why spend money on gas if you don't have to?"

Pick-up and delivery can be arranged one or two times a week depending on a customer's needs and can be done at the customer's home or place of work as long as it can be included in the route.

Rockafellow noted, "Our objective is to provide the best service of this type in the community. To accomplish this goal, Omni Valet Service offers pick-up and delivery twice a week at no cost."

The van goes out on Monday and picks up or drops off clothing and then returns to the same locations on Thursday, also for pick-up or drop-off. Route areas include parts of Novi/Northville and surrounding areas.

Route customers receive a monthly invoice mailed to an address specified by the customer.

Omni Valet Service offers complete dry cleaning and laundry services. The company also cleans leather, drapes, bedding, formal wear, wedding apparel and christening clothing (which can be preserved), uniforms, damage restoration, alterations, and much more.

The basic price list for laundry items includes: Business shirts - \$1.89 (cleaned and pressed using the latest technology); Pants (khaki or denim) - \$5.65; and Laundry by the pound - \$1.00

The basic price list for dry cleaning items include:

- Pants \$5.65 Shirt \$5.65
- Blazer \$5.65
- Lab coats \$4 to \$6 Sweaters \$5.65
- Blouse \$5.65
- Suit (2-piece) \$10.50 Skirt \$5.65
- Dress \$8.25 (plain) Coats \$10 \$13

"Omni Valet Service wants to assist you with all of your dry cleaning and laundry needs," said Rockafellow.

"Please contact us at 248-926-0545." - By John R. Hall









Jim Seghi's work speaks for itself. More before and after photos of Seghi's work can be found on his Web site www.imseghirenovations.com

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Jim Seghi is ready to plan your dream addition, update your bath, increase your kitchen space or finish that basement you've always said you would get around to someday

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any of us grew up in a wash of avocado green kitchens, mustard yellow appliances and LV A Formica counter patterns that could have been used in terrible science experiments to test various levels of mouse psychosis' or yet undiscovered color spectrums. Thank goodness tastes have matured and interests have turned towards colors and tones more in-line with how nature intended. Homeowners are now combining the elegance of polished granite counters to their kitchens and baths and stone tiles throughout their homes. Many others have chosen to adorn their sinks with polished nickel, or oil-rubbed bronze fixtures and adding value to their homes that is both beautiful and functional.

For homeowners it makes sense to spend wisely during this tough economic time. Included in that investment should be a commitment making your investment pay off. Mistakenly some homeowners will look at a quoted price alone and assume that the total cost of the project to renovate should be determined by the best deal but, cautions Jim Seghi of Seghi Renovations,

"When you look at the details of what is being quoted and what you really want, there are significant differences in the quality of material and craftsmanship that you'll sacrifice if you simply consider price."

Jim takes his time when discussing every home improvement project with his customers so they know from start to finish what the end cost will be. Too often other builders will start with a lower bid and then layer on "extras" and "upgrades" to the point that, what started out as a deal suddenly becomes a significant overrun in a customer's budget.

Jim Seghi has a passion for his trade, knowing that his customers want to reappreciate their estate when they renovate. With that in mind he will gather their ideas and then determine the best fit for both space and budget. Seeing something where nothing exists is a special skill that Jim has honed over his many years in business and his customers have come to trust and appreciate. The trust his customers have is due to his honesty and quality they see every day while his work evolves in their

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homes and long after the job is complete. This trusting relationship leads to the many referrals that Jim has received year after year.

So many customers have found that there is far more value and less expense in updating their existing home rather than spending lots of money to sell, move and purchase a different home. Talk with Jim and explain to him what your current layout lacks and you'll very likely be surprised at how affordable it can be to add those functions and features to your existing home.

As today's sluggish housing market has shown, many homes are not selling unless they have the buyer's interest in the very beginning. To ensure a sale real estate agents are often suggesting sellers spend a little money to make those critical updates to homes before listing them for sale. It doesn't matter if you need a kitchen, bath or family room updated Jim Seghi Renovations has a solution for you.

Jim will open his Seghi Showroom to the public this fall. He is committed to adding a full-time on-site custom designer to take

customer requirements, along with his initial vision, to the next level. Ideas will be drawn up and made available in complete and understandable detail that will show how the new plans will fit into the home and space being updated. Jim knows that new showroom and location will make it convenient for customers to discuss concepts and review plans before and during the project.

If you would like some thought starters for your home or wish to see real examples of some amazing transformations you can review before and after photos on Jim's Web site www.jimseghirenovations.com as well as coupons for additional savings on your next project, testimonials and more. Call Jim for an idea, or appointment, at 248-437-2454.

Jim Seghi Renovations is ready to plan your dream addition, update your bath, increase your kitchen space or finish that basement you've always said you would get around to. Elegance with optimal space utilization are your keys to happiness and increased home equity.

– By Michael Pilotti

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Dr. Howard Adelson begins the process for Crystalens HD by examining the patient

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new innovation has been introduced at Northville's Adelson Eye and Laser Center giving this eye care facility a cutting edge and, more importantly, giving hope for those individuals seeking the fullrange of expertise eye care solutions to help fix their visual ailments. Adelson Eye and Laser Center is a

These two worlds are quantity and quality. Quantity is the different visual lengths of near, distance and intermediate, and quality being every.important detail within those lengths that should not have to be compromised.

Adelson says because of the positive results that come with the new Crystalens HD it made complete sense individual to have increased depth of focus for all viewing distances. To be specific, this surface provides improved near vision without compromising distance and intermediate vision.

To further his point of HD's significance, Adelson points to FDA clinical trial data that demonstrates a statistically significant improvement in contrast eye's natural muscle, Adelson explains, and no other lens comes closer to mirroring the function of the natural lens. He states that the human lens uses the ciliary muscle to move the natural lens and allows the eye to focus on the subject at hand.

The HD works the same way. The flexibility of the eye is also important and

facility that treats all medical and surgical eye care problems. Its services range from LASIK, to cataract and eye-lid surgeries, as well as diagnosing glaucoma, macular degeneration and diabetic retinopathy.

According to Dr. Howard Adelson, by introducing this new eye implant advancement, the eye care center he codirects with his brother Todd has become even more diverse in its available visual remedies.

This United States Food and Drug Agency (FDA) approved evolutionary step in eye care is called the Crystalens HD, developed by Bausch and Lomb. Adelson says this new eye implant, which is an enhanced accommodative optic, can provide eye care patients the best of both worlds within high definition vision. for him and his brother to get on board and become thoroughly acquainted with it. And just as important as any aspect to it, understand who could use it the most.

"We pride ourselves on being a stateof-the-art facility with the latest technology and solutions" Adelson says. "So we are very excited to introduce this implant that far surpasses previous eye care progressions."

The Crystalens HD comes from a family of advancements with the previous ones being the Crystalens Five-O and Crystalens HD. Crystalens is a corrective lens replacement for adults with cataracts and for those individuals over the age of 40.

One positive feature to the HD, according to Adelson, is the redesigned anterior surface that now enables the

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sensitivity.

To back up the claim of its superiority, Adelson notes that there are four significant reasons why the HD stands atop other multi-focal lenses.

The first reason is that the HD is designed to project a single image on the retina. The second reason is that unlike other multi-focal lenses that require optimal lighting conditions and a larger pupil size as an individual, the HD provides 100 percent of light rays regardless of pupil size or age. The third basis for HD's trial success is it maintains a low risk of halos and glares, which Adelson says can enable better night driving. The final aspect is that HD is free of multi-focal adaptation challenges or intermediate vision compromise.

Crystalens works in concert with the

the HD has this movement covered with the enabling flexible hinge within the lens. This movement is aided by the flexible hinge in that it flexes forward each time the eye wants to focus on an object in intermediate and near lengths.

According to Adelson, those who may want or need the HD lens are seniors or baby boomers with cataract or feel the need to correct their faltering vision. He says the HD is the best opportunity to see clearly at all distances while reducing or eliminating the need for glasses.

Northville's Adelson Eye and Laser Center is located at 215 E. Main Street in Suite 202 and is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. They can be reached at 248-449-9292, or at the Web site www.adelsoneye.com.

- By Lon Huhman

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Adelson Eye and Laser Center is a facility that treats all medical and surgical eye care problems. Its services range from LASIK, to cataract and eye-lid surgeries, as well as diagnosing macular degeneration and diabetic retinopathy.



Dr. Howard Adelson consults a chart at his office, the Adelson Eye and Laser Center, which is located at 215 E. Main St., in Suite 202, in Northville

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Jan Eldon, owner of Jan's Skin Spa in South Lyon, will host a CAbi fashion show on Thursday, August 14, and a Botox and Dermal filler seminar with Kris, the on-site nurse, on September 17. Both events will include refreshments and drawings for products.

Jan's Skin Spa 248-515-8987 • www.jansskinspa.com

At Jan's tidy, cozy and professional spa, it's all about seeing the beauty underneath the top layer of skin that perhaps has become dull-looking, worn, wrinkled, frazzled and tired.

Owner Jan Eldon, a licensed esthetician, knows that with her help and expertise the client's skin will surely improve.

"I am satisfied when my client is happy, and that makes me happy as well," she said. New clients will sit down with Jan as she consults with them on what they want, and also to go over a brief questionnaire.

Her services offer a variety of treatments that keep her clientele coming back.

The Bioelements CryoThermic Body Treatment encourages the body's natural slimming process with an intense body wrap. The heat and cool energies of CryoThermic Body Gel activates microcirculation, targeting puffiness and swelling due to water retention, tissue firmness, unwanted toxins and sluggish microcirculation from lack of exercise. The result is a more toned and revitalized body.

A Bioelements Custom Facial offers deep pore cleansing, exfoliation and massage of the face, neck and shoulders plus a therapeutic Bioelements mask and serum designed to correct specific problems. The result is immaculately clean, smooth and glowing skin in one hour.

Other services available are hair removal,

glycolic peels, microcurrent facial sculpting, and eyebrow design. Products available are Bioelements Professional Skin Care, AHAVA Body Care, Mirabella Mineral Makeup, and Root Candles. Jan offers complementary make-up consultations to chemotherapy patients, offering them discounts on products and helping them get back to a look they feel good about. Jan's also offers a Biolelements Flaxx-C Anti-Aging Facial for skin showing the signs of age. The facial includes an exclusive layered exfoliation process, massage and ultra-tightening mask to restore firmness.

"I also have a registered nurse, Kris Rondeau, that is a Nationally Certified Injection Specialist for Botox, Juvederm, Restylane and Perlane injections," Eldon said.

Jan's will host a CAbi fashion show on Thursday, August 14. Those interested need to RSVP the spa. To learn more about Botox and Dermal fillers, meet with Kris, the onsite nurse, on September 17. Both events will include refreshments and drawings for products.

Eldon opened her spa two years ago following seven years of experience. She lives with her family in South Lyon and serves as an Ambassador for the local Chamber of Commerce. Jan's Skin Spa is located at 105 N. Lafayette. Call 248-515-8987 for an appointment. – By Nathan Menoian



Photo by DAWN TOMCZYK

Forming a friendly powerhouse team at Specialty Medicine Compounding Pharmacy, "Where Our People Make the Difference" are, from left, Nicole Blades, Diane Tuite, Victoria Gates, Melissa Tuite and owner Kenny Walkup.

Specialty Medicine Compounding Pharmacy 248-446-2643 • www.specialty-medicine.com

Specialty Medicine Compounding Pharmacy of downtown South Lyon serves patients who aren't necessarily suited for generic, prescription drugs. Physician-referred customers hail from across the state to acquire the pharmacy's specially compounded medicines, which address issues ranging from dye allergies and dosage size to taste considerations, discontinued drugs and more.

Offering more flavors than a gourmet ice cream shop — banana, chocolate, pineapple, tutti frutti and over 50 others — children's medicines form a sizable portion of the business. The pharmacy's staff also has the ability to change drug formats from pill to oint-ment, powder to liquid and everything in between. Notes owner and founder, Kenny Walkup, RPh, with Specialty Medicine's compounding services, you can "take your

medicine any way you like it". Clients, however, aren't just human. Approximately 40 percent of Walkup's customers are furred, finned or feathered. It's not uncommon to find him formulating medicated peanut butter-flavored dog biscuits, dosing under-the-weather ducks and - a recent request - mixing medications for a family of seahorses.

The pharmacy also specializes in chronic pain management and hormone pharma-

ceuticals, and offers books on hormone therapy, holistic healing, and prayer and meditation.

The compounding takes place in three self-contained work stations, a sterile room, and state-of-the-art machinery. Everything is digitally monitored and inventoried to ensure the greatest accuracy, safety and confidentiality for their clients. An attached room for conferences, educational seminars and public rental.

Next year will mark Specialty Medicine's 10th anniversary. Among its most significant achievements is its ranking as one of three pharmacies in Michigan - and one of only 50 in the country - to be nationally accredited by the Pharmacy Compounding Accreditation Board.

Walkup's relationship with his alma mater, Ohio Northern University, and with the University of Michigan, continues as adjunct, mentoring interns and lecturing on pharmacy ownership. Walkup continues his own education through multiple venues, including those offered by the Professional Compounding Centers of America. Specialty Medicine Compounding

Pharmacy is located at 116 N. Lafayette, Suite B, in South Lyon. Visit www.specialtymedicine.com or call 248-446-2643.

– By Dawn Tomczyk





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The McSower most one of several kittens that are up for adoption throughout the year at the Hidden Spring بري الرتين الميتز الميسون

Veterinarians and assistants comprise the all-female staff at Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic, providing first rate care for pets of all breeds.

Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic 248-349-2598 • www.hiddenspringvet.com

staff at the Hidden Spring e Veterinary Clinic of Northville all have one thing in common: to provide the best care for pets and pet owners. How can veterinary professionals care for pet owners? By helping them to make informed decisions about what is best for their dogs, cats, or other animals.

In fact, so many pet owners are happy with the care and treatment their pets receive at Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic that most of the business comes from referrals - very happy customers.

One customer sent a warm letter to the staff after she and her family moved from the area and could no longer bring their pets to Hidden Spring. She wrote, "You have never let us down or them. When we needed a comforting response to an inquiring phoned in question you gave it. When we needed reassurance about the physical well being of our dears your expertise provided it. When it was time to

lay an old friend to rest and relieve him of his loyalty and long lasting love you held him, and cried with us."

That is quite a testimonial to a group of professionals who are proud to call themselves a big family. It's no wonder that Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic has been a multiple winner of the People's Choice Award for Best Veterinary Service.

The experienced all-female staff includes one full-time veterinarian and three part-time veterinarians. The clinic was founded by owner Dr. Carol Geake, who lives on the property and still keeps a hand in the business although retired.

Beyond great pet and pet-owner care, Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic is unique for other reasons, too. The office is located in rural Northville Township on Eight Mile Road, west of Beck Road. It is part of a working farm and visitors - especially children - are given the opportunity to get close to the horses and pet them. The farm-like feel to the business makes it

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warm, friendly, and relaxing.

"There is a kid's play area inside and they can go out to visit the horses," said Danielle Schreckengost, assistant manag-er. "The horses like it when the kids bring food, too."

And speaking of kids, the clinic often invites Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops to come in and help out around the office and the farm, so they can work toward merit badges. The staff visits a few local preschools with the pets and demonstrates proper pet care to young children. "It is also fun for us," added Danielle.

Despite some economic slowdowns, Danielle said that most people are very good about spending the resources to keep their pets healthy and on regular wellness routines. She noted that some people put off elective surgery when the budgets are tight but she is happy to report that pets are always given number one priority by Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic's clients and staff.

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The clinic also has a pet adoption pro-gram involving cats and kittens. They have limited space for kittens but the ones they get often find homes right away, thanks to pet adoption sites on the Internet. Cats and kittens that are taken in are given health examinations and vaccines. They are also checked for feline leukemia.

"We make sure the cats go to a good home," said Trina McGowan, adoption coordinator. "We almost always find homes for our cats."

Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic is locat-ed at 48525 W. Eight Mile Road. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. The office is open on Wednesdays although the staff does not take appointments on that day.

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- By John R. Hall

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Northville Physical Rehabilitation, PC

248-349-9339 • www.northvillephysicalrehab.com

hysical rehabilitation goes beyond just visits to a clinic and one-on-one treatments with experienced physical therapists. Once a patient is discharged the rehabilitation process can take on a new meaning and direction.

That direction is part of the strategy behind the planned expansion of the Northville Physical Rehabilitation clinic in downtown Northville.

The clinic will soon expand its four walls by adding a 3,000 square-foot-gym to a former office attached to their facility at 215 E. Main St. in Northville. The new gym will house many different types of standard exercise equipment, as well as rehabilitation equipment. Experienced personal trainers who will be able to assist people who wish to continue their physical rehabilitation will staff the facility.

According to physical therapist Dennis Engerer, the expansion is one more way that Northville Physical Rehabilitation will continue to provide outstanding service and care to its patients.

"New or existing patients can join us at this new facility," he said. "In addition to providing traditional physical rehab services, we are also offering a supervised fitness program for our discharged patients who may want to continue beyond their initial care."

The cost to use the new gym facility which is expected to open around September 1 — will be \$10 per month, similar to what some local gyms charge, but offering a more personal service.

"We are not trying to compete with the traditional gyms," Engerer said. "We are making this available for people who wish to continue their rehabilitation in an atmosphere that is more comfortable for them. They may have health issues that prevent them from using a traditional gym, too. There is really nothing like this in the area for people who need special assistance."



The Northville Physical Rehabilitation office on 215 E. Main St. is convenient for visitors to downtown Northville



Photos by JOHN R. HALL

Part of the expanded Northville Physical Rehabilitation facility will include exercise equipment for patients to continue their rehabilitation supervised by the trained staff of physical therapists and assistants

Current staff members will also be available to help set up a supervised program at the gym, giving patients the care they might not get from other traditional gyms.

"Patients may simply be looking for a more personal and professional approach," Engerer added. "And this new space will enable us to add new equipment, additional staff, and new programs.

"The additional space will give us the opportunity to expand all of our services. We have needed additional treatment rooms, as well as a larger gym area, for some time."

The current staff of 22 employees at Northville Physical Rehabilitation consists of physical and occupational therapists, physical therapy and occupational therapy assistants, personal trainers, and exercise physiologists.

"People are traditionally referred to us by their personal physicians or surgeons, but they are also welcome to come in without referral or consultation," Engerer said. "We can recommend a treatment plan to their physician or help them set up a personal fitness program if they would like to join our fitness program.

"We have the staff, expertise, and experience to treat a broad scope of diagnosis, from simple sports-related orthopedic sprains/strains and joint replacements, to long-term neurological disorders, such as multiple sclerosis or traumatic brain injury."

Engerer noted that over the years,

Northville Physical Rehabilitation Facts

- Full service rehabilitation clinic since 1985
- Occupational/physical/speech therapy services
- · Free local transportation for patients
- One-on-one care
- Experienced professional trained in latest equipment and protocol
- Two Northville locations including a second with a hydro-track under water treadmill

Northville Physical Rehabilitation has attempted to cultivate a strong working relationship with local hospitals, medical centers, physician's offices, and fitness centers.

"We have always wanted to provide Northville with first class and convenient physical rehab services," he added. "We even provide transportation for our clients in Northville and communities that border Northville."

Northville Physical Rehabilitation has expanded its hours from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For more information on their services call 248-349-9339 or visit www.northvillephysicalrehab.com.

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Some of the more popular products at Glenda's produce stands include fresh sweet corn picked daily from a Canton farm, as well as Michigan melons, bears, peaches, squash, and apples

Glenda's Novi location is geared toward nursery items like trees, shrubs, plants, and garden materials

Glenda's Garden Center 248-471-4794

Glenda Durham has seen a lot of changes in the years. She has owned and operated her two businesses — Glenda's Garden Center in Livonia and Novi. But what hasn't changed is the great service from her staff and the fresh produce, flowering plants, garden supplies, and landscaping ideas that go along with over 40 years in the business.

Glenda's location in Livonia on Seven Mile road east of Newburgh has been a fixture in the community long before the many subdivisions of homes sprung up around the three-acre roadside stand. It still remains one of the few roadside produce and vegetable stands in Livonia.

Glenda's location on five acres along Grand River Avenue in Novi is newer, having been built in 1997, and is more geared toward the nursery items like trees, shrubs, plants, and garden materials. When Glenda's family purchased the Novi property in 1982, it too was a lot like Livonia in the early days — very rural with lots of farms and few businesses.

with lots of farms and few businesses. The physical looks may have changed, but Glenda and her family have seen to it that the old fashioned recipe for business success — customer service and quality products — remains as important today as it did four decades ago. A lot of that success comes from being a family-owned business.

"There is usually someone from the family at our locations all of the time," said Glenda.

That means that customers can see familiar faces like Glenda's son Chris, who owns and operates Panoramic Landscaping and who helps customers with their landscaping needs.

"He does everything and does a darn good job of it," Glenda noted. Her daughter Donna works at the Livonia location and has a loyal following of customers who still enjoy the small one-on-one roadside service that she gives to each of them.

Glenda said that her staff is also made up of some very experienced people, some of whom have been with her for over 15 years. She is especially proud of the work done by a member of her Novi staff who specializes in custom work, i.e. floral

arrangements.

Beyond the excellent customer service, Glenda's Garden Center is known for the many produce and plants in its inventory, so many that Glenda said it "would be hard to name them all."

Some of the more popular products include fresh sweet corn, picked daily from a Canton farm, as well as Michigan melons, beans, peaches, squash, and apples. She said there is not a big price difference between her produce and that found in larger grocery stores — and Glenda's is fresh picked daily. When the fall season rolls around, there is a large selection of pumpkins and cornstalks available at both locations.

Glenda's Garden Center sells a lot of tomato, squash, and cucumber plants, especially this year when people are facing a tighter economy and some are choosing to "plant as much as they can in their backyards," said Glenda.

She knows that times are tough and people are planting more gardens in order to keep the cost of groceries down. In fact, she planned for a drop in business this year and lowered the prices on some of her products. But she was happy to see that many people are spending more time in their backyards and tending their gardens — all good reasons for keeping Glenda and her staff busy. She said there has also been an increase in the sales of trees and shrubs, too.

Beyond fall, Glenda's Garden Center stocks a good supply of holiday items including freshly cut Christmas trees, wreaths, and roping. Traditional holiday decorations are a specialty at Glenda's today, just as they were 40 years ago. And a lot of people keep coming back to do their shopping at both of Glenda's Garden Center locations.

"I still see customers at our Seven Mile stand who I knew when I was working back in the 60s and 70s," Glenda said. Now those are loyal customers.

Glenda's Garden Center is located at 40575 Grand River Ave. in Novi and 36500 Seven Mile Road in Livonia. Call 248-471-4794 for store information and hours of operation.

- By John R. Hall

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The staff at the Northville Paint Company are experts at matching paints to every application and setting paint accessones too



The brothers running the Northville and Brighton paint stores featuring Benjamin Moore paints, are, from left, Darin and Dwayne March

Northville Paint Company

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▶ ince April 1, people around Northville have noticed a new business where an old one existed for many years. The Northville Paint Company, featuring . Benjamin Moore paints opened its doors in the old Decorating By Dan store in the Highland Lakes Shopping Center. Business has been going very well for new owners Darin and Dwayne March.

The store is updated and downsized — providing a fresh new look for a fresh new business. Darin said his staff of Liven up a room

Choose a quality paint product like Benjamin Moore
EEssomething in your contract of home inspire a color choice
Understand how certain colors make you feel such as cool and hot colors
Define open spaces with color

Room colors should flow from one room to another
Understand how lighting affects color



five color experts, experienced professionals who concentrate on one thingonly, are helping customers choose the best paint for their indoor or outdoor needs. And paint is all that matters at the Northville Paint Company.

"We specialize only in paint," he said. "We don't carry a lot of other things like a typical hardware store. We sell painting needs from the floor to the ceiling." Some of these supplies include wall/ceiling patch kits, tape, drop clothes, and paint brushes.

Paint is all Darin and Dwayne have been doing for more than 20 years, and now they own two Benjamin Moore signature stores, including one in Brighton. They are very proud to be representing Benjamin Moore paints, one of the best and most trusted names in paint.

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- Test drive a color before buying (try Benjamin Moore Color Samples)
- Understand a paint's reflective quality (sheen)

Benjamin Moore has been in business for 125 years and has over 3,000 retail outlets across the U.S.

"It really is the greatest paint available," said Darin. "It goes farther, covers better, and is more dependable. And now we will be offering the Aura line from Benjamin Moore which is the best paint ever made."

The Aura line uses special technology to "lock in" the color, resulting in richer hues and durability. "You can rub as hard as you want on an Aura paint job and the color will not rub off," Darin said.

The Northville Paint Company is located Highland Lakes Shopping Center, at 43145 Seven Mile Road, in Northville

Speaking of colors, Darin said that people are using a lot more vibrant colors today and fewer pastels. "The years of offwhite and white are going away," he said. "We are seeing a lot more colors from the 70s, like gold and olive green. Painting is truly an expression of one's personality."

For people with historical homes, which there are many in Northville, Benjamin Moore has 172 colors that are matched to historical homes. And with so many people deciding to fix up their own homes rather than sell, a fresh coat of paint can go a long way. "For \$40, a person can really update a room and make it look fresh," Darin added.

A lot of repaint contractors are recommending the Northville Paint Company and Benjamin Moore to their customers — and a new home freshly painted with Benjamin Moore paints is often a premium upgrade.

Darin said his store will also offer occasional specials and have an annual anniversary sale, too.

Store hours are from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday For more information call 248-348-1599.

- By John R. Hall



Darin March has many years of experience finding the right paint color for his residential and commercial customers



Gary, left, and Mark Childs offer quality bikes, one-day repair service, tune-ups and more at South Lyon Cycle

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As our community has grown, so has South Lyon Cycle. The Childs brothers. owners and operators of South Lyon Cycle, are devoted to bikes.

South Lyon Cycle stocks a large selection of bicycles at great values. Mountain, comfort, hybrid, road, cruiser, recumbent, BMX, freestyle and juvenile bicycles include top brands like Trek, Gary Fisher, Giant, Electra, Townie, Haro and G.T. Expert assembly is offered on all bikes.

Bikes are offered in a variety of sizes including 12-inch, 16-inch, 20-inch and 24-inch wheel bikes for children as well as adult models in many frames and sizes.

Customers are sold a bike that meets their needs with proper fit for comfort and safety emphasized. Helmets are recommended and correct sizing and fit for safety and comfort is free. South Lyon Cycle offers an extensive

parts inventory and popular accessories - including trailers, child carriers, bike carriers and women's and men's gel comfort saddles. Hammer Nutrition endurance products and supplements are also stocked.

One-day repair service is available on all brands. Tune-ups are a specialty for better performance and the safety of any bike.

With gas at \$4 plus per gallon, the solu-tion to some of the world's biggest prob-lems is right in your garage. For your health, for the world, and for our future. for trips of 2 miles or less, go by bike! Once you try riding your bike, instead of driving your car, mini van, truck or SUV

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of Main and Center streets, has been home to many customers who have depended on Orin Mazzoni Jr. and his staff to have the finest quality jewelry for special gifts, special occa-

and pays special attention to caring for our

ly is celebrating 75 years in the jewelry business, which was started by Orin J. Mazzoni Sr. when he opened his first store in Weirton, West Virginia in 1933. He later moved the family to Garden City where he opened his first Michigan store in 1953, which still exists today at the corner of Ford and Middlebelt roads. The Northville store opened in 1983. Mażzoni's datighter, Giña, 'granddaughter'

of the company founder, joined the Northville staff in 2000. Gina received her graduate gemologist degree in Carlsbad, California at the prestigious Gemological Institute of America, and has a business degree from Aquinas College in Grand Rapids. Her position has given Orin Jewelers the opportunity to call themselves a third generation family business.

Beyond the family history, Orin Jewelers is well known for its superior products, including the famous Hearts on Fire collection. earts on Fire is labeled as the "world's m perfectly cut diamond" and it truly is, according to Mazzoni. The diamonds are still cut by hand using the most high-tech cutting equipment avail-able," he said. "The jewelry line is absolutely beautiful."



Gina Mazzoni, granddaughter of Orin J. Mazzoni, the company founder, received her graduate gemologist degree in Carlsbad. California at the prestigious Gemological Institute of America

He sees some trends emerging in the jewelry market as people are looking for quality products at affordable prices.

"More people are buying white metal like sterling and platinum," Mazzoni said. "Yellow gold is making a comeback, and a lot of twotone blends like white and yellow gold are popular."





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The three generations of the Hahn family teaching dance at Sheryl's School of Dance are, from left, Sheryl Sulek, Julie Hughes, Jackie Sulek, Arlene Hahn, and in front, Arlene Hahn's great-granddaughters Madison and Kyle Hughes

Sheryl's School of Dance

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At Sheryl's School of Dance there is a the case of the overall success of the lifetime of experience behind teaching dance students the skills and education that hopes to give them a lifetime of appreciation for the creative outlet of dance.

Owner Sheryl Sulek has been offering dance lessons from her studio in Novi for 18 years. Her love of teaching dance, however, began 48 years ago when she began teaching neighborhood children at her home. Her school of dance is testament to how far she and her family have come since the dance teaching at home.

Learning and teaching dance has become not only professional love, but a family one as well, which started with my mother Arlene," Sulek says in reference to her daughters taking on a larger role of teaching dance at the school. "I now have my two girls teaching my grandchildren and this has branched out into other families as well. Generations of families have come here to learn and have fun. That makes us proud here."

Another point of pride for Sheryl's School of Dance is the overall and individual success stories that have come from students. Sulek points out that in

school is the fact that a dance education instills a discipline and focus that have many students in other areas of life. Individually, there have been students of Suleks that have gone on to be successes in the dance world. Novi resident Nicole Blaszczyk is one and she is now reigning Miss Dance Michigan as well as placing second in Miss Dance of America. One success story is former student Fred Diaz, who went on to become Mr. Dance of Michigan in 2007 and is now training at the prestigious EDGE Performing Arts Center.

Sheryl's offers classes in both recreational and competitive programs for students 3-years-old and up to adult. The types of dance classes offered are Tap, Jazz, Ballet and Hip-Hop. For the intermediate and advanced students there are also Lyrical, Point, Technique and Cecchetti classes.

Sheryl's School of Dance is located at 40500 Grand River Ave. in Novi and at their Web site at

www.sherylsdance.com. They can be reached at 248-473-1160 or by e-mail at sherylsdance@sbcglobal.net.

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- By Lon Huhman

Orin Jewelers carries the complete Hearts on Fire collection including rings, earrings, necklaces, bracelets, accessories, and men's and children's products.

Another very popular line, according to Mazzoni, is the Alwand Vahan collection featuring sterling silver pieces with gold accents. Gold and sterling is handcrafted into bracelets, rings, earrings, and necklaces."We are the only store on the west side of Detroit that carries this line," added Mazzoni.

Orin Jewelers carries the popular Pandora line of charms bracelets and charms as well as Peter Storm Naked Diamonds, Mark Schneider, and Tacori.

Men's jewelry is well represented by several brands featuring stainless steel and tungsten materials.

"We have some real nice looks in heavy men's bracelets in the \$300 to \$400 range," Mazzoni said.

Despite a slumping economy, Mazzoni recognizes that people will always be interested in quality products - they just like to have more choices.

*People are always interested in quality, regardless of the price range," he said."We work very hard at bringing in products at various price points.

"Even in a down economy people may not be spending as much, but they love coming into our store and being treated special. That's why people come back and why we have worked years and years to build up a good reputation. It is rewarding to meet people who remember what we do."

Mazzoni invites all customers in to meet the experienced staff, especially new manager Linda Mimnaugh, who is carrying on the tradition of excellent customer service.

For store hours call 248-349-6940, or stroll into the store at 101 East Main St, in Northville. You can also visit them on the Web at www.orinjewelers.com.

— By John R. Hall



Gina Mazzoni and her dad, Onn Mazzoni have carried on the family tradition at Orin Jewelers in Northwite for 25 years



Dr Adelfo N Pamatmat of the BA Laser Vein Center is experienced with the treatment of spider and varicose veins

BA Laser Vein Center

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For people seeking ways to improve, beautify, and regenerate their skin, there is a new option in the Novi market — a clinic that is putting the "fun" into skin treatment while providing services at competitive prices.

The BA Laser Vein Center opened in February 2008 at 42450 12 Mile Road, across from Twelve Oaks Mall, and is operated by Dr. Adelfo N. Pamatmat and Barbara Szkop, both experienced in skin care and cosmetology. Pamatmat has been practicing medicine in Michigan for 25 years and spent the last five years refining his techniques treating varicose and spider veins. Barbara is a Michigan licensed Cosmetologist and Aesthetetian.

The clinic specializes in the following areas:

• MicroDermabrasion — a natural way of evenly and safely exfoliate the skin without the use of chemicals or laser. This slowly removes the outer layer of the skin, leaving a young healthy looking skin.

• Chemical peel — another form of MicroDermabrasion. An oxidizing chemical is applied to the skin and when removed, leaves a fresh healthy looking skin.

• Botox — injected to relax the muscles thereby decreasing dynamic wrinkles. Skin fillers — are used to plump up skin and fill up fermanent wrinkles.

 Spider veins (telangeictasia) and varicose veins — are treated by sclerotherapy, which is the injection of small amount of sclerosing agent into the veins, which closes the vein.

Visitors are encouraged to come in for a free consultation. Dr. Pamatmat and Barbara will discuss various treatments while making patients feel relaxed and comfortable. There is no high pressure and certainly no lack of good conversation.

"Dr. Pamatmat is polite and quiet and I am conversational," joked Barbara. "We are both very honest and will tell patients the truth. We will not recommend a treatment if they don't need it."

Price also sets the BA Laser Vein Center apart from other clinics. The overhead is lower with two people in the office.

"One customer asked us about our spider vein treatments and found out they were \$300 less than what she had been paying. I suggested she visit us and use the money she saved to take us to lunch,"said Barbara with her usual fun attitude.

Dr. Pamatmat noted that some people will come in for one treatment and "walk out with the knowledge that we are capable of performing several other treatments. They can also purchase skin care products which are available at the BA Laser Vein Center."

For a free consultation call 248-344-4333 and visit www.ba-laser.com for more information.

- By John R. Hall

PANDORA

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Larson Jewelry Design in Novi is a Pandora Gold dealer, carrying everything in the Pandora jewelry line

Larson Jewelry Design

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Brian Larson is an awesome jeweler. That is the exact phrase that a customer used to describe him and his service. The owner of Larson Jewelry Design in Novi hears that a lot from his customers, because they appreciate his quality work and his attention to detail.

Larson Jewelry Design has become a mainstay in the Novi business community. Located in the Main Street Centre at 43155 Main St., the jewelry store is home to many different types of jewelry in many different price ranges. Larson knows that in today's economy his customers look for value as well as excellent customer service.

That's probably why this customer, who described Larson as "awesome" also had this to say in an online review. "My husband bought me a beautiful emerald and diamond bracelet one Christmas, and we also bought my wedding ring from Brian. He has beautiful designs and workmanship, and you know you can trust him. In fact, 1 now live in Arizona and I'm sending in my ring that I damaged while gardening for repair, because he's the only one I would trust with it."

That's quite a testimonial for a jeweler who takes care of his customers. He is showing that same care in the products he sells, including Pandora, his signature jewelry collection. Pandora is wildly popular among people of all ages who are looking for a unique way to personalize their jewelry collection. Pandora makes jewelry which is famous for its unique threading system. For example, the custom bracelets are divided into three sections by threads. This design allows the beads to stay distributed over the whole bracelet.

According to a Pandora press release, "All of our jewelry is made by hand, with each stone hand set, and each detail hand applied. Each and every jewelry piece is its own work of art, made with the highest quality of materials. We craft our jewelry exclusively in 14K gold and sterling silver, using only precious stones."

Larson knows that consumers will like the price of Pandora charms, which begin at \$25. Pandora earrings begin at \$20. "In today's economy, that is very affordable," he said. "Pandora is the hottest thing going right now. And Pandora charms are a great gift for guys who don't know what to buy their wife or girlfriend."

Larson Jewelry Design is a Pandora Gold dealer, carrying everything in the expanding Pandora line. Larson is one of the largest Pandora retailers in Michigan.

Larson said he is entertaining thoughts of expanding his store to keeps things fresh. Although most of his products cater to women, he still carries a great line of men's watches, lighters, etc.

Call Larson Jewelry Design at 248-347-4653.

- By John R. Hall





The intenor of the newly remodeled Perfect Floor: Sciences

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Perfect Floors

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In 1832 the town of South Lyon was named so by the Michigan legislature in honor of one of its original residents, Lucius Lyon. Today the town is called home by over 10,000 residents, thanks to its endearing nature and small town charm. The flooring store that Ron Williams and his family operates, Perfect Floors, is a sight more modern than one of the very first stores opened in the new little town in the 1800s.

As the face of South Lyon has changed, modestly so has the inside of Perfect Floors. The reason for the change is to give customers the advantage of more flooring options available at their finger tips, more room to move around in, and the ease of viewing the hundreds of samples on display. The updated showroom showcases fresh new styles and colors of every flooring possibility.

Perfect Floors has over 100 brand names available for customers to choose from — that's almost more flooring choices than the number of South Lyon residents when the town was founded back in 1832.

As South Lyon residents, and Perfect Floors customers know, Ron Williams and his son Ronnie have kept Perfect Floors friendly and diverse as any other flooring store in the state. Combine their vast flooring selections with a close-to-home shopping convenience, and the opportuni-

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ty to take samples to your home to see how they compliment your décor, you'll soon realize that warmth and hometown charm are what Ron and his son are all about at Perfect Floors. Come in and let them answer all of your tough flooring questions about quality, color, ceramic or hardwood, laminate or carpet.

Professional installation and the 'Perfect Floors' promise of 'Lowest Prices Guaranteed' means that no matter what size your budget or home is, you will be very happy you shopped in town for your flooring needs.

You can also treat your eyes to an impressive display of all the offerings at Perfect Floors on their Web site at: www.perfectfloorsinc.com.

Save gas and shop close to home. Help the economy and put your stimulus check to good use by increasing the value, comfort and beauty of your residence. Get an unbeatable deal on your purchase and work with the family that takes care of each and everyone like a good friend.

Perfect Floors is located at 21946 Pontiac Trail South Lyon, just south of downtown South Lyon. Their hours are from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Perfect Floors — where great floors and customers for life begin.

– By Michael Pilotti



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An autistic child is accompanied by his father as he receives hyperbaric oxygen therapy treatment while watching his favorite DVD at the Oxford Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy Center in South Lyon

Oxford Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy Center

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What Bruce and Tami Powell did for their daughter JeAnnah is now having a profound impact on the lives and health of many children and adults in the South Lyon community and beyond.

The Powells, residents of South Lyon, are owners and operators of the Oxford Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy Center on 21800 Pontiac Trail. Their journey to healing patients through hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT) began in 2006, when their nine-year-old daughter, JeAnnah, contracted viral encephalitis after a bout with chicken pox. The life-threatening disease left the young girl wheelchair bound, mentally and emotionally impaired, with reduced vision.

The Powells tried everything they could to find a cure for the terrible damage done by the virus. They eventually learned about HBOT, which is 100 percent oxygen administered to the entire body at greater than normal atmospheric pressure.

The therapy treatments worked for JeAnnah. Almost immediately the results were positive as she regained motor functions and communication skills over the next few months. She has now left behind her wheelchair and has returned to one of her many favorite passions — dance.

"The healing power of pressurized oxygen is phenomenal," said Tami.

The Powells were so impressed with HBOT therapy that they wanted to give others the same hope they found.

The first patient treated came to the clinic seeking healing from a stroke he suffered four years earlier. Almost immediately results were seen with his speech

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and he no longer required to wear a foot brace. Prior to HBOT his doctors saw no improvements in his cerebral artery blockage after four years and were convinced he needed surgery to add stents. However, after three weeks of HBOT, his transcranial image done by a cardiologist showed an increase in velocity in the posterior cerebral and vertebral arteries. His results left everyone in awe!

"I have been teaching special education for years and after seeing what HBOT can do, I am convinced many children could have been healed, not to mention the many stroke victims and so, so many others,"said Tami. "It's not a quick magic pill, but it accelerates the healing process and offers hope where there is no hope."

The Oxford Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy Center opened this past May. It is one of only about 1,000 similar facilities in the U.S. — and the only one in Michigan of its kind. People come from many other states for HBOT treatment, including a mother and her autistic son from Virginia, who have seen improvement in the child's condition since beginning the treatments. "He is able to sleep through the night and his attention span is improving," said Tami. HBOT can treat a variety of conditions

HBOT can treat a variety of conditions including Autism, stokes, chronic pain, fibromyalgia, TBI's, non-healing wounds, Crohn's disease, or to reduce symptoms of chemotherapy, etc., and can be used in conjunction with physical therapy for accelerated healing.

For more information call 248-486-3636 or visit www.healingwithhbot.com.

— By John R. Hall



Poise Pilates co-owner Heidi Malzahn demonstrates a training exercise featuring the trapeze table, the same equipment designed by Pilates' inventor Joseph Pilates

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People of all ages are learning the benefits of physical training with the Pilates Method. Pilates is a system of full body strength training exercises which focus on the deep muscles of the core while increasing flexibility throughout the body. The training has been available to members of the Northville community since 2001 at Poise Pilates, coowned by Heidi Malzahn and Susan Steinke.

Pilates' appeal to all age groups continues to grow as people learn more about The Method, which was developed by Joseph Pilates in the 1920s. Pilates dedicated his life to helping himself and others overcome physical weakness and faulty posture through his exercise system. Malzahn's students range in age from 15-91 years of age, some of whom are physical therapy clients at the studio.

"We are able to provide physical therapy to clients with a doctor's prescription. We also get many clients who have finished physical therapy due to illness or injury, and work with them to develop customized training," Malzahn said. Her staff of eight includes a licensed physical therapist.

Because the Pilates Method includes over 500 exercises of widely varying difficulty, Pilates can be practiced by nearly anyone, regardless of their current physical condition.

Malzahn began practicing Pilates 11 years ago and has noticed dramatic changes in "Pilates can be practiced by nearly anyone regardless of their current condition."

> --- Heidi Malzaha Poise Pilates

her own body. She can pass on improved posture, long lean strong muscles, better flexibility and reduced lower back pain to her clients. She is a Certified Pilates Teacher through Core Dynamics Pilates, taught by Master Pilates Teachers Michele Larsson and Margarette Raymond.

Poise Pilates is a fully equipped studio located at 186 E. Main St., in downtown Northville.

The staff of instructors conduct private and small group sessions by appointment. Prices range from \$20 to \$75 per hour. The 90-minute initial private session for \$25 is the best way to start. The staff recommends two to three sessions per week to achieve maximum benefit.



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Simply Wine offers a diverse selection of affordable fine wines paired with an inviting atmosphere and friendly staff. This boutique wine shop offers more than 100 great tasting wines under the price of \$15, as well as wines for those connoisseurs and lovers of a higher-end taste

Simply Wine

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The first thing a patron may notice upon walking into Simply Wine is the warm, friendly atmosphere. The second thing she or he will surely become aware of is the wide variety of wine bottles displayed throughout the downtown Northville shop.

According to co-owners Maria Vasseliou and Laura McQueen, the pride of Simply Wine is its diverse selection of affordable fine wines paired with an inviting atmosphere and friendly staff. One primary aspect to this boutique wine shop is that it offers more than 100 great tasting wines under the price of \$15. However, it also features wines for those connoisseurs and lovers of a higher end taste.

"We aim to appeal across the diverse spectrum of wine drinkers, be it an individual wanting to pick up a bottle for dinner that night or the person planning an important dinner party," said Vasseliou. "Simply Wine views each individual and situation as being just as important as the next, so we hope to give our advice and knowledge to those hoping to find just the right taste for their specific need."

There are four primary categories of wines at the shop — ripe, rustic, rich and clean. Within these areas of taste are the listings of varieties, flavors and food pairings. For example, let's say the patron is looking for a wine to have with his or her barbecue dinner that night. With the help of Simply Wine's category listings the patron may easily find a variety of zinfandel, cabernet and shiraz under the ripe category.

When it comes to selecting a wine some may feel slightly intimidated or unknowing. However, because of the friendliness and welcoming demeanor of Vasseliou and McQueen, these fears will soon disappear. These service qualities are some of the traits that make this shop worth walking into.

"There are no silly questions," McQueen said. "We want to get to know our customers as best as we can."

Other features of Simply Wine are its wine club that features two bottles a month for only \$25. The club has no cost to join and has a 10 percent discount off all wine club wines throughout the month. A member can stop in at the first of the month and find his or her wine waiting for them.

The shop will also organize a private wine tasting party, which they say is perfect for a "girls' night out". Other unique accessories are available at the shop along with the service of putting together made-to-order gift baskets.

Simply Wine is located at 109 N. Center St. in Northville and can be reached at 248-380-WINE (9463), or by e-mail at simplywinenorthville@hotmail.com. — By Lon Huhman









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It isn't unusual to find Dr. David A. Woody and his staff having fun with their patients --- they are all like family

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There are so many factors that go into making a dental office appealing and relaxing — those factors are what make the dental practice of Dr. David Woody appealing to patients of all ages. From the moment a patient walks through the doors of the office at 39885 Grand River Ave. in Novi, they know they are in a special environment.

"People feel welcome as soon as they walk through our door," said Dr. Woody. "Every business like ours can say that they are better than the others but being better is hard to define.

"We have a top-notch staff, our location is very good, and we use the latest dental technology. Even our physical appearance with a lot of wood tones in the office gives a feeling of warmth. And the staff also creates a warmth, too."

Part of the warm appeal is the family atmosphere, where everyone is treated like family with care and respect. Dr. Woody is genuinely concerned about the well being of his patients from the moment they arrive to long after they have left. Dr. Woody. "We have been together for many years. Our newest hire has alrea

"I will call patients back the same night after they have been anesthetized to make sure they are doing okay," he said. "I also call others who have had major dental surgery within a few days to see how they are feeling, too."

Follow-up is very important to Dr. Woody's staff. They want to ensure that their patients have had a good experience and do not want to make them feel they were part of a production line process.

"We send out surveys to our patients for their feedback and have found that about 95 percent think our service is very good or excellent," Dr. Woody said. "We are always looking for ways to improve."

Part of the self-evaluation process involves morning "huddles" with the fiveperson staff. Each staff member talks about how to serve patients and what they can do better.

"Our team feeds off of each other," added

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Dr. Woody. "We have been together for many years. Our newest hire has already been here five years. When patients work with a staff that has been together this long they feel very comfortable."

Dr. Woody knows that patients have choices and often go where insurance carriers suggest, but he isn't sure that is always the best thing to do.

"It is all about having the patient's best interest in mind," he said. "It isn't necessarily what the insurance companies think is best."

Speaking of insurance, Dr. Woody and his staff make sure they know as much as they can about their patients in order to discuss insurance options and financial arrangements.

"We discuss every procedure ahead of time with each patient so they understand it all before proceeding," he said. "We practice honesty and integrity — we are not salespeople. We will tell patients what they need without trying to oversell them." Some of the services offered by this fullservice facility include basic hygiene and fillings. Cosmetic dentistry includes thin veneers and ZOOM whitening. Dr. Woody said there is very little need to refer much dental work out of his office.

Dr. Woody and his staff have been the present location of Grand River Ave., just west of Haggerty, since 2001. Dr. Woody has owned the practice since 1995. He lives in Novi and his children attend Novi schools.

The office is open evening hours on Tuesdays until 7 p.m. and early morning hours on Thursdays at 7 a.m. For more information call 248-476-3800 or visit www.davidawoodydds.com.

If you are looking for professional dentistry that is personable too, look no further than Dr. David A. Woody and his staff. "We are very personable and go out of our way to learn as much as we can about our patients,"he said.

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Jim Davis owner of Davis Auto Care, proudly displays his technicians' certifications in the lobby of Davis Auto Care for car owners to see Inset: The staff at Jim's Oil Depot are, from left: Brian, manager, Geo and Jeff, oil change technicians, and Gene, assistant manager

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"Miles per gallon" means a lot more now that a gallon of gas costs \$4.00 than when the price was \$1.50. No longer is calculating mileage just an exercise for those with too much time on their hands. Now, everyone is looking to squeeze as much mileage as possible out of the gasoline that we are so dependent on.

Davis Auto Care in Northville has been quietly helping their customers with this pursuit for nearly 30 years.

"A properly maintained vehicle will achieve the best fuel economy," says owner Jim Davis. "It's an extra benefit to having a safe, dependable vehicle."

Their technicians, all A.S.E. Master Certified, have over 100 years of combined experience. These experts have the training, equipment and expertise to know how keep a vehicle running economically and at peak performance.

"Many people are keeping cars longer

than they did a few years back," Davis explains. "Cars, SUV's and trucks are much better built than they were in the past. They have the potential to be road worthy for hundreds of thousands of miles, with proper care."

One reason that fuel economy can be lost is having a vehicle that is not performing properly. Yesterday's "tune-up" with a timing light is a faded memory, replaced by many sophisticated computer-controlled systems. Davis Auto Care has invested in all the latest technology to insure they are always ready to deliver the "fixed right, on time, the first time" service they have become known for.

Additionally, they have access to advanced training from vehicle manufacturers due to their parts buying volume. And they subscribe to several online and telephone diagnostic hot lines where top technicians can share the latest information on solving even the most unusual problems on vehicles which become continually more complex with each new model year.

While the main repair facility deals with most of the preventative maintenance, diagnosis and repairs, minor maintenance is handled at the company's quick oil change next door, Jim's Oil Depot. There, customers can get an oil change, tire service, bulb replacement or cooling system flush, all without an appointment or leaving the vehicle.

"Another important factor in fuel economy is tire inflation," Jim Davis pointed out. "Under inflated tires can rob a vehicle of several miles per gallon. Having all tires properly inflated is important for good gas mileage in addition to proper handling, braking and to avoid premature tire wear." Jim's Oil Depot also offers Nitrogen inflation for tires, which many experts say adds even more to good fuel economy. While Davis Auto Care and Jim's Oil Depot strive to give their customers every possible advantage to get the most out of today's automotive maintenance and operating costs, their Ultimate Image Auto Spa is looking to preserve future value. Experts recommend waxing a vehicle's exterior every six months to protect the finish and prevent damage that could cost hundreds of dollars to repair.

Just as a house needs "curb appeal" to sell and fetch the highest price for it's owner, a vehicle has to look it's best when it comes time to sell or trade it in. Even leased vehicles should be properly protected so that there are no hassles when the lease ends.

Davis Auto Care, Jim's Oil Depot and the Ultimate Image Auto Spa are located at 807 Doheny Drive, in the Northville Industrial Park. They can be reached at 248-349-5115, or at their Web site www.davisautocare.com.



Th garage at Davis Auto Care is clean, orderly, and equipped with the latest diagnostic tools to expedite the completion of repairs by Davis' technicians

Certified Master Technician Craig Becker works on a vehicle at Davis Auto Care

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