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Bernabei at Borders

Greg Bernabei of Northville, an author, publisher and founder of the nonprofit organization Revitalizing Michigan, will discuss managing change in these trying times and his views on a product- and manufacturing-led economic recovery at 4 p.m. Saturday at Borders in Novi, 43075 Crescent Blvd. in Novi Town Center.



Bernabei

The author will discuss his "Triangle of Change" premise during the Borders presentation. For more information, call Borders at (248) 347-0780.

Dems' fund-raiser

Celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Northville Democratic Club at their summer barbeque fund raiser at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 29 at the home of Tom and Janett Hess (399 Rayson, Northville).

Enjoy food, drinks and fun with special guests include Lieutenant Governor John Cherry and Jocelyn Benson, Candidate for Secretary of State.

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Victorian sale

The Northville Historical Society is holding a four-day Victorian Festival Clothing Sale at Northville Square (corner of Wing and Main streets, downtown Northville). Times are noon-7 p.m.; Friday, Sept. 11; 10-5 Sept. 12; noon-5 Sept. 13; and 10-5 Sept. 14.

Victorian-era clothing and accessories for adults and children will be available for purchase from various vendors. Some clothing is new, some gently used, some vintage. There is no admission charge; cash sales preferred; no credit cards. Some vendors may accept checks.

For more information and possibly expanded hours call the Northville Historical Society at (248) 348-1845 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Residents want limit lowered on Napier

State police say
no change needed

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Debbie Brown sometimes feels like she's jeopardizing her life, and her horses' lives, when she rides down Napier Road.

The longtime Northville Township resident who lives on Napier Road says because no speed limit is posted on the dirt road vehicles often travel faster than they should, putting pedestrians, horseback riders and horses at risk.

Several residents own stables off the road on the westernmost edge of the township.

Residents would like the speed limit to be lowered and posted to 25 mph. State law says if a speed limit is not posted, the limit is 55 mph on gravel roads.

"We would like the speed limit to be lowered on Napier Road, and we continue to pursue that," said Mark Abbo, township supervisor.

Marv Gans, township trustee, said the township has tried to get the speed limit lowered for many years without success.

"The township board passed a resolution in support of lowering the speed limit on Napier Road to 35 mph on June 15, 2006," Gans said.

Then township officials were told they needed an ordinance as well, so township officials wrote an ordinance supporting the lowered speed limit.

"It's all up to the county, and the county said no," he said.

Brown said Novi and South Lyon officials have posted 25 mph signs on their sections of Napier Road, as has Salem Township south of Five Mile Road.

"It's just Northville Township that won't do it," Brown said.

She noted that there are three parks within just a few miles of Napier Road - Maybury Park, Community Park and Thayer's Corner Nature Area.

"The county has the right to



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Napier Road-area horse riders enjoy taking their four-legged friends out for a walk, trot or gallop along the rural road, but worry about speeding cars and large trucks scaring their rides. In this group: Hedy and Jonathan Schiff, Chris Purslow, Jessica Letourneau, Debbie Brown, Darlene Houdshell and Jean Bemish.

change the speed limit if there's a school or a park involved," Gans said.

Also, 60 or more access points must exist within a half mile on a dirt or gravel road for authorities to have a posted speed limit. This is not the case on Napier Road.

"But, there are 30 driveways off of Napier Road between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads," Gans said, "because I've counted them."

"It's not logical to be out in the country like this and have vehicles traveling 55 mph," said resident Virginia Miller. She said fast-moving vehicles frighten both horses and riders.

Brown said many walkers and runners use the gravel road as well.

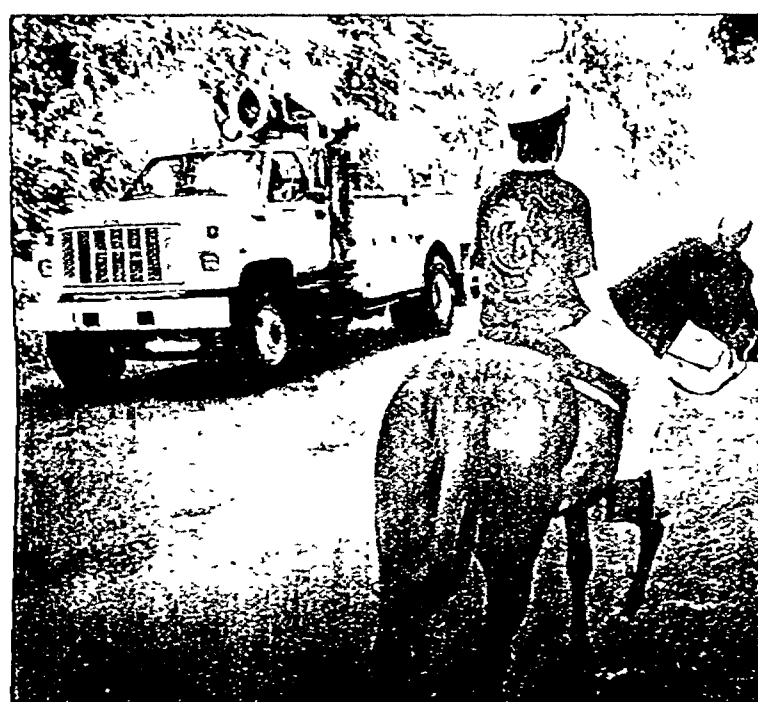
"I'm not giving up," Gans said about trying to get the speed limit lowered.

Wayne County officials were contacted about the matter. They stated that they do not post speed limits on gravel roads. This is true throughout the county not just in Northville Township.

STATE POLICE COMMENTS

Lt. Gary Megge of the Michigan

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The Napier Road horse riders hope to lessen the impact of fast moving cars and trucks have on their mounts.

Northville schools implement access control system

Northville School District building administrator Dave Bolitho looks at the security communications screen that Hillside Middle School personnel will have to use in order to let people into the building during school hours.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

BY NATHAN MENOIAN
SPECIAL WRITER

Come this September, all elementary, middle, and high school entrances will be locked once class is in session. Visitors, parents, and late arriving students will need to be buzzed in.

The new access control system will be in place throughout the district.

"We've looked at this system before, as safety and security are always a priority," said Dave Bolitho, assistant superintendent of administrative services.

"Basically, it is an audio and visual contact from the support staff desk out by the front door. Individuals having business at the school will need to ring in. The person at the desk will ask them to state their business before allowing them entrance. Once in, they must report directly to the school office to get a visitor's pass."

Parents will also be receiving notification from the district before school is in session, with information on the system.

Bolitho said he's read many publications about

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Scout to work on new sign for Northville

Council approves funds up to \$1,500

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Kyle Hammer decided the entrance to downtown Northville south on Griswold was rather dull.

Now he's going to be able to do something about it.

On Monday night, the Eagle Scout candidate from Troop #755 in Northville received approval from city council to fund his project to build a sign to be placed on Griswold.

Eagle Scouts are required to complete a community project



Hammer

before they can receive the top scout honor.

Council awarded Hammer up to \$1,500 to construct and place a sign and some landscaping in the median

just north of the Griswold Street bridge south of Eight Mile Road and north of Main Street.

"It looks boring now," Hammer said to council members. "We

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Escaped horses killed by motorist on Eight Mile

BY VICTORIA MITCHELL
AND PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITERS

Debbie Brown sometimes feels like she's jeopardizing her life, and her horses' lives, when she rides down Napier Road. The longtime Northville Township resident who lives on Napier Road said because no speed limit is posted on the dirt road in Northville, vehicles often travel faster than they should, putting pedestrians, horseback riders and horses at risk.

And Brown's concerns may be justified.

Michigan State Police Lyon

Substation deputies responded to a car versus horses crash on 8 Mile Road, west of Napier Road, the morning of Aug. 15.

According to deputies, a car struck and killed two horses, which escaped from their pasture.

The driver was not injured.

Two horses were initially loose and the remaining horses were corralled.

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Mary Gans, Northville Township trustee, said the township has tried to get the speed limit lowered for many years without success.

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road as well.

Lt. Gary Megge of the Michigan State Police Traffic Services Section in Lansing said it's a misconception that lower speed limits prevent accidents and save lives. He said that speed limits are determined by observing drivers on a road traveling at a speed that is safe and comfortable for them.

He believes establishing inappropriately low speed limits doesn't prevent accidents, and depending on staffing levels in police departments, enforcing speed limits on gravel or dirt roads, located in more rural areas, is often difficult.

SCOUT

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need something more welcoming."

The sign, estimated to cost \$460, will say "Welcome to Historic Northville" and mention that it was either founded or established in 1837.

A rock wall will be constructed on one side of the sign, with rocks, edging, mulch, grass, trees and day lilies planned for the area.

The estimated budget is \$1,166.51, with council providing a bit more should he need it.

The work must be done first, receipts provided, then reimbursement from the city will take place.

"It will look similar to the Farmington Hills welcome signs," Hammer told council members.

He already has the Northville Beautification

Commission members' approval on the project. The only requirement he lacks is Wayne County official's permission to put up the sign and landscaping project in the right-of-way.

Nancy Darga, councilmember, asked if he would consider using a different type of tree instead of boxwoods, since they are rather temperamental in nature, requiring lots of watering and covering in the winter.

Michele Fecht, councilmember, suggested possibly having some of the Beautification Commission members assist in caring for the landscaping.

Hammer said he has been working with Begonia Brothers on the landscaping portion of the project.

"It's a fine project," said Mayor Chris Johnson. "It looks like something we can be proud of for a number of years."

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CORRECTIONS

• In an article in last week's paper about the fire at Little Italy Ristorante, it incorrectly stated that Jeff Jepko was the chef. Jepko is the former chef and co-owner who sold the restaurant in June 2008 and left the restaurant in January 2009. The person running the kitchen before the fire was Thomas Taylor,

who trained under Jepko and Chef Chris Bohnlein, a Schoolcraft College graduate.

• In an article about a section of sidewalk off of Eight Mile Road being repaired by the county, the road authority should have been called the Road Commission for Oakland County.

NAPIER

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Townships do not own their roads; they are the responsibility of the corresponding county - in this instance Wayne

County.

Megge said the county would need to complete a traffic and engineering study before any new speed limits could be established.

Megge said he believes setting a 25 mph speed limit on gravel roads is improper and unenforceable.

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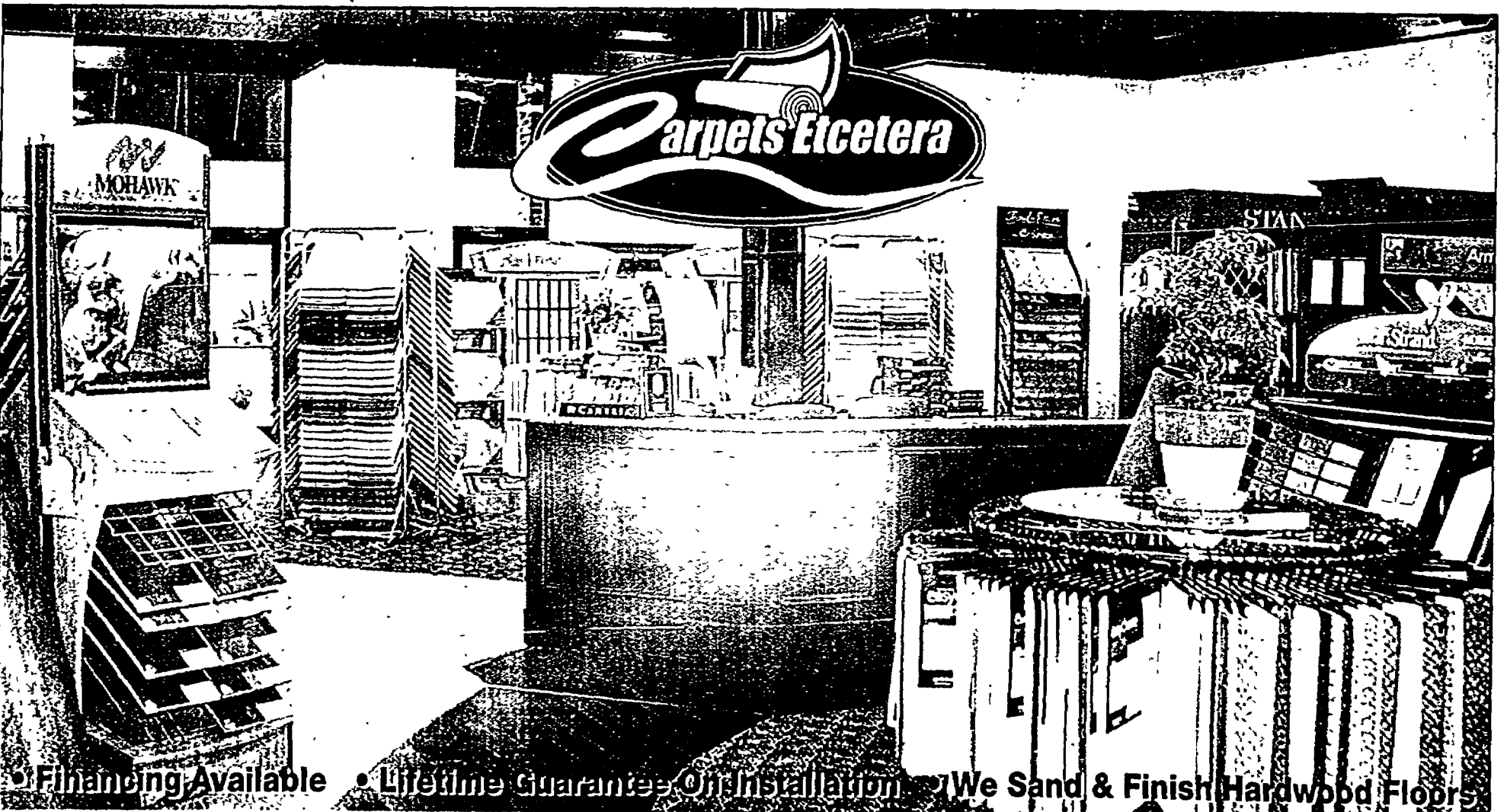
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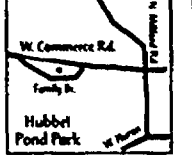
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SYSTEM

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school safety, and this system is one that has been successful in making schools safer.

The district is also getting input from local law enforcement from neighboring communities, seeking suggestions on the best way to implement such a program.

Bolitho said they have already received valuable feedback.

Funds to pay for the access control system came from the 2004 Bond issue. The cost

was \$28,881. Bolitho said the system is reliable from the research he's done, and only expects minimal cost for basic maintenance to the system. Training will be provided once the support group gets back just before school opens.

Parents bringing elementary and middle school students to school late will need to use the new system for entrance. High school students with their own transportation will still need to have their parents call in for them.

Bolitho said a time would be designated when the access control system will be activated.

The district will determine that time and parents will be notified with more specific information closer to school sessions.

The West Bloomfield school district has been using the system the past three years.

"We have cameras in our school system, and each building has at least one camera on the main entry door, which is locked once students arrive in the building," said Neil Currie, Ph.D. Instructional Technology Coordinator and Emergency Management Coordinator for the district.

"Some of our handicap facilities have more than one camera to accommodate their special needs. Each location has a sign that is in close proximity to the button that signals a secretary or some official person in the office that explains the procedure."

Training for the system includes learning the right questions to ask someone interested in entering the school.

Currie said that if there is any suspicion on the part of the user about the person seeking entry, the individual is asked to politely be patient and an administrator will greet them. The staff keeps track of the visitors in the building.

"Parents see the system as a way of keeping their son or

daughter safer, while they are in the building. It is an inconvenience for those of us who visit buildings everyday, but that is a price we are willing to pay," Currie said. "The district is happy with the purchase."

The Novi school district also implemented the access control system last year.

Gail Credit, assistant superintendent of business and operation for Novi schools, said they thought the implementation would be bumpy, because it was a bond issue, and people had already voted for it, and therefore it was something they wanted. But it went smoothly.

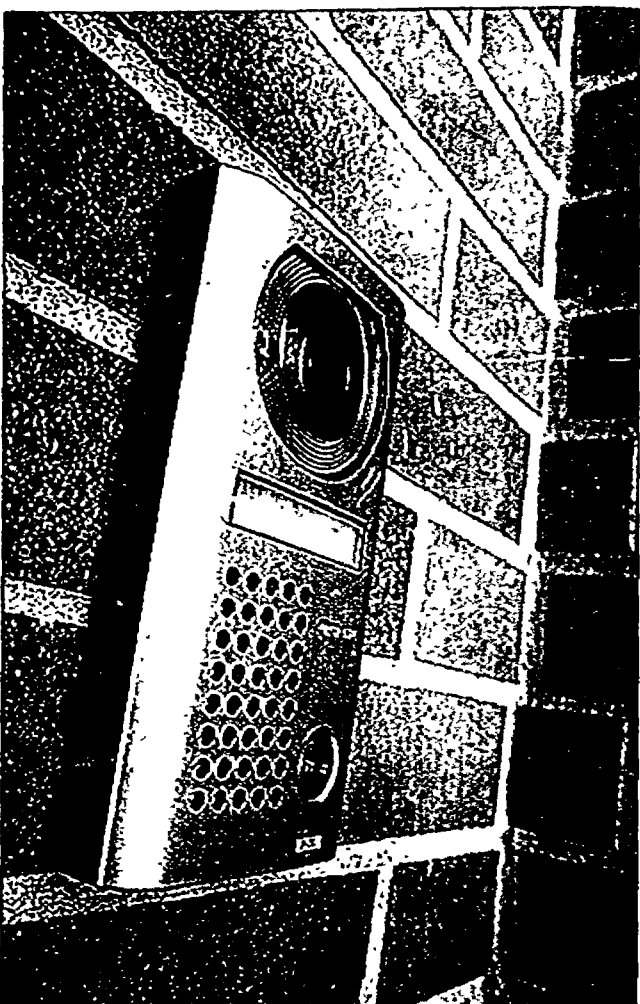
Parents standing at the door with cupcakes in their hand, may not like having to buzz in, Credit said, but so far the feedback has been positive.

Novi has five elementaries, one middle school, one building for fifth and six graders, a preschool building, and one high school.

Each facility has interior and exterior cameras, with the high school having additional equipment for extra interior and exterior coverage.

"We're not making prisons of the schools, we just wanted another layer of security," she said.

Nathan Menoian is a freelance writer living in Milford



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Comcast launches digital network enhancement in state

Changeover currently going on in Northville

BY PAW FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

There's big news in TV technology with Comcast this summer.

It started in May and will continue through August in Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth and Canton. It's called digital network enhancement, and it means consumers get more bang for their television buck with no price increase.

"Digital network enhancement is one of the most exciting things we've done in years," said Mike Cleland, area vice president for Comcast.

"It lays the foundation for the introduction of several new, innovative services that consumers have been asking for."

Cleland said the pace of technology innovation has accelerated at a greater speed in recent years in the televi-

sion industry.

"Color TV was introduced in the '50s, and it took more than 20 years to reach 50 percent of American households," he said.

"But, if you look at something like HDTV, (high-definition television) which has really only been out there only a few years, it is estimated to reach 50 percent of households by the end of this year. At this point, you almost can't buy a television without HD."

So, technology is rapidly changing things, and giving companies like Comcast the ability to offer new products.

FROM ANALOG TO DIGITAL

Consumers are obviously hungry for digital technology. More than 30 million HDTVs are sold annually, and that penetration continues to grow.

Comcast launched its "On Demand" service in 2003, which is a collection of more

than 10,000 programs, 1,000 of which are offered in high definition. Many of the programs are free, and they're easy to navigate since they are listed under titles or types.

Currently, Comcast has about 24 million customers nationwide, and about 1.3 million in Michigan.

Since 2003, there have been more than 12 billion downloads of this on-demand programming.

The service allow viewers to watch the programs when they want it and how, by allowing them to start, stop, fast forward and rewind.

"Digital technology is opening the door for many new services," Cleland said.

NORTHVILLE AREA ON BOARD

In the Northville area, more than 90 percent of Comcast customers have digital service on their televisions. They're looking for more HD, more channels, faster Internet



Cleland

Service and Value Pak service offers about 40 channels, which will be converted to digital.

"That's really important, because what happens is we can take one analog channel and convert it to 10-15 digital channels," Cleland said.

As analog customers convert to digital, they'll gain such things as an interactive program guide and a music choice service that produces about 45 channels of CD-quality music.

MORE PROGRAMS

The digital enhancement will be launched throughout the Northville area by the end of August. It will offer current digital customers 100 or more high-definition programs and other video programming.

speeds and phones with more features.

Limited Basic Service provides about 20-25 channels and is still analog. Comcast's Standard Basic

JUMP ON DIGITAL BANDWAGON

Comcast analog customers and digital customers without equipment on all of their TVs can get free equipment for up to three TVs. This includes one digital receiver and two digital adapters. All people have to do for more information is to go to www.comcast.com/digitalnow, call (877) 634-4434 or to the service center at 5070 Schaefer Road in Dearborn.

This will include more on-demand programming. On the Internet side, the conversion will extend into 2010 with broadband, which will take Internet speeds up to 160 megabits per second (Mbps) eventually and provide more services.

A professional install of the digital equipment costs \$24.95, which is a one-time fee, but customers can easily install it themselves.

"It's really simple to hook up the equipment," Cleland said. The equipment is free, and

customers can either have it delivered or pick it up themselves.

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A series of letters, TV ads, phone calls and scrolling channel messaging are informing customers of the change.

"We're confident that people are going to love it," Cleland said.

The project will extend into 2010 throughout Michigan.

"The folks in Northville are really on the front end of this," Cleland said. "They'll get these benefits really quickly."

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Realtors reaching out to the unemployed in area

Program would help create new small businesses

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

President Gary Reggish and the members of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors are well aware of Michigan's economic and housing market crisis.

And they think they might have a way to help — create jobs for the unemployed.

Reggish said while more than 600,000 people have lost their jobs since 2000, legislators are still talking about raising taxes to fix the economy rather than employing people.

"How come there is no buzz about how we can create jobs?" Reggish, owner/broker of Remerica United Realty in Novi asked. "What time is more ripe than today? The opportunity is greater than ever to create jobs in Michigan."

To get the ball rolling, WWOCA hired a research team out of Grand Valley State University to conduct research and get facts before starting Jump Start Michigan, a project intended to partner with governmental agencies to spur activity in Michigan's economy. The project assessed and analyzed Michigan's economic and housing market situa-

tions, and also led to the creation of the Entrepreneurial Rejuvenation for Unemployed Workers Program.

The program is what Reggish and the association members are pushing on legislators to help the unemployed find work.

"All those jobs are not going to come back so we have to help," he said.

The basis of the ERUWP would be to help assess unemployed workers for "entrepreneurial attitude and possession of an entrepreneurial skill," provide training for them through small business workshops and assist them in finding funding sources for the small business start-up. Reggish said while the manufacturing industry has taken the biggest hit, other fields such as medical and alternative energy are growing.

The program would be run through the Michigan Works! program and in cooperation with local county economic development organizations.

Dale Smith, executive vice president of WWOCA, said they have talked to at least three legislators who seem interested in putting the program together, and that the pieces of the puzzle are in place, "it's just a matter of combining resources to make

it happen."

"It may not work, but it's our goal and we want someone to take a look at it," he said. "It's an overwhelming issue and we hope to be providing the footsteps to start solving that problem."

According to the study, the ERUWP could create about 3,500 jobs in a year and help move Michigan toward the national average for new business creation.

Reggish said the reason the realtors association got behind the project was because the "rippling effect has an affect on everyone," and he wants the public to take a call to action and get involved too.

"Our role is much greater than helping folks buy and sell houses," Reggish said. "We want to help people keep their homes and thrive in Michigan."

Members of the association met with select state legislators earlier this week, and Smith said they would get a response within 10 days with names of people who could sit down and discuss the project at-length.

For more information about the project and program, visit www.jumpstart-michigan.com.

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NATHAN MUELLER | STAFF WRITER

Gary Reggish, president of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors, is helping lead the association's push to get government leaders behind the newly created Entrepreneurial Rejuvenation for Unemployed Workers Program.

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Dunlap Street to be down to one lane during work

Construction work will begin soon on two major intersections in downtown Northville. The East Dunlap Street Reconstruction Project is planned to begin next week. This project should take approximately two months to complete.

The city and its contractor, Nagle Paving Company, will make every effort to keep access open to downtown businesses abutting this roadway. The project will start by closing the eastbound lanes of Dunlap Street to traffic.

While new curbs and pavement are placed on the south side of the roadway, the north side (westbound traffic) will remain open to traffic. Once the south side of the roadway is completed, the eastbound lane will be reopened to traffic, and the westbound lanes will be closed for construction. When both sides are substantially completed, the roadway may be closed for one day to place the final course of asphalt. Then pavement marking and signage will follow, and the project will be completed.

NORTHVILLE POLICE REPORT

Drunk driving arrest

A 39-year-old Northville woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 5:35 p.m. Aug. 14 at Taft Road and Morgan Boulevard.

Officers were dispatched to eastbound Eight Mile Road from Beck Road about a possible intoxicated driver. Dispatch advised that it was the same vehicle they had previously received a call about regarding a suspected drunk driver.

When pulled over, she said she had consumed two drinks after police smelled alcohol on her breath and noticed front-end damage to her car. The caller told police that the woman lost control on Taft Road north of Morgan Boulevard, with her vehicle jumping the curb and taking down two trees in the median. She also allegedly drove through several yards and was crossing the center line.

The woman said she was on her way to pick up her children.

Business fraud reported

Police responded to a fraud complaint from a 45-year-old Livonia man concerning Reliable Marketing Services at 131 E. Cady St. at 2:02 p.m. on Aug. 13.

A man wanted to make sure his business partner, a 37-year-old Northville Township man, had not gone into the business and cleaned everything out.

The man said he learned that his partner had forged his name to lease a house in Arizona under the company name. The partner also established an account with Bank of America at 127 Hutton Street in Northville and forged his

signature to open an account under the company name. The partner was using the account to kite funds.

The partner also forged the man's name on articles of incorporation for the business.

The man supposedly moved back to Northville Township last month, according to the address on his expired driver's license.

A Northville detective is investigating the case.

Larceny from vehicle

A 40-year-old Livonia woman told police that someone broke into her vehicle at the Alandre Salon at 2091 Haggerty Road between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Aug. 8. The woman is the owner of the salon.

She parked her car at the back of the salon and noticed when she left that the rear driver's side window had been smashed and that her purse was missing. Stolen items included credit cards, \$350 in cash, driver's license, Social Security card, checkbook and gift cards from various stores.

The Nine West purse was valued at \$120, and a Louis Vuitton wallet was valued at \$700.

Retail fraud arrest

Police responded to a call about a male shoplifter at Kohl's department store at 20155 Haggerty Road at 5:10 p.m. on Aug. 8.

A 22-year-old Livonia man was arrested for stealing a pair of black shoes. A store detective watched as he selected the shoes, put them on, place the shoes he wore into the store in the box and put them back on the shelf.

He later selected a shirt and paid for that at the register. The shoes were valued at \$65.

Damage to property

A 58-year-old Northville Township man who lives on Broadmoor Boulevard said someone made a 2-inch circular hole in a garage window at his residence between 5 p.m. Aug. 5 and 9:30 a.m. Aug. 6.

Police believe it was not an attempt at a breaking and entering, since the hole was not near the lock mechanism. The interior pane of the double-glass window was not damaged. The window was valued at \$300.

Misdemeanor arrest

Police arrested an 18-year-old Grand Rapids man on a misdemeanor warrant at 3:01 a.m. Aug. 10 at Eight Mile and Haggerty roads.

The man was pulled over because his vehicle had a defective driver's side headlight. He also had his left-hand turn signal flashing then proceeded straight through the intersection. The man was unable to produce any proof of insurance or registration for the vehicle.

The warrant was from the Novi Police Department out of the 52-1 District Court.

Larceny from auto

Police responded to a resident on Deep Hollow Circle about a larceny from vehicle incident that occurred between 7 p.m. Aug. 8 and 8 a.m. Aug. 10.

The 61-year-old Northville Township man said he had a iPod Shuffle, a pair of Prada sunglasses and about \$15 in miscellaneous coins stolen from his vehicle.

The iPod was valued at \$100; the sunglasses were valued at \$150.



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EULENE "MEME" ASHER (JACKSON)

Age 72, of Brighton, MI, passed away peacefully Sunday, the 16th of August. Born November 25th 1936 she was raised in Fount, Kentucky. One of life's kindest souls, she will be sadly missed by all whose lives she touched. She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Albert Asher; her son and daughter-in-law, Donny and Rosemary Asher of Brighton, MI; son and daughter-in-law, Timothy and Rebecca Asher of Lake Orion, MI; daughter and son-in-law, Pamela and Michael Nevells of Milford, MI; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; sisters Irene Margerum, Bonnie Shockey, Gladys Blackwell, and Beula Coldiron; and brothers Ted Jackson, and Ralph Jackson. Meme was preceded in death by her parents, John and Eva Jackson; sister, Lola Jackson; brother, John Jackson Jr.; and brother, Glen Jackson. Services will be held Thursday, August 20th at Antioch Baptist Church in Woolf, Kentucky and she will be laid to rest in Asher Cemetery, Woolf, Kentucky. For inquiries contact Britton Funeral Home, Manchester, Kentucky.

MARY H. MILLER

Age 91, of Novi, formerly of Royal Oak, died August 16, 2009 at Providence Park Hospital in Novi. She was born August 15, 1918 in Detroit. Mrs. Miller lived in Royal Oak from 1949-1999 and then moved to Novi. She was a former employee of the J.L. Hudson Co. in Troy and a volunteer at the Novi Public Library. Mrs. Miller was an excellent baker and enjoyed making cookies for the family. She also enjoyed gardening. She is survived by her children, Lawrence E. (Gloria) Miller of Coral Springs, FL and Gail L. (Dennis) Cline of Novi; and grandchildren, Erin E. Gatten and Kyle D. Miller. She was preceded in death by her husband, Douglas Earl Miller, on November 26, 1992; and siblings, Lillian Roniewicz, Wanda Novak, Pauline (Bob) Stole, Walter Novak and Chester Novak. Visitation will be Thursday 2-9 p.m. and service Friday 11 a.m. at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. Eleven Mile Road (4 blks. E of Woodward), Royal Oak, with the Rev. Dale Hunter officiating. The burial will take place at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy. Share your memories at: www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com

LAWRENCE "LARRY" ROBERT SCHULTE

Age 54, died Aug. 14, 2009. A Funeral Mass was held on Aug. 18 at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Arrangements entrusted to Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com



ELLEN MARIE B. TESCHENDORF

Age 52, of South Lyon, passed away on August 15, 2009. She was born September 18, 1956 to Michael John and Mary Ellen (Rotz) Derrig. She was united in marriage to Patrick A. Teschendorf on November 16, 1979 and they spent 29 loving years together. Ellen, a homemaker, had been a resident of South Lyon for 15 years, she was formerly of Redford. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in South Lyon. Ellen loved and cherished her family. She enjoyed cooking and baking. She was an avid gardener, and had the perfect yard. Ellen is survived by her loving husband Patrick A. Teschendorf; her children - Amanda - (Randy) Hill, Heather, Teschendorf, and Andrew Teschendorf; her parents Jack and Mary Ellen Derrig; her in-laws Percy and Molly Teschendorf; her siblings Michael John (Sharon) Derrig, Stephen Derrig, Gerald (Sandra) Derrig, Bridget (John) Hines, and Patrick Derrig; her brother-in-law Michael (Mary) Teschendorf, and her sister-in-law Colleen (Mark) DaMour. She was also loved by many other family members and friends. A Funeral Mass will be held today, Thursday, August 20, 2009 at 11 a.m. with visitation beginning 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Ellen will be laid to rest at Calvary Cemetery in Brighton. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to American Cancer Society, 20450 Civic Center Dr., Southfield, MI 48076. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon.

MARY AGNES NEWELL (NEE LAWRENCE)

A resident of Dearborn Heights and former resident of Milford, died on August 16, 2009, at the age of 82. Mary was born in Pontiac, Michigan on July 25, 1927, the only child of Orlis E. and Agnes Sands Lawrence. She grew up in Milford when much of the town was still farm and family. She earned her high school diploma from the original Milford High School where she graduated with the class of 1945. Mary was a feisty and thoughtful woman who made best of friends with the honored few who she fostered relationships with. A woman of quality rather than quantity in the company she kept, many of her friends were part of the founding families of Milford. One of those families, included the Newells. Charles Newells lived just a few blocks from Mary. They met, fell in love, married and built a life together for more than twenty-four years until Charles' death in 1993. In Milford, Mary worked as a sales clerk at the D&C and Charles at Michigan Consolidated Gas Company. In later years, they made their home in Dearborn Heights. Wherever Mary lived, she sheltered the stray dogs and cats in her neighborhood. She deeply cared for animals, both big and small. She was caring for "Kit Kat" when Mary took a fall in 2005. The EMT who assisted her, seeing how devoted to this cat she was, adopted Kit Kat as his own. Edward and Teresa Price, who had cared for Mary since the death of her husband, moved her closer to them at the Oakwood Nursing Center in Trenton. Edward, who brought Mary her groceries over the years, knew what she liked, and he made certain that the small luxuries Mary enjoyed—chocolate and peppermint Schnapps—were always in plentiful supply. Mary is survived by her loving cousins and dear friends. She joins her husband, Charles, and parents, Orlis and Agnes, who preceded her in death. A Funeral Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford, on Friday, August 21, at 1PM. Friends may visit on Friday 10AM until the time of service. Burial will follow in Milford Memorial Cemetery. Memorials may be made in her name to the Michigan Humane Society, or further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

CARL WALTER ROSIK

Age 48, passed away on August 8, 2009. Carl was born on July 18, 1961 in Dearborn, to the late Julius and Sophie (Chladek) Rosik. Carl is survived by his son Christopher Rosik; brother Jay Rosik; and sisters Stephanie and Pauline. Private services were held. Arrangements entrusted to Phillips Funeral Home, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

May You Find Comfort in Family & Friends

LARRY DWAYNE BAILEY

Age 62, passed away August 14, 2009. Larry was born on January 16, 1947 in Kentucky, to Charles and Opal Bailey. Larry is survived by his mother Opal Bailey; brothers: Ronald (Ramona), and David (Patricia) Bailey; nieces and nephews: Kevin, Tom, Tanya, Teresa, and Tim; and nine great-nieces and nephews. Funeral service was held on August 18th at 11:00 at Phillips Funeral Home. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

WILLIAM G. COLLETT

Age 85, August 13, 2009. Funeral was Monday, August 17th, Holy Family Church, Novi. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. In lieu of flowers, donations to: Alzheimer's Association or American Red Cross. Online condolences www.obrienfuneralhome.com

PAULINE M. "PAT" GODWIN

Age 84, died August 11, 2009. A Funeral Service was held on Saturday, August 15, at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

MARION JEAN HAACK

Age 82 of Commerce Twp., went home to be with the Lord after a long illness on August 16, 2009. For further info contact Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 248-684-6645.

DANIEL LEE KIMEL

Age 79, passed away August 15, 2009. He was born on July 22, 1930, in Detroit, to the late John and Emma (Goebel) Kimel. Daniel is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Patricia Kimel; children: William (Christine) Kimel, Kathy (Alan) Steman; grandchildren: Daniel, Billy, Spencer, Sydney; great-grandchild: Makayla Kimel; siblings: David L. Kimel, and Shirley Kimel. He was preceded in death by his son Ronald, siblings: John Kimel Jr., and Dorothy Heimbarger. Visitation Wednesday, Aug. 19, 1-9 p.m. Funeral Thursday, Aug. 20, 3 p.m. with final visitation from 12-3 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 West Lake Street (Ten Mile), South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

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Obituaries received after 10am for Thursday will be placed in the next available issue.

Northville Township chief co-chairs committee

Richard Marinucci, deputy director of fire services for Northville Township, co-chaired the planning committee for the upcoming EMS Expo on trauma care slated in Novi.

Area emergency medical services personnel are encouraged to attend the first Southeast Michigan EMS Expo, an educational conference emphasizing the latest technologies in trauma care. The event is being sponsored by Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills and the Life Support Training Institute in Southfield.

The two-day conference will take place today and tomorrow at Rock Financial Showplace at 46100 Grand River Ave. in Novi. Opening remarks on Aug. 20 will be made by Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard.



Marinucci

A group of experts in training needs for paramedics and other EMS providers worked together to develop the training agenda that includes nearly 50 classes ranging from Aviation Safety for EMS Providers to Pediatrics in the Field to Safe Transportation of Bariatric Patients.

"Some emergency scenarios are not frequent, so it's good to have a refresher course just in case such a situation would occur," Marinucci said.

"Continuing education for emergency medical services personnel is so important."

The planning committee included fire chiefs from the Northville, Farmington Hills,

West Bloomfield, Dearborn, Southfield, Farmington, Novi, Walled Lake, Commerce and Livonia fire departments.

"One of the big trends is a focus on quick, appropriate treatment and transport to the appropriate facility, because not all hospitals have trauma surgeons," Marinucci said.

EMS personnel today know which hospitals are certified in trauma care, which means they are capable and ready to handle trauma patients.

As far as improvements in emergency medical services, "The EKG machines we use in the field are much better today, and we're continually seeing improvements as far as drugs that are administered in the field," he said.

Marinucci said some of the Northville Township firefighters are attending the EMS Expo.

Volunteers needed for emergency response team

Northville Township is looking for a few good men and women.

The Department of Public Safety needs citizens to join the ranks of the Community Emergency Response Team volunteer program that assists the police and fire departments.

Basic training classes will start the second week of September for two-three hours once a week for 10 weeks. These classes help citizens become better prepared in emergencies.

HELP AFTER A DISASTER

Following a major disaster, first responders who provide fire and medical services will not be able to meet the demand for these services. Factors such as the number of victims, communication failures and road blockages will prevent people from accessing emergency services they have come to expect at a moment's notice through 911. People will have to rely on each other for help to meet their immediate life-saving and life-sustaining needs.

One also expects that under these kinds of conditions, family members, fellow employees and neighbors will spontaneously try to help each other. This was the case following the Mexico City earthquake where untrained, spontaneous volunteers saved 800 people. However, 100 people lost their lives while attempting to save others. This is a high price to pay and is preventable through training.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

To become a CERT member, residents need to fill out an employment application, submit to a background check, attend a 10-week training session one night a week, be available for community events and be willing to work alongside a Northville Township police officer or firefighter.

WHY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

Local government prepares for everyday

emergencies. However, there can be an emergency or disaster that can overwhelm the community's immediate response capability. While adjacent jurisdictions, state and federal resources can activate to help, there may be a delay getting to those in need.

The primary reason for CERT training is to give people the decision-making, organizational and practical skills to offer immediate assistance to family members, neighbors, and associates while waiting for help. While people will respond to others in need without the training, the goal of the CERT program is to help people do so effectively and efficiently without placing themselves in unnecessary danger.

People who go through CERT training have a better understanding of the potential threats to their home, workplace and community and can take the right steps to lessen the effects of these hazards on themselves, their homes or workplace.

If a disaster happens that overwhelms local response capability, CERT members can apply the training learned in the classroom and during exercises to give critical support to their family, loved ones, neighbors or associates in their immediate area until help arrives.

When help does arrive, CERTs provide useful information to responders and support their efforts, as directed, at the disaster site.

CERT members can also assist with non-emergency projects that improve the safety of the community. CERTs have been used to distribute disaster education material, provide services at special events, such as parades, sporting events, concerts and more.

WHO TO CONTACT

Those interested in attending the September CERT class should contact Sgt. Matthew Mayes (248) 349-9400 or e-mail him at Mmayes@northvilletwpd.com.

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Sunday Schedule

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LOCATION: 200 E. Main St.

CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresville.org

Sunday Worship

TIME: 9:30, 11 a.m.

Walking in the Park

TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. every Saturday

LOCATION: Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads)

DETAILS: Group meets for lunch afterwards.

CONTACT: Sue (734) 459-0016

Single Place Ministries

TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. social time, 7:45 p.m. open-

ing; 8-9 p.m. program, every Thursday

DETAILS: Informative and entertaining programs

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site for details singleplace.org.

OAK POINTE CHURCH

LOCATION: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road

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Worship Services

TIME: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday

ReNew Life Ministries

TIME/DATE: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday

DETAILS: Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning and change from a Christian perspective.

CONTACT: For more information or to register call (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org

Charmed Influence

TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday

DETAILS: Studying the book "Surviving a Spiritual Mismatch in Marriage"

CONTACT: Joy Ruby at joy@oakpointe.org or call the church.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST OF NORTHVILLE

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Sunday Worship

TIME: 8:30 and 10 a.m. through Labor Day

DETAILS: Pastors Rev. Dr. Steve Buck and Rev. Steve D'Angelo

Coffee hour at 10:15 a.m.

Healing Service

TIME/DATE: 4 p.m. first Monday of every month

Radical Joy

TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. first and third Thursday of every month.

DETAILS: All women seeking to strengthen their faith and connect with other women are invited to attend, irrespective of church affiliation.

Crafters and Vendors are needed

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 24

DETAILS: The annual Community Bazaar Bazaar to benefit Village Banking at First United Methodist Church Northville. This is a great opportunity to showcase talent or business to hundreds of local customers. As cost is nominal, booth space is filling up fast.

CONTACT: For details and reserve a space email Pat Breslin at: BazaarBazaar@care2.com.

For more information regarding Village Banking: www.villagebanking.org.

NOVI UNITED METHODIST

LOCATION: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road

CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com

Sunday Worship

TIME: 9:45 a.m.

Healing Service and Holy Communion

TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month

Peace Vigil

TIME/DATE: Noon, first Sunday of every month

LOCATION: In front of the church

DETAILS: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.

Advent Service

TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. Sunday

WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile Road

CONTACT: (248) 374-7400 or (248) 374-5978

Sunday Worship

TIME: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Traditional; 9:30

and 11 a.m. Contemporary Nursery and Sunday

School during the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services

Service Broadcast

DETAILS: 11 a.m. every Sunday on WRDT-AM 560.

The WMUZ Word Station.

Single Point Ministries - 45 and older

TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. Sunday for fellowship and Bible study.

Single Focus Ministries - 35-50 years

TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. Sunday to deepen your

personal relationship with Christ.

Single Purpose Connections - 20-30 years

TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. Sunday in the Chapel for sing-

ing, Bible study, and fellowship.

DETAILS: For single adults. Active ministry offer-

ing various Bible study classes, volleyball, bicy-

cling group, tennis group, support groups, support

group for widowed over age 50, fellowship, friend-

ships and more. Contact the number below for

more information.

CONTACT: (248) 374-5920

Bible Studies and Prayer Nights

Learner's Bible Study

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Mondays Room A101

Men's Bible Study

TIME/DATE: 6:30 a.m. Wednesday Single Adult

Ministries office

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EDUCATION

RoboCamps a big hit for area students

BY NATHAN MEROIAN
SPECIAL WRITER

The Northville High School robotics team held two RoboCamps this summer to help young students interested in science and engineering.

Both were very successful, according to Beth Hadley, a camp coordinator for the events. Over 40 students were in attendance for each Camp, and their goal was to build a robot from a Lego motorized kit.

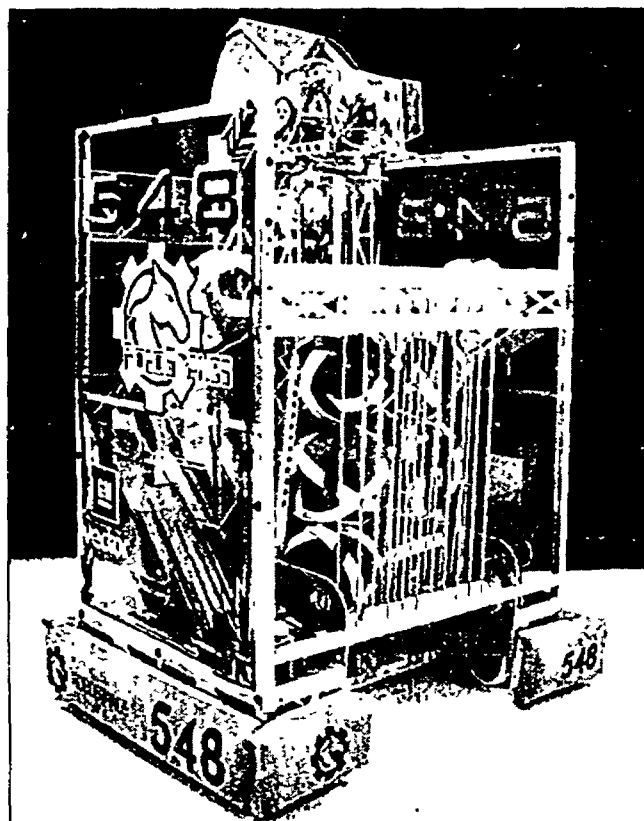
Students from Northville, Novi, Livonia, Redford, West Bloomfield, Plymouth, and Garden City participated. The Camps were held in the Northville high school cafeteria, where teams of 4th, 5th, and 6th graders built and programmed the robots.

The Robostangs, Northville's high school robotic team, is responsible for encouraging science and technology in the community. This summer they worked on finding different ways to reach into the community, targeting elementary students interested in science.

After a brainstorming session, they came up with the idea for a RoboCamp. 18 high school students and adult mentors volunteered to staff the event. The first Camp ran July 21-22, and the second ran August 11-12.

Once the snap-together kits are built and programmed, they drive forward, turn around, spin in place, and follow a line. Each robot has four wheels, two motors and gears, and a 2x3" brain.

"I've been involved with robotics since the 6th grade. It really has sparked my interest in science and technology. I didn't know about robots until then, and fell in love with



The Robostangs Team #548 robot.

it and programming," said Hadley, a junior at the high school and member of the high school robotics team.

When she discovered that a robotics team wasn't available for students at Hillside Middle School, she got involved.

"I felt kids should have an opportunity, and made sure our high school robotic got active with those students. I run the Robo rally for rookie teams at Hillside Middle School," Hadley said. "I am very interested in engineering, computer science, physics and chemistry."

Lauren Staszal, a senior at the high school, and team

captain for Robostangs Team #548, has been on the team since her freshman year. She also is in the National Honor Society, and was a mentor at both RoboCamps.

When Staszal started with robotics, she was the only girl on the freshman team.

"I've been trying to recruit girls for the team. This past year, we had eight girls. I like to encourage them to get into engineering, because it is interesting and rewarding," Staszal said. "We have about 50 members total on the team."

Since competition is a major part of the program, schools



The Northville High School Robostangs Team #548.



Beth Hadley, a RoboCamp coordinator, holds a finished robotic car from the camp.

across the nation receive their game challenge at the same time.

"From this area, we all go to

the Novi High School auditorium and watch a broadcast kicking off the event. When we go to competition we are part of a team with two other high schools, sort of a three-on-three," she said.

The kickoff takes place in early January, and for the next six weeks through the middle of February, teams work on building the robot to the guidelines they've been given for the upcoming competitions.

"From September to January, we're helping new members learn about what we do, and find the place on the team they're best suited for," explained Staszal. "We also plan fund raisers, because we are responsible for most of our costs, and last season our expenses were \$15,000."

General Motors, and Marathon Petroleum help sponsor the Robostangs. The team has mentors from GM who visit the team offering professional instruction.

Three Michigan district robotic competitions were held in March; Kettering University in Flint, Grand Valley University in Grand Rapids, and Wayne State University in Detroit.

"We were semi-finalists at Kettering, and Wayne State," Staszal said. "And we were finalists in the Michigan State Championship held at Eastern Michigan University, last April."

What followed later that month was an exciting trip to the national champion-

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NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

Hiller's helps equip kids for school

Starting this week and running for a month, Hiller's shoppers are invited to donate school supplies at all Hiller's grocery stores to help Operation: Kid Equip arm every Michigan child with the right supplies to start a new school year.

"We are very excited to collaborate with Hiller's Markets to help meet the great demand for school supplies," says Menachem-Michael Kniespeck, co-founder and executive director of Operation: Kid Equip. "Hiller's is well-known for corporate philanthropy and a dedication to community. This promises to be an excellent partnership as we work together to meet the needs of at-risk children and youth in our communities."

Operation: Kid Equip helps homeless, poor and low-income children in Oakland, Macomb and Wayne County. As of August 7, OKE had received parent applications for school supplies from families with a combined total of more than 5,000 children. The most-needed items are: spiral notebooks, filler paper, crayons, washable markers, large pink erasers, blunt tip scissors, rulers, pencils, pens and glue sticks.

Corral Club

The Northville Educational Foundation invites you to join the 2009-10 Corral Club. Donors who contribute \$175 or more to the Northville Educational Foundation will become members of the Corral Club that will benefit Northville Public Schools. Member benefits and include:

- Family NHS Athletic Sports Pass for the 09-10 school year (a \$100 value) for immediate family members.
- Reserved parking pass for all home 2009 varsity football games in the Corral Club parking area behind Cooke School (Thurs, Sept. 3, and Fridays - Sept. 18, Oct. 2 (Homecoming) and Oct. 23 (Seniors Night).
- Choir Concerts and Musical performances - purchase of tickets with reserved priority seating at performances for the NHS Winter and Spring Choir Concerts and the NHS Spring Musical. Selected performances will also include Corral Club Member Receptions.
- Completed applications mailed with checks by Aug. 15 will be processed before the first home football game. Applications that are received after August 15 will be processed as soon as possible. Families who have already purchased 09-10 NHS Athletic Sports Passes may join the Corral Club for a donation of \$85 or more.

Complete the Corral Club Membership application form and send with your check donating \$175 or more payable to the Northville Educational Foundation and mail to the Northville Educational Foundation, c/o Northville Public Schools; 501 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167 - Attn: Jan Purtell.

Memberships will be assigned in the order qualifying donations are received. Donations to the Northville Educational

Foundation that exceed the value of donor benefits received are deductible to the fullest extent permitted by law. The Northville Educational Foundation (NEF) was established in 2000 as a tax exempt 501(C)(3) organization to support a wide variety of academic and extracurricular programs offered by Northville Public Schools. The Foundation helps to support programs that cannot be supported by the district's operating funds.

For more information or questions, contact Jan Purtell at NEF@northvilleschools.org or call (248) 344-8458. Additional information about the Northville Educational Foundation and ways that you can help support the Foundation to enhance educational excellence for Northville Public Schools is posted at www.northville.k12.mi.us/district/educational-foundation.asp.

Meal guidelines

The Michigan Department of Education has announced the household income guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture for free and reduced price meals and free milk through the National School Lunch, School Breakfast, Special Milk, and Child and Adult Care Food Programs. The income guidelines are effective through June 30, 2010.

Contact your school, school district, child care center, or family child care home, to find out whether it participates in these programs.

Schools and child care centers will provide a form for applying for free or reduced price meals. Only one application is required per household. Most participating centers and all participating family child care homes provide meals to all enrolled participants without any separate charge.

Children who are recipients of Michigan's Family Independence Program, Food Assistance Program, or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations households, or enrolled in Head Start, Even Start, an At-Risk afterschool center, or an emergency shelter; automatically qualify for free meals. Households with incomes less than or equal to the following guidelines qualify for free or reduced price meals or free milk.

		Scale for Free Meals or Free Milk Scale for Reduced Price Meals	
Size	Annual	Monthly	Annual
1	\$14,079	\$1,174	\$20,036
2	\$18,941	\$1,579	\$26,955
3	\$23,803	\$1,984	\$33,874
4	\$28,665	\$2,389	\$40,793
5	\$33,527	\$2,794	\$47,712
6	\$38,389	\$3,200	\$54,631
7	\$43,251	\$3,605	\$61,550
8	\$48,113	\$4,010	\$68,469
		For each additional family member add:	
		\$4,862	\$406
		\$6,919	\$577

An application to a school or child care center can be approved if it contains complete documentation of household income, or documentation of current participation in Michigan's Family Independence Program, Food Assistance Program, or

Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations. Foster children usually qualify for free meals or free milk without regard to the foster parents' income.

Information supplied on an application for free or reduced price meals may be verified at any time. An appeal procedure is available for households where applications are denied.

Participating schools and centers accept applications for free or reduced price meals at any time during the year. A household may qualify for free or reduced price meals due to a temporary loss of income, such as a period of unemployment.

If a doctor has determined that a child has a disability, and the disability would prevent the child from eating the regular school or child care meal, the school or child care facility will make any substitution prescribed by a doctor at no charge. The doctor's statement, including prescribed diet and/or substitution, must be submitted to the food service department of the school or child care facility.

In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) policy, no participant will be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 or (202) 720-6382 (TTY). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

CAMPS

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ships in Atlanta, Georgia. The Robostangs finished as quarter-finalists in their division.

"The thing I like about robotics is the real world experience in engineering, I have learned so much from the students, adult mentors, and sponsors, and am so glad I participated in the program," she said.

The robot dimensions are 28"x38" and 60" tall, weighing 120 pounds. Staszel said it is made of a variety of metals that students have fabricated, and is programmed and wired by the students.

The Robostangs will be hosting The Great Lakes Team Recruitment Day on Saturday, September 12 from 10 a.m.-3

p.m. at Northville High School, to showcase FIRST Robotics and encourage other high schools to start teams. All are welcome to come and watch matches on a real competition field and find out what FIRST is all about.

The founder of robotic team competition is Dean Kamen, an inventor and technology advocate. In 1989, he founded FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology).

After their initial robotics competition, Kamen introduced the FIRST LEGO League (FLL) in 1999. As a result of a partnership between FIRST and the LEGO Company, FLL offers hands-on robotic experience for 9-14 year-old kids.

Nathan Menoian is a freelance writer living in Milford.

NORTHVILLE ON CAMPUS

Grand Valley State University

More than 2,250 students earned degrees from Grand Valley State University in April, including Northville's Ross P. Abraham, BBA; Sara L. Adkins, BS; Adam D. Blunk, BS; Joshua S. Cassidy, BS; Timothy C. Dalton, BS; Rebecca L. Darnbrook, BS; Kevin M. Gardner, BA; Caitlin E. Parent, BS; Jessica L. Pospiech, BA; Angela C. Roelofs, BA; Cristina M. Rzyzi, BBA; Clara V. Stockhausen, BFA; and Courtney L. Zokas, BS.

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\$2 - \$5 Blinds \$5 - \$2000 max bet per round (Buy-in \$100 - \$300).....Omaha
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Tournament Schedule

(80% payback on all tournament entry fees and 15% of the field place in the \$MONEYS)

Day & Time	Entry Fee	Starting chips	Blinds	Re-Buys	Charity Add-on	Prize Pool (Based on 50 players)
Thurs. 7:30 pm	\$5	\$2,000	20 Minutes	Unlimited (till 1 st break) \$2000 TC's for \$5 \$5000 TC's for \$10 \$10000 TC's for \$20 Must be \$10000 or less to RB	\$10000 in chips for \$10	\$1000* 1 st Place \$400* Pays 8 places
Fri. 7:30 pm	\$10	\$5,000	20 Minutes	Only 1 Re-buy \$5000 TC's for \$10 Must be \$10000 or less to RB	\$10000 in chips for \$10	\$1200* 1 st Place \$520* Pays 8 places
Sat. 5:00 pm	\$125	\$10,000	30 Minutes First-4 levels	No Re-buys	\$10000 in chips for \$10	\$5000* 1 st Place \$2000* Pays 8 places
Sun. 5:00 pm	\$100	\$10,000	30 Minutes First-4 levels	Unlimited (till 1 st break) \$5000 TC's for \$40 Must be \$10000 or less to RB	\$10000 in chips for \$10	\$7000* 1 st Place \$3000* Pays 8 places

((RB = Re-buy, TC's = Tournament Chips) * estimated)

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A \$1,000 cashiers check (U.S. funds) payable to the Wayne County Treasurer must be shown at registration and is required as a deposit for each parcel successfully bid.

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NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Northville Civic Concern has critical food shortage

Marlene Kunz of Northville Civic Concern, the local food bank located in the Highland Lakes Shopping Plaza at 42951 Seven Mile Road, said the charity is critically low on food.

As of Tuesday, shelves were extremely bare, and she is putting forth an emergency appeal to area residents to donate unexpired, nonperishable food to the bank.

For more information about drop-off times and what specific types of food or other items are needed, call Kunz at (248) 344-1033.

Coffee with Corriveau

State Representative Marc Corriveau (D-20th District) will be holding a coffee hour at Stone House Coffee & Tea on Sept. 28th from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Stone House is located in the Ridgewood Plaza, 16923 Ridge Rd. at Six Mile in Northville Township. Please join Marc to discuss any concerns or questions you might have.

Free Family Event

Join Bilingual Fun on Thursday, Aug. 27 at 7 p.m. for bilingual Spanish storytime at As The Page Turns bookstore in downtown Northville. Children of all ages will learn Spanish through music, dance, stories, and fun activities. Visit www.bilingualfun.com for more information or call 1-877-686-7399.

Victorian parade

The 2009 Victorian Festival is accepting applicants for the annual parade.

The parade line-up will begin at 5:45 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18 in the Senior Center parking lot (off Cady Street), with the parade beginning at 6:30. No cars will be allowed in the line-up area or on Cady Street; park in the lot across from the post office and walk over.

In order to preserve the spirit of the Victorian period, parade participants should observe the following guidelines:

- All participants should dress in a manner appropriate to the years of 1860-1920.
- Equestrian units should provide their own clean-up crews.
- No handbills/advertising allowed unless related to Victorian Festival activities
- Candy may be handed out in a genteel manner, but should not be thrown.

Presented by the Northville Chamber of Commerce, send the following information to that organization by Sept. 9:

Contact name; business/organization; address; phone number; fax; email; and description of your entry and approximate number of participants in your group walking in the parade.

Mail to: Northville Chamber, 195 S. Main St. Northville MI 48167; or fax to (248) 349-8730.

For more information, or to reserve your spot in the parade, call the Northville Chamber of Commerce, 248-349-7640.

Sunday Morning Nature Walks

Beginning Sunday, Sept. 13, hour-long nature walks featuring forest and field ecology of Maybury Park will be held at 10 a.m.

By September, everything is preparing for winter. Take a closer look at nature's harvest on Sept. 13 for the Fields and Edges walk.

See how every living thing of the forest can be explored to unveil the nutrient cycle during the Sept. 20 Forest Ecology walk.

And the characteristics of Maybury's forest trees and special profiles per species will be the subject of the Sept. 27 Trees walk.

All walks begin at the concession building off of Eight Mile. Donations will be accepted for the Friends of Maybury.

To sign up, email tudorbrownes@gmail.com.

Northville Methodist church helps villages help themselves

Presentation will explain why missions matter

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Remember the advice about give a man a fish, and he can eat for one meal, but teach him to fish, and he'll have food for a lifetime?

Members of the First United Methodist Church of Northville are using this philosophy to help people in Haiti and Africa by participating in a concept called Village Banking.

A special free presentation, titled, "An Evening for Mission/Village Banking," will take place at 7 p.m. Aug. 26 at the church's sanctuary at 777 W. Eight Mile Road just west of Taft Road.

The presentation will detail the mission and ministry work in these countries that Methodist ministers have been involved in and explain just what Village Banking is all about.

The speakers will include Curtis Bartz, who has traveled to Haiti 16 times for missionary projects, and Pastor Lew Carlson of Dearborn, a Methodist minister who has served several churches in Malawi, Africa. His professional experience includes serving as a teacher, principal, school superintendent and adjunct professor at Eastern Michigan University and Wayne State University. He is also president of the Curtis-Dean Corporation and an administrative consultant to 12 Michigan school districts.

In 1991, Carlson lived in Malawi and participated in a pastor exchange program.

Bartz and Carlson will talk



MARK ABRAHAM

Actress Natalie Portman, FINCA's Ambassador of Hope and co-chair of the Village Banking Campaign, makes tortillas with a FINCA Mexico client.

about life in these countries and talk about how programs such as Village Banking are making a difference in people's lives.

Carlson has directed community well projects, because water is a precious commodity in these developing countries. He has also helped the communities establish an orphanage, a foster program and an orphan's field, where they grow food for the foster families, so they can feed the children in their homes.

During the presentation, one of the speakers will try to hook up a Skype video call with one of the women in the banks. Each speaker will talk about 30 minutes and have a slide presentation.

NOT YOUR TYPICAL BANKS

Village Banks provide small loans to women living in extreme poverty in developing countries. Loans as small as \$10, \$50 or \$100 help them develop businesses to support their families and educate their children. By putting small loans directly into the hands of the working poor, these banks help people help themselves.

"We like to say it's not a hand out, it's a hand up," said

Deborah Southworth, a member of First United Methodist Church of Northville promoting Village Banking.

"It's an amazing organization," Southworth. "They have hundreds of thousands of these banks throughout the world. They're a registered, four-star charity. The banks are repaid at a 98 percent rate. Loans are paid back with interest, and the money goes back into the banks to help more people."

They basically back each other's loans.

"One lady grew tomatoes, but she didn't have a very big market. So, she bought a bike with her loan. With her bike, she can now go to other villages. She doubled her income."

Another woman used her \$10 loan to buy some cups and spoons and a few other items and started a nursery school. "She said she had never had \$10 at one time in her entire life. Now she has employees and has gotten a second loan."

Southworth put it in perspective: "There's need everywhere. But, here in the U.S., \$10 can buy you lunch. In these developing countries, it can totally transform someone's life."



Southworth



Bongiovanni

LEARN ABOUT VILLAGE BANKING

Members of the public are invited to a free presentation, "An Evening for Mission/Village Banking," at 7 p.m. Aug. 26 at the First United Methodist Church of Northville, 777 W. Eight Mile Road. Two speakers who have been involved in missionary work in Haiti and Malawi, Africa, will discuss the concept of Village Banking, an international program that provides small loans that produce big results. Refreshments and discussion will follow the presentation. Details of the church's Oct. 24 Bizarre Bazaar, whose proceeds will go to support the two Village Banks the church started last year, will also be provided.

BECOMING SELF-SUFFICIENT

Once a Village Bank is established, women who have received loans actually run the banks. "They support each other and meet once a week to learn how to take care of their money and save it," Southworth said. Some men are members of the banks, as well, but more women are involved.

"They have found that when women succeed, the benefits are extended to their children. They all eat better, they get medical care, and they pay for them to go to school," she said. "It breaks the cycle of poverty and illiteracy."

Pat Bongiovanni, a member of First United Methodist Church of Northville, said 91 cents of every dollar goes directly into the hands of the people. For more information, go to www.villagebanking.org.

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Good Grief Golf Outing set at Tanglewood

Tanglewood Golf Club in South Lyon will be the site of the 11th Annual "Good Grief" Golf Outing for the New Hope Center for Grief Support.

The event is slated for Sept. 12, with a shotgun start beginning at 10 a.m.

The cost for the four-person scramble, which includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch, dinner, contests and prizes is \$125 per golfer. Dinner only is \$35 per person. Both silent and live auctions will be part of the event. Lauren Podell, traffic reporter for WDIV-Channel 4, will be the emcee and special guest at the dinner/auctions following the

outing.

This year's event is being presented by Brookdale Senior Living, the outing's Green Jacket Sponsor. For information about sponsorship opportunities or for registration information, contact Pattie Bingham at (248) 348-0115 or visit the Web site at www.newhopecenter.net.

New Hope Center for Grief Support, located at 315 Griswold, is a nonprofit bereavement outreach center. New Hope provides free grief support services and resources to men, women, teens, and children throughout southeastern Michigan.

The center relies largely on

fund-raising events to serve adults and children in southeastern Michigan grieving after a loved one has died. This golf outing is New Hope's largest event and is projected to raise \$25,000 to support the mission of New Hope and all of its services that are offered at no charge to the community. Participants will receive a receipt with the amount of the entry fee that is tax-deductible.

Individuals can sign up and be placed with a foursome. Women's teams, men's teams and mixed teams will be formed.

Reservations for the outing must be in by Sept. 9.

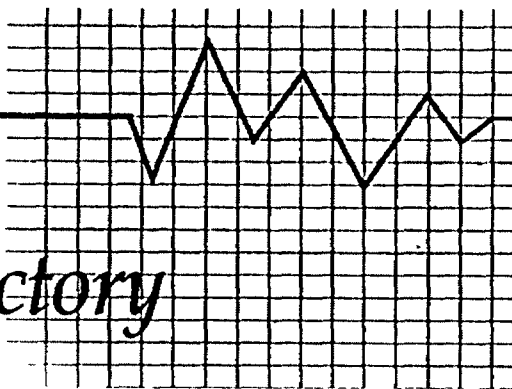


NEW HOPE CENTER FOR GRIEF SUPPORT

Area residents are invited to come play in the 11th golf outing for Northville's New Hope Center for Grief Support, which kicks off with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. on Sept. 12. The event will take place at Tanglewood Golf Course in South Lyon. For more information, call the center at (248) 348-0115.

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

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

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

Northville Civic Concern: Hunger doesn't take a vacation

While this group does do a good thing they should rethink their procedure for coming to their office. When you arrive you have to sign in on a sheet with your name, address and number of people in your household. This information is not kept private so anyone who comes into the office will see that sheet on the table. Asking for help is hard enough but knowing that your personal business will be out there for anyone who comes into the office is humiliating.

Besides just the lack of privacy with this procedure there is also an underlying safety concern with anyone coming in being able to get this information.

rjregis

Northville board OKs state grant application; will only matter if bond proposal passes

Well, it passed by about 500 votes. Good game, Twp. But why are we giving REIS another \$4,000,000? At what point have the essentially gotten their land for free? Either they are the most powerful developer ever or our board is weak. The developer is good at getting what they want. That is for certain. As a for profit biz, I cannot fault them. Again, good win today. For a total sum of \$1,000 and an ad hoc group of about 12 people we almost pulled it off. Not bad at all. Maybe we will follow the pattern the Twp. did next time... and this is per. a trustee ... poll ... find the biggest fear, in this case annexation, and push that fear on EVERYTHING. Signs, mailers, phone calls, etc. The is how they won the game. The problem is ... only career politicians are willing to do that. So, I guess we will see how this plays out over the next 12 months. I have a feeling that we just financed Westland West at Seven and Haggerty. Lose/Lose situation? We will know in the coming months.

SteveEmsley

You're correct, Steve, that those involved in Northville politics seem to have learned that fear is a powerful motivator to get what they want. It has been used in all the previous votes regarding this property and was used again for yesterday's ballot issue.

dogwhisperer

Letters to the Editor: Learn from tragedy

Just for accuracy sake ... the boy who was accidentally given Mike's Hard Lemonade was in foster care for two nights while the issue was investigated then resolved. There was no "couple of weeks" involved in the investigation and resolution.

rjregis

TOM WATKINS: Here's an opportunity to save taxpayers cash

This appears to be an obvious solution in our current economic condition. There are other states who have smaller governments and have better economies. Perhaps we could learn from them! But one thing is for certain, if we keep doing "business" in the same manner with the expectation of having different results, then we are doomed to the insanity we have created! Michigan will become a ghost town as everyone leaves to better jobs and better lives outside of Michigan!

ekangas

Northville Township looks forward to planning hospital property

Lets go back for just a minute. How much campaign\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ money did our Abbo ran for the State House seat ??? Its public information and Abbo owes the northville taxpayers some explanation.

Jefferey2012

"They've also agreed to do the landscaping to match theirs on Seven Mile Road all the way to Pierson Road." How about we get them to agree to leave as much of the canopy of existing growth over Seven Mile? Pretty please REIS? :) It is truly the "Northville Twp. Welcome" and a transition from suburbia to our rural Township.

SteveEmsley

COMMUNITY VOICE

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



I like videos because you can stay home and it's convenient in the comfort of your own home. The theater is an experience, an event. It's a little more fun, but it can also be a hassle.

John Potter



It would have to be videos. We don't go to the theater much.

Kathy Duprie



Renting. It's easier and it's cheaper.

Bridget Murphy (left)
Renting. Then I can watch it whenever I feel like it.

Maureen Murphy



Both. A movie theater on a hot day is a cool place to be, and you can hear it in full sound and see it in hi-def. But I do both.

Earl Sexton

LETTERS

Voters did right

So glad the hospital grounds on Seven Mile were saved. I really can't believe the bond passed in these hard times. You can be very proud of your township. Some people never do understand the concept of what is held in common because they only think of themselves and have forgotten all about the tribe. I am very impressed by Northville's majority and its sense of vision. What has been saved is a remarkable property and the opportunity would never come again. Please share this message from a City of Sharing, Calif., planning commissioner with your local editor.

Dr. Randall R. Smith (brother of Marta Nield of Northville Township)
Redding, Calif.

We need new choices

The American middle class is breathless, skittish and struck dumb by viewing a decline of their children's potential under new management's "plan" to rework America. We hide our heads in the sand or under a blanket while hearing the whine of "incoming" artillery of strangling socialism. The American middle class, our economy's prime mover, is on the brink of rapid erosion. Now in a defensive posture, our middle class is the easiest to control, weaken and manage. Those empty, controlling words "protecting our middle class" are floated, then discarded. Trickle down losses paralyze many intent upon listening to hear the next shoe drop.

While it lasts, we are grateful freedom of speech and thought, still available and not yet undone in the reformation of America. Government efforts towards the management of information, distribution and supply of goods and services is a drive for dependency and control. Repeatedly the theories of progressive socialists, or collectives in government run dependencies are so very toxic to liberty. Government control probably best illustrated on a smaller scale by results that surround the worst, most ineffective, of the nations public school systems.

Self-reliant and upwardly mobile Americans struggled hard to step into the middle class. Many achieving incomes above \$40/50K a year felt they had fully arrived with their ability to manage money. Then absorbed in self-protection they become easy prey to fear, easily allowing politicians to promote dumbest and even mythical ideas to cement political control. Accommodations now made by American middle class in their retreat peels the onion of their success, ripping a hard won position away.

The proposed nationalized health care legislation cannot withstand a serious cost/benefit assessment with the fuzziest math. Then the legislators pushing the national health care at public meetings show no embarrassment in a lower understanding of the legislation than the informed citizen. But with normal arrogance the

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administration has its staffing plans already made with funds set aside in the whopper stimulus legislation. The old and disabled are not far off base to have visions of personalized toe tags be issued them under this "progressive" administration. To me it is a scheme to fully discard a functional, unbroken system that denies no one at all and meant simply to place a collar on all Americans. Americas three most expensive public expenditures are education, welfare and health care alone remains least dysfunctional. Flim flam of glossy legislative generalities do not wear well in light of a history of failure. Washington think is summarized in comments of Andrea Mitchell when she said "Americans do not know what is good for them." Our economy appears so crippled with all additions to an expanding load of horrendous debt most of us try to push their fright out of their minds. This fuse has been lit and burning for an avalanche of mounting problems. Moving on with an example of liberal "Freakonomics," this administration with unnecessary haste, confusion and obfuscation has dumped a load serious doubt upon the future of Americans? America desperately needs new choices and voices who must be able to read, stand up, step out and challenge each rubber stamp in Congress.

Jim Nowka
Northville

Obamacare flaws

The people of this great nation elected a little-known senator from Illinois as President in November 2008 based on "Hope and Change." I don't know about hope, but change is coming fast and furious. Not only do we have "Cap and Trade," the largest tax increase in history, not yet passed by the Senate, but we have "Obamacare" now before both houses of Congress. There has been much said about "Obamacare," but let's take a look at what is really in the bill currently before the House. It is over 1,000 pages in length and too involved to be presented in total, but here are a few highlights:

On page 42, it calls for the

Healthcare Commissioner to choose your health care benefits. On page 50, it says health care will be provided to all non-U.S. citizens, illegal or otherwise. On pages 58 and 59 it says the government will have real-time access to individual bank accounts, 401(k) accounts or other financial assets. (Where have our freedoms gone if the government can remove money from accounts of private citizens?). On page 65, it says the government will subsidize the plan for union and community organization (aka ACORN), retirees and their families. The rest of us will have to pay. On page 72, it talks about the government creating a health care exchange to bring private health care plans under government control. (Remember, Obama said: "If you have a private plan you can keep it." What he did not say is that you can keep it only until he is able to bring it under the government single payer plan.) On pages 335 to 339, it talks about outcome based measures to control costs. So, if you are a senior citizen, you may be denied treatment. On page 425, the government mandates "Advance Care Planning." Seniors will be interviewed every year for health issues and decisions will be made as to what care they can and cannot receive. If you have enough money to afford treatment without insurance, it will be illegal. On page 427, it talks about how the government will mandate a program of orders to cover treatment for the end of your life.

At the present time, the statistic across the United States regarding the use of health care is that 50 percent of the health care dollars are used by 5 percent of the citizens. So with 47 million new people covered by government insurance (including 10 million illegal aliens), the government will start denying care to that 5 percent primarily made up of the elderly and chronically ill. And, if you haven't already figured it out, Medicare parts A, B and D and part B supplemental insurance will be eliminated.

We have the finest health care in the world. 68 percent of the American people are satisfied with their health care. It is true there are many improvements that can be made, but let's work on improving the existing system, and not throwing it out for a failed system similar to the British/Canadian system. You might ask why the president would do such a thing? Let's look at the British system. British health care employs 1.4 million people in the U.K. The American system would employ many multiples of this. So, for Obama, it represents a gigantic jobs program, and all of these jobs will depend on being financed by the government. This translates into an enormous amount of additional power for him and for Congress, at the expense of our health and our freedom. And, by the way, the president and the Congress are exempted from this plan.

John Hamann
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Sew much creativity

American sewing expo coming to Rock in September

Hands-on classes and seminars to fashion style shows and demonstrations will all be at the 16th annual American Sewing Expo at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi Sept. 25-27.

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

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

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

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



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

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

All day workshops will be conducted by New York

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

Corinne Leigh, host of "ThreadHeads" show and Meg Allan Cole, host of "Décor It Yourself" show from

ThreadBanger.com will share their passion and secrets for making their own fashion in the Re-Construction Zone. ThreadBanger.com is a network of forums, shows, blogs and newsletters for people who want to create and discover their own style through alternative fashion of recycling, up-cycling and re-fashioning with simple sewing tools and techniques.

Sewing Jackets, 20 Tips to Sewing Better and Easy to Make Great Fitting Clothing are the seminars presented by Pati Palmer of Palmer/

Pletsch International School of Sewing in Portland, OR, where she trains consumers and sewing educators. She is a sewing book author and The McCall Pattern Company and Vogue pattern designer.

The Passion for Fashion Sewing Challenge will begin Friday as 12 finalists design and sew their garments for judging on Saturday (similar to Lifetime's Project Runway and Bravo's The Fashion Show).

Embroidery Extravaganza Fashion Show sponsored by Creative Machine Embroidery

DETAILS

Rock Financial Showplace is located at 46100 Grand River Avenue between Novi and Beck Road in Novi, Michigan. Show hours are 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday. Preshow workshops are 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 23 and Thursday, Sept. 24. Expo admission is \$12 and children 16 and under are admitted free with a paying adult. One-hour seminars are \$14, all-day workshops are \$98 to \$148 and special combination packages are available online in advance. Onsite parking is available for \$5. For more information, visit www.AmericanSewingExpo.com or call (248) 889-3111.

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

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

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

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

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

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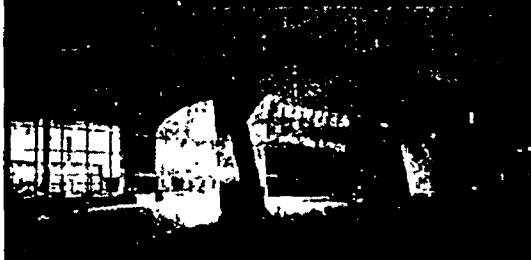
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Preparing for layoff or termination

Perhaps you've heard through the grapevine that there is another round of layoffs being planned by your employer. You've survived any cutbacks to this point - what should you do?

Many people go into denial - they think that because they haven't been hit yet, that they won't be hit in the next round. The problem here is that if the worst happens, these people are shocked and angry and often unable to move forward for several weeks after the event.

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

YOUR NEXT JOB

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

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

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



Martha D. Adamson

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Immediate annuities: A safe way to boost your retirement income

Dear Savvy Senior
I'm interested in learning more about the kind of annuity that provides a safe steady income for life. At age 70 and recently retired, I would like to shore up my retirement income, and rely less on the unpredictable stock market. What can you tell me?

Annuity Seeking Ann

Dear Ann,
The kind of annuity you're asking about is a "fixed immediate annuity," which is a risk-free retirement tool that's become very popular among retirees in these financially uncertain times. Here's what you should know.

GUARANTEED INCOME

A fixed immediate annuity, also known as an income annuity, is like a do-it-yourself pension that can provide you with a guaranteed stream of income for as long as you live.

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How it works is you pay an insurance company a lump-sum payment, and the insurance company provides you with a guaranteed monthly check (immediately) for the rest of your life or for a specific period of time, whatever you choose. But the bad news is that with most immediate annuities, once you hand over your payment to the insurance company, you're locked into the payment agreement and you lose access to your money.

HOW MUCH

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

rates and any special features you choose. For example, in exchange for a \$100,000 lump-sum payment, a 70-year-old woman could get around \$700 every month for the rest of her life.

ANNUITY CHOICES

Immediate annuities also come with a variety of payout options to meet your specific needs and lifestyle. Your choices include the:

- **Single-life annuity:** This is the most basic option that provides fixed monthly payments for the rest of your life, but payments stop when you die, whether it's tomorrow or 50 years later. Or, if this seems too risky, you can opt for a single-life annuity rider that provides payouts or refunds to your heirs if you die early. These security options, however, will lower your monthly payout.
- **Joint-life annuity:**

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

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

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

INFLATION PROTECTION

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

Or, another way to fight inflation is to "ladder" annuities by buying additional fixed-rate annuities every few years. This allows you to capture higher payments as you age, and the interest rates, which are low right now, may rise in future years also giving you a higher payout.

SHOPPING AND INVESTING

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

better by A.M. Best at www.ambest.com or call 800-439-2200. And as far as how much to invest, most experts recommend investing only a portion (25 to 50 percent) of your retirement savings in an immediate annuity, or just enough to help cover your monthly expenses.

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

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit www.savvysenior.org. Jim Miller is a regular contributor to the NBC Today Show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

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Ideas: Lungs that breathe life into an organization

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

TAKIN' CARE OF BUSINESS

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

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

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

you for doing something for which you are receiving a paycheck?') and individual recognition for 'making a difference' ('What else do you suggest we do?'). If all that you do is consistently labeled 'doing your job', then you have to adopt a U.S. Patent Office mindset for protecting your ideas and ensuring that, both credit and recognition, is rightfully acknowledged.

There have been a number of successful individuals who have stated that they have always kept a daily journal that highlighted their workday. In the midst of several mundane activities, there was always an idea that was worth capturing and saving for a later time. This kind of personal record made it easier to track an idea back to its source

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

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

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

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Northville couple makes Michigan dinner



Karen and Michael Picoriek of Northville display the items they took with them to a family reunion of Michael's relatives July 11-18 in Virginia Beach, Va., to prepare a Michigan-themed dinner for 16 people. They said the dinner was a lot of fun, and everyone enjoyed learning about the Great Lakes state.

From Faygo pop to Jiffy cornbread

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Karen and Michael Picoriek say Michigan-made products make a great meal.

The Northville residents discovered this when they organized a Michigan-themed dinner at a family reunion July 11-18 in Virginia Beach, Va.

Karen Picoriek said she got the idea after attending a presentation given by Rep. Marc Coriveau (D-Northville) about the Buy Michigan Now initiative prior to the recent festival in downtown Northville.

Lisa Diggs, founder of the buy-local initiative, was also present.

She decided it would be fun to take a bunch of Michigan-made food products to the reunion of her husband's relatives to show them how many wonderful things come from the Great Lakes State.

They even had an oven mitt with the state of Michigan outlined on it and some Petoskey stones, the state stone of Michigan, to use as table decorations.

"I thought this would be a great way to showcase Michigan," she said.

The Picorieks used the Buy Michigan Now Web site as a guide in purchasing their Michigan food items, and it helped that Hiller's Market on north Center Street flags their Michigan-made products.

A TASTE OF MICHIGAN

Michael and Karen Picoriek prepared the following meal for his relatives:

Appetizers: Kellogg's Crispix snack mix made with Kellogg's cereal from Battle Creek; Keebler Crackers from Battle Creek, served with Win Schueler's cheese spread from Marshall;

Better Made Potato Chips from Detroit; Detroit Tigers peanuts from Germack Pistachio Company of Detroit; a selection of Michigan made wines purchased at various vineyards including the Ciccone Vineyard owned by Silvio Ciccone, Madonna's father.

Beverages: Assorted flavors of Faygo pop, started in Detroit in 1907; Vernor's ginger ale ("deliciously different," started in Detroit in 1864); Salad: Mixed green salad with Michigan dried cherries, (Michigan is the No. 1 producer of cherries in the U.S.) and candied pecans with Mucky Duck salad dressing from Clarkston;

Entrée: Assorted grilled items marinated with Michigan-made marinades served with AJ Dente pasta made in Whitmore Lake;

Bread: Jiffy Mix Corn Bread made in Chelsea at the Chelsea Milling Company.

Dessert: Michigan-shaped cookies and ice cream topped with Guernsey's hot fudge made by Guernsey Farms Dairy and Restaurant in Novi.

Dinner music was from various Motown artists and other Michigan musicians, including The Temptations, The Supremes, The Four Tops, Stevie Wonder, Aretha Franklin, Kid Rock, Madonna and Bob Seger.

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Mary Moore pitches for the Northville Sallies in a Tuesday evening softball league in Northville Township. Moore, the starting pitcher for the Sallies, was a player in the All American Girls Professional Baseball League in the early 50s and played for the Springfield (Illinois) Sallies and for the Kalamazoo. Moore lives in White Lake Township, turned 77 on 7/7 and got a basehit single that evening during this game for her birthday.

Still swinging at 77

Former pro lights up Northville's softball league

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

Few have dedicated their life to a sport as much as Mary Moore has dedicated hers to baseball.

The White Lake resident turned 77 on July 7 and spent the evening on the mound for the Northville Sallies of the Northville Parks and Recreation slow pitch softball league, giving herself the birthday present of a left-field single base hit.

Moore's Northville team adopted the Sallies name from the Springfield (Ill.) Sallies of the All American Girls Professional Baseball League, a farm team Moore played on in 1950 to kick off more than a half century in the sport.

Growing up in Lincoln Park, Moore was a simple neighborhood girl, but with one benefit, a Detroit Tiger lived around

the corner.

"I just played out in the field with the boys. There weren't any sports for girls back then," she said. "Detroit Tiger (shortstop) Eddie Lake lived three blocks away and used to come out and play ball with us, so I learned how to judge a ball. My high school chum lived next door to (Lake) and babysat his kids."

With some helpful pointers from "Sparky" Lake, Moore was introduced to another female baseball player by her high school English teacher and the two began training at locations between Detroit and Chicago until Moore was called up to play in Springfield.

The Sallies were in the league to provide an opportunity for newer players. She would play 77 games in 21 states and Canada over the course of three months, playing before crowds of 2,000-3,000 people and using venues such as

Yankee Stadium in New York before Yankee games featuring the likes of Joe DiMaggio.

"To play ball and get paid for something you loved to do was unique," Moore said.

Her pay was \$46 per week with the Sallies and \$55 plus per week with her next team, the Belles, slightly above average pay for the time period.

Moore only stayed with the Sallies for the 1950 season before her play at second base drew the interest of the Racine Belles, who took Moore and the franchise to Battle Creek before the 1951 season.

"I led my team in just about every category," Moore said of the Sallies.

During the offseason when she was drafted to the Belles, Moore was in a

Please see MARY MOORE, B2

Catholic Central's Gatt in 'Discovery' mode in Europe

There's no denying that Josh Gatt is in the midst of a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Gatt, a Plymouth resident, is an elite soccer player at home with Novi-Detroit Catholic Central and the developmental Michigan Wolves.

But he currently is competing until mid-August at the U.S. Football Club SuperElite Discover Europe International Showcase in places like Austria, Germany and Belgium.

"It is a huge honor to make it into such a great tournament," said Gatt, a talented outside midfielder for the Shamrocks and Wolves who one day would love to do a World Cup. "It is something that I have always dreamed of and for it to be a reality is simply amazing."

"To play with this much talent from all over the U.S. and to then take that team (Discover Europe) and compete against the top youth talent in Europe is something that I did not believe was possible. Now that it is here, I can only say that I am as fired up as I have ever been about soccer and playing at the next level."

Gatt said he earned a spot with Discover Europe by way of his performances at the Michigan Wolves/Derby County Wolves Academy Showcases and Adidas ESP (Elite Soccer Player) Camp.

"They have seen me play in all those showcases and apparently liked the way I played," noted Gatt. "It was a process that has taken over a year."

The Michigan Wolves were considered the top U18 team during the U.S. Development Academy regular season.

LOOKING TO FUTURE

Meanwhile, there was plenty to like, namely Gatt's ability to attack from the outside or leave defenders in the dust with his combination of speed and power.

Of course, the current tour (which began on July 24 and is designed to spotlight U.S. talent to European pro scouts) is whetting Gatt's appetite about how far he can go in soccer.

First comes his senior season at Catholic Central.

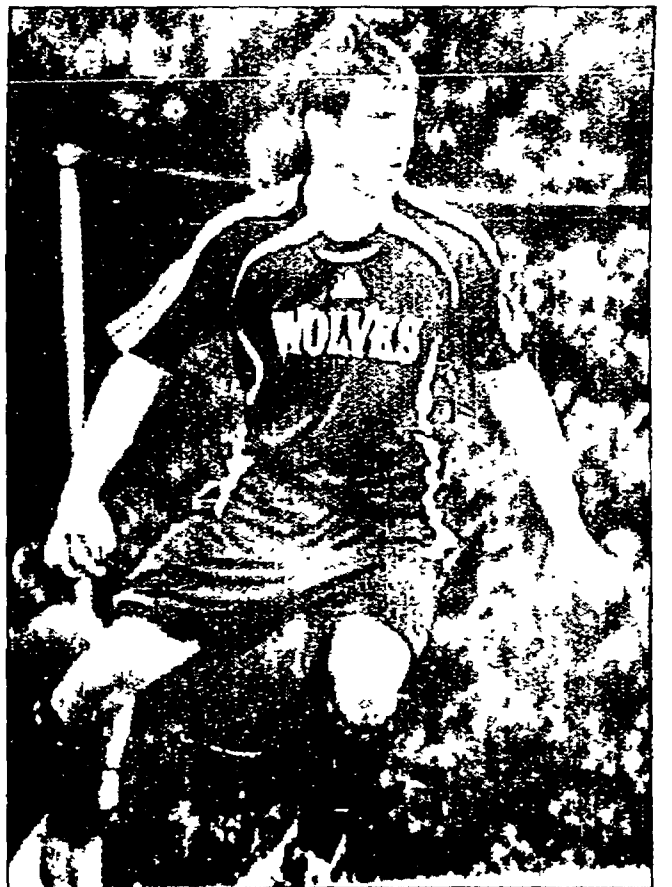
"The impact this would have on my team is being able to take all my knowledge and experience I learned in Europe," Gatt said, "and see if I could relate what I learned to my fellow teammates and make us a stronger team and a contender for a state title."

He already has verbally committed to playing collegiate soccer at Indiana beginning in fall 2010 but is also at least thinking about turning pro someday.

"I am trying to put this all in perspective and be realistic about it and take whatever comes from this as a positive stepping stone for my soccer career," added Gatt, who certainly wouldn't mind returning to Europe to compete in the World Cup.

But first, there's some unfinished 'discovering' for Gatt to do.

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Josh Gatt, a soccer standout for Novi-Detroit Catholic Central and the Michigan Wolves, now is making an impact in the Discover Europe International Showcase.

Theisen's top 10 wishes for the upcoming prep season

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

Bring it on!

I'm sooo ready for fall sports to begin.

In a summer that has included a new house, a marriage and a full transformation of my coverage area for the paper ... I need some normalcy. And the familiar sights of football fields, volleyball courts and everything else in between will be the perfect cure.

The following are the top 10 things on my wish list for all the area teams.

SIX WINS

All football coaches know the magical number - 6. It's the number of wins needed to punch a guaranteed ticket to the playoffs. Several teams from the area earned the right last year, and want nothing more to taste postseason play

again. Some others were left just short, leaving a burning hunger for one or two more wins.

GOOD HEALTH

Nothing is harder to swallow for a coach or player than hearing the season is over because of an injury, though they will happen. I just want to wish everyone the best of health on and off the field.

AN EVEN BETTER 2ND YEAR FOR THE KLAA

The KLAA was off and running last year. The mega-conference lacked one team to have an even six-team, four-division look. Enter Grand Blanc to fill in the vacated spot left by Parker (in Howell), and the 24-team league is whole. The competition level in the West Division gets a boost, and the KLAA

only gets tougher. Some other sports will get minor tweaks here and there to improve scheduling and competition. With familiarity going up, expects rivalries to get better and better as the KLAA continues.

GOOD WEATHER

Hopefully the storm that hit before the opening practice isn't a sign of things to come. Rescheduling is an unfortunate nightmare for athletic directors. We all need rain, but let's hope it doesn't come down dead sideways from here on out. The fall season is the opposite of the spring, starting hot and cooling off toward the end. If you see my car, don't laugh too hard at the back site with the extra coat, rain gear, umbrella, gloves and those wonderful hand warmer

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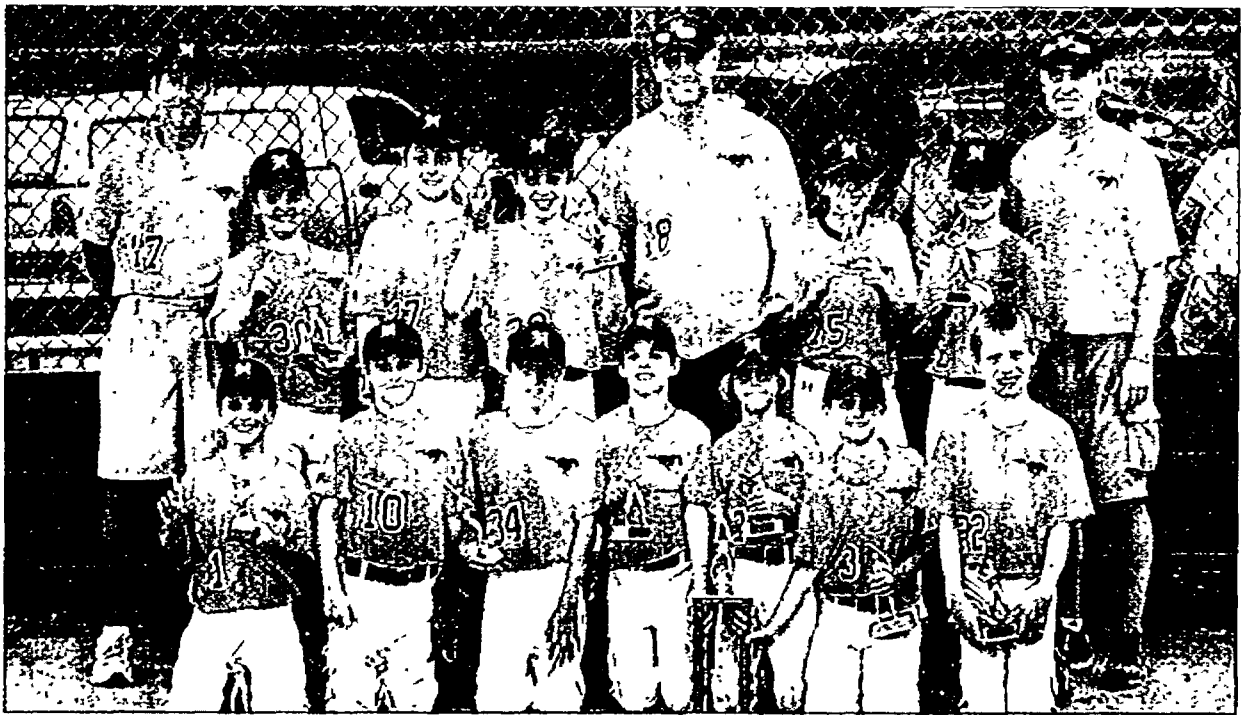
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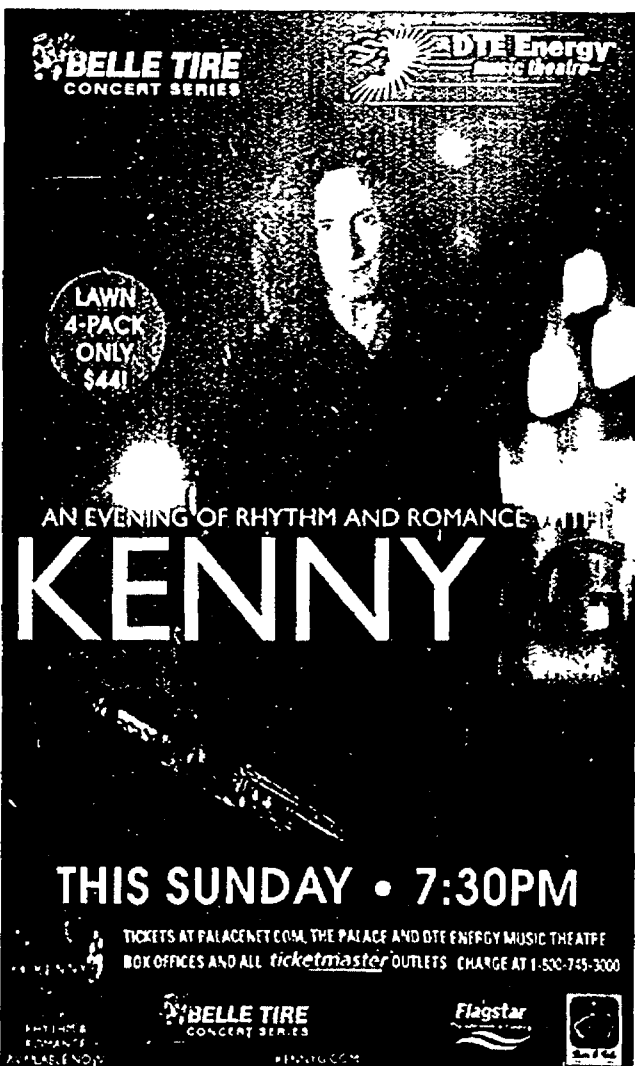


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Rules changes announced for fall sports season

Significant rules change from a safety standpoint will be at the forefront as formal preparations for the 2009-10 fall sports season begin next week for more than 110,000 students in eight sports at member schools of the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

Practice sessions begin on Monday in football with golf, followed by all other sports on Wednesday. A major change to the calendar that begins with the new year is that all sports now have a required number of practice days before they engage in competition, to provide a framework that promotes conditioning and a legitimate window for team tryouts to be conducted in.

Practice in football must begin on August 10 for all schools wishing to begin regular season games the weekend of August 27-30. Schools must have 12 days of preseason practice at all levels before their first game, which may not occur before 16 calendar days. All football schools must also conduct at least three conditioning days of practice before beginning contact, and the conditioning sessions may not include any pads.

In golf and tennis, competition may commence no earlier than after three separate days of team practice, and not before seven calendar days. The first day competition may take place in golf and tennis is Aug. 19. In all other fall sports, contests can take place after seven days of practice for the team and not before 14 calendar days. The first day competition may take place in cross country, tennis soccer, swimming and diving, and volleyball in the fall is Aug. 21.

This year, two football dates precede Labor Day, and Thursday varsity games will take place both weeks. In Week 1, 41 eleven-player

FALL POSTSEASON DATES

CROSS COUNTRY:

Regionals — Oct. 30 or 31
Finals — Nov. 7

FOOTBALL:

Selection Sunday — Oct. 25
Pre-Districts — Oct. 30 or 31
District Finals — Nov. 6 or 7
Regional Finals — Nov. 13 or 14
Semifinals — Nov. 21
Finals — Nov. 27-28

GIRLS GOLF:

Regionals — Oct. 8 or 9 or 10
Finals — Oct. 16-17

SOCCER:

Boys Districts — Oct. 19-24
Boys Regionals — Oct. 27-31
Boys Semifinals — Nov. 4
Boys Finals — Nov. 7

GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING

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Swimming/Diving Finals — Nov. 20-21

TENNIS:

Boys Regionals — Oct. 8 or 9 or 10 L.P. Finals — Oct. 16-17

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL:

Districts — Nov. 2-4 & Nov. 5 or 6 or 7
Regionals — Nov. 10 & 12
Quarterfinals — Nov. 17
Semifinals — Nov. 19-20
Finals — Nov. 21

games will be played on Thursday, 250 contests will be played on Friday, and 15 games will be played on Saturday. The following weekend, 216 games will be played on Thursday, 86 games will be played on Friday, and 7 games will be played on Saturday.

The major football rules change by the National Federation of State High School for 2009 is that the



Volleyball team members from Novi get fired up before a game during last season.

horse-collar tackle has been added to the list of illegal personal fouls. Effective this season, it will be illegal to grab the inside back or side collar of the runner's shoulder pads or jersey and subsequently pull the runner to the ground. The penalty will be 15 yards from the succeeding spot.

There are two other risk-minimization changes in 2009. One change will make it illegal to grasp an opponent's chin strap, in addition to the opponent's face mask or edge of a helmet opening. The national rules committee also made a significant change in an effort to reduce the risk of injury along the sidelines. A maximum of three coaches may be in the restricted

area between the sideline and the restraining line to communicate with players during dead-ball situations. Before the ball becomes live, however, the coaches must retreat into the team box. This is to keep the six-foot zone between the sideline and the restraining line open for officials, the length of the field. The restraining line is also in place outside the team bench area to keep other sideline personnel — chain gangs, trainers, media, and others back from the field during play.

The most visible rules change in girls volleyball will permit head coaches to stand during play with limitations. The head coach may stand in the libero replacement zone during

play, and shall not be closer than six feet to the sideline. If the team bench is carded by the official at any point during the match, the head coach will lose the privilege to stand for the remainder of the match. Additionally, a change was made to allow the ball to contact any part of the body legally. Previously, the ball was only allowed to hit a player from the waist up for the contact to be legal.

Based on an increase of sponsorship by member schools in Lower Peninsula Girls Golf, the MHSAA post-season tournament expands to four divisions of plays beginning this fall.

Submitted by the MHSAA



Girls start the course at Huron Meadows during last year's MHSAA regional cross country meet. Practice began yesterday for fall sports other than football.



SUBMITTED BY AMY SMITH

8U Broncos celebrate

After getting their feet wet in the Northville Early Bird, the 8U Broncos went on to compile a 24-2 record over their next five tournaments and celebrated three first place championships and two runner-up finishes. They came up just short in the finals of the South Farmington All-Star Classic and had a heartbreaking one run loss in the Carleton Invitational final. The boys took top honors with championships in the Linden Invitational, the Milan Tournament, and in the coveted PONY League State Tournament held in Garden City. Pictured (l to r, first row) are Hobbie Maxwell, Christian Aulepp, Cole Smith, Matt Weber, Alex Garbacik, Connor Wysocki and Reggie Spencer; (second row) Nick Prystash, Paul Boran, Jake DelCampo, Joey Borthwick, Kevin Townsend, Josh Anderson and Spencer Ziparo; and (back row) Assistant Coaches Canice Boran and Clint Smith and Head Coach Dave Maxwell.

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Fenton Tourney champs

The 10U Stampede finished their season with a second tournament championship win to end the year, at the Michigan BPA End of Season Baseball Bash. Pictured (l to r, front) are Zac Osaer, Alex Tyburski, Connor Breen, Ian Welsch; (middle) Brian Lally, Josh Gutowsky, Brian Lucido, Andrew Blazo, Justin Woolhiser, Noah Huggins, Chris Dunn, Kian Hershberger; (back) Coach Blazo, Coach Lally, Coach Tyburski and Coach Hershberger.



MHSAA.com gets complete makeover

The beginning of a new school year will bring a new look, new features and improved functionality to the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Web site - mhsaa.com - which was relaunched Aug. 3.

Over two years in development, using input from schools, officials, media and the Have Your Say Survey conducted in the fall of 2007, the redesigned site will offer a variety of new ways for all parties to obtain information and services from the Association; with the one feature most requested - schedules and scores - at the forefront.

Beginning with the launch of the revamped site, MHSAA member schools can input their varsity competition schedules and team scores in all sports. Future plans include giving schools a platform for inputting schedules and scores at the subvarsity level as well, and for providing additional statistical details from an event.

For the past few years, the MHSAA Website has become a go-to place on Friday nights during the football season for scores, with more than 80 percent of games being reported by 11 o'clock. The popularity of the schedules and scores feature in football bodes well for expansion into other sports.

"Our website statistics show that over 20 million page views in a school year, approximately 11 million of those views are for football schedules and scores. When we talk to schools, officials, the media, fans and student-athletes, they all tell us the MHSAA Website should be the location that centralizes that information in all sports," said John E. "Jack" Roberts, executive director of the Association. "With the relaunch of our website, the cooperation of schools, and the phenomenon of crowdsourcing, we think what has taken place in football will improve and be replicated in all sports."

Schools have been responsible for the input of information in the past for football, and will be the primary force in other sports, but the crowdsourcing element will provide a big boost in pushing the results-gather-

ing process.

"We expect that schools will take the leadership in making the MHSAA Website the first place that people go for schedules and scores, either through an athletic administrator providing the information, or by delegating that task to a coach or responsible individual associated with the team that will keep the information current," said Roberts. "Then through crowdsourcing, followers of a team or sport will be able to help fill the gaps to everyone's benefit."

Individuals will be able to become a registered user at MHSAA.com, enabling them to be able to provide scores. "It would not be unusual for several registered users sitting in the stands at their local games to use their handheld device to provide us with the final score at a game's conclusion," Roberts said. "The 'crowd' provides the information and polices itself to make sure that the information submitted is accurate."

The revamped site will also include new content, such as a regular blog from Roberts; will feature ways for visitors to support their favorite school through e-commerce solutions; be integrated with the MHSAA Network websites to audio and video broadcasts of regular-season and post-season tournaments; and utilize connections to social media such as Facebook and Twitter.

"Our students are better connected in some ways than ever before," says Roberts. "We believe that using some of the social networking elements of the Internet will promote positive interaction between young people well after our student leadership events are over; and it's those personal connections that get converted on game day into great sportsmanship."

From an administrative standpoint, school personnel and registered game officials will find improved navigation to existing tools to help them better communicate with the MHSAA; tools which will expand in the future to assist them in their day to day operations of their work with educational athletic programs.



Crazed Strikers

On July 19, the "Crazed Strikers" won the U8 girls championship game at the Kick It 3v3 soccer tournament in Rochester Hills. The team includes Lilian Lucas of Plymouth, Ashley Armstrong of Dearborn Heights, Megan Dolan of Troy, and Charlotte Beaudoin of Northville.

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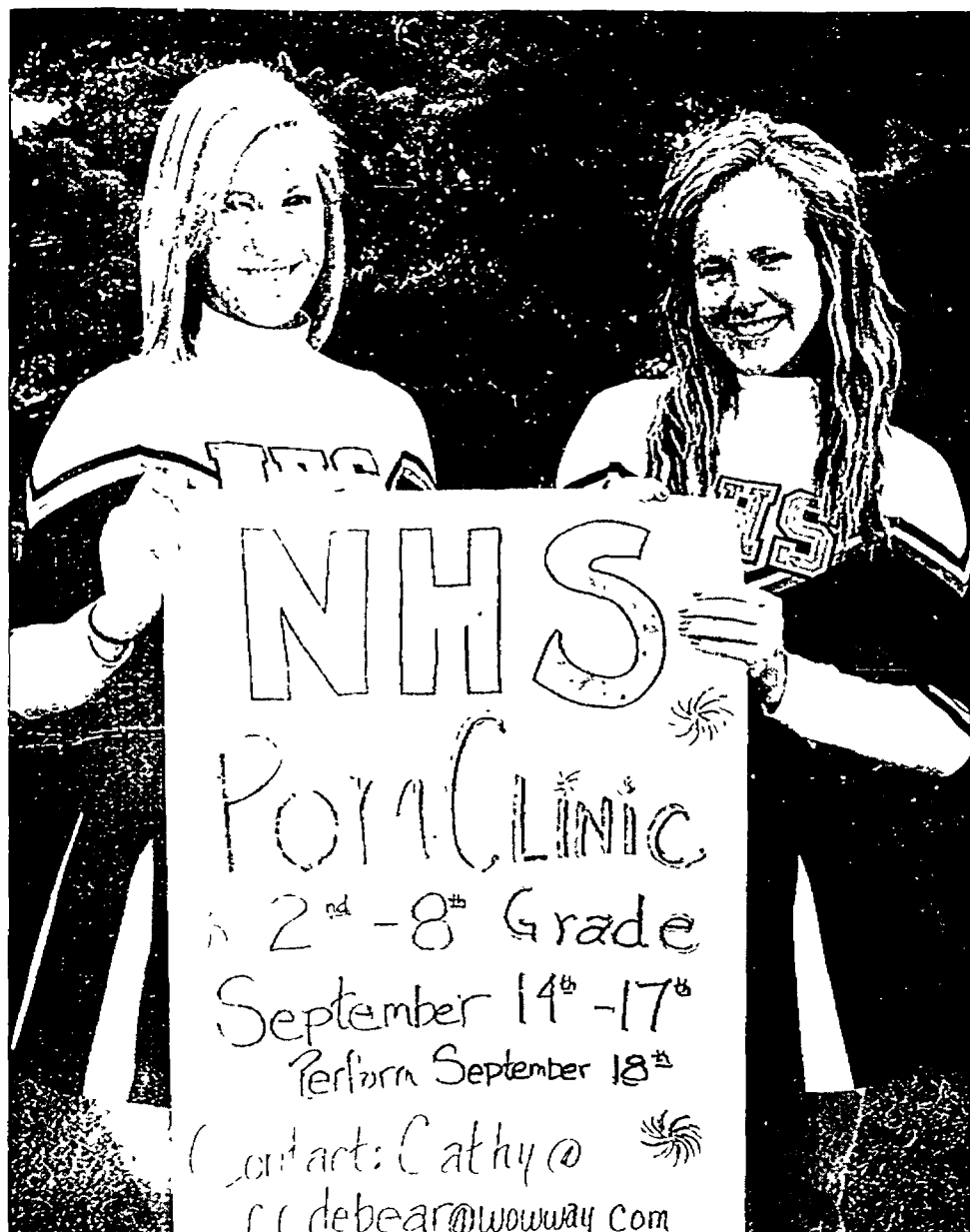
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Pom pon clinic

The Northville JV and Varsity Pom Pon Teams invite you to participate in their Pom Pon Clinic, open to second through eighth grade girls. The girls will be taught age appropriate pom techniques and will perform the routine they learn at the Northville Varsity football game on Friday, Sept. 18 on the football field at half time. Practices will be held at the Northville High School gym, 7-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, Sept. 14-17. The fee is \$70 and includes poms, T-shirt, and an invitation to perform in the Northville Pom Variety Show in February. Please contact Cathy at (248) 374-9080 or ccdebear@wowway.com to register through Friday, Sept. 11.

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Mustang Boosters outing

On Saturday, Aug. 29 at Fox Hills Golf Club, the NHS Mustang Booster Club is hosting a Golf Outing and Dinner Auction in an effort to continue support of Mustang teams. The cost is \$100 per golfer. It includes 18 holes of golf, lunch, dinner and an open bar. If you would like to attend either the dinner auction or golf, the cost is \$50. Reservations/donations must be received by Aug. 15.

The Northville Mustang Booster Club is an organization that supports NHS athletic teams under the guidance of Bryan Masi, athletic director. We have supported student athletes in many sports by donating over \$75,000 (in the past three years) for items like upgrades to the auxiliary gym, portable bleachers, a trophy case and shelving, an outdoor storage building, aerobic equipment including AMT machine, treadmill, stationary bike, significant weights and equipment for the strength and conditioning room, gym fans, field benches, concession equipment including popcorn poppers, a gas grill, a hot dog machine, and a nacho cheese machine, and four years salary for a strength and conditioning coach. In addition, the Booster Club annually donates eight \$1,000 college scholarships for seniors. The recipients are selected by a panel of coaches and teachers.

Over the past three years, Boosters have provided over \$210,000 to teams and student athletes.

If you have questions, please call Sue Baldwin, Boosters VP and events chair, at 248-348-1828 or email sue@baldwin-capital.com.

Family Sport Pass

Don't miss your chance to purchase a 2009-2010 Northville High School Athletic Boosters Club Family Sport Pass. This convenient pass provides admittance to all Northville High School sports regular home games.

A one-time cost of \$100 covers your immediate family including your NHS student or students.

All funds generated from the sales of these passes goes directly to support NHS sports. Purchasing a Family Sport Pass is a great way to support Northville High School sports at a time when budgets are being cut. Help to enhance the NHS sports program by filling out the attached Family Sport Pass. Send a check for \$100, made out to Northville Athletic Boosters, to the upcoming registration event with your child. You can also send your completed form and check to Membership Director, Maureen Owen, 22583 Fuller Dr., Novi, MI 48374. Contact Maureen Owen at (248) 348-0075.

Fall softball leagues

The Northville Parks & Recreation Department's fall 2009 softball league for men and co-eds is now forming. Interested teams and/or players should contact Charlie Gabbear at (248) 449-9947.

Mustang Cards

Have you been hearing the push to "Buy Michigan" or "Buy Local" lately? Supporting our own local merchants is a good boost for our economy, and the Northville Football Parents Association couldn't agree more.

For several years, the NHS football teams have sold "Gold Cards" that included discount offers to many area restaurants. These were provided by a company who contracted with certain restaurants, but unfortunately kept a large portion of the profit for themselves. This year, the Northville Football Parents Association decided to do the work themselves in obtaining businesses and printing the discount coupons, therefore maintaining 100 percent of the profit for much needed football expenses. They are excited to offer their new "Mustang Cards" for sale to the public starting next week.

In keeping with the "Buy Michigan, Buy Local" theme, there are 100% local businesses included in this year's card, and the group also supported a local printer to produce them.

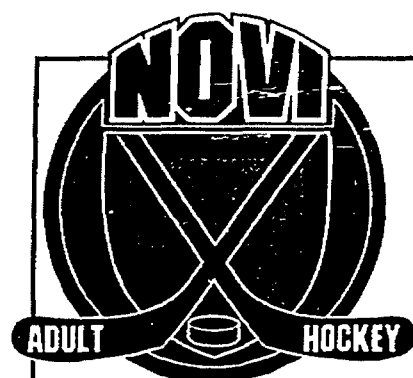
The football teams hope the community will support them again this year, and agree to purchase these special discount cards at the cost of \$20 each. Thanks to the following participating businesses for their support of our NHS football program: Chili's; Wildflours Bakery; Deadwood; Custard Time; Little Italy; Rocky's; Dandy Gander; Border Cantina; Macaroni Grill; Tuscan Café; Mother's Pizza; and Northville Car Wash.

Profits from this fundraiser help pay for necessary expenses such as player practice apparel, assistant coaching, football camps, game videos and equipment.

Mustang Scramble/Auction

The Northville Mustang Boosters Club, Inc. will hold its Golf Scramble and Dinner Auction

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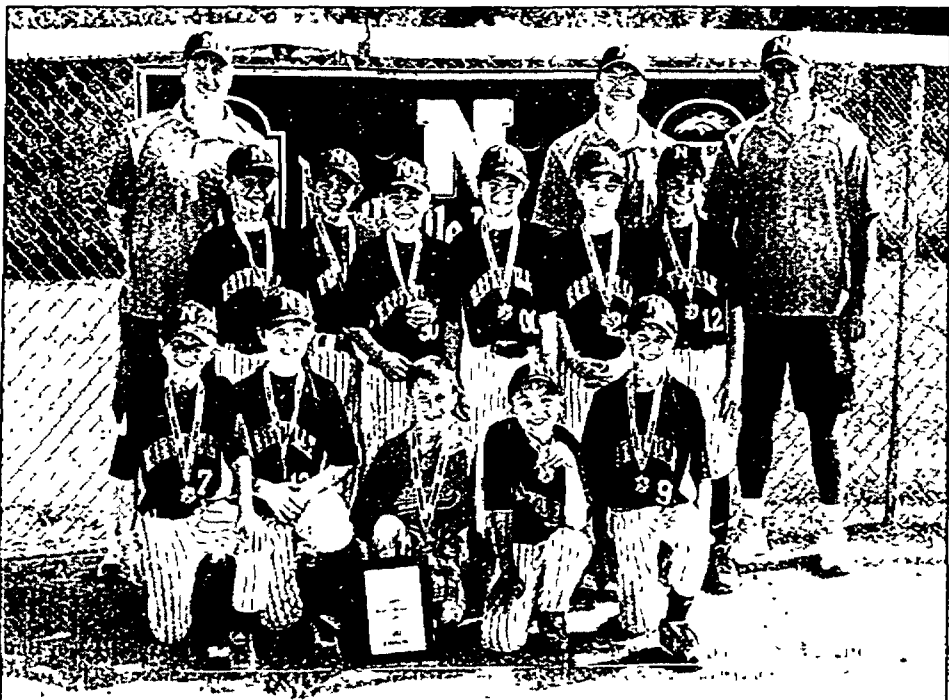
The Northville High School varsity cheer squad recently attended the Champion "Beast" Cheer Camp at Alma. Chosen from a field of 23 varsity teams, the NHS cheerleaders were honored with the Sportsmanship Award which recognizes the Varsity squad that consistently displays outstanding sportsmanship throughout the three-day camp. Coached by Melinda Gentz and Michele Pfeiffer, the varsity squad members are: seniors Danielle Busby, Celia Charlois, Ciara Fullington, Sarah Joseph, Laura Kallil, MacKenna King, Anna Lanzetta, Shelby Mamo, Alex Roach and Melissa Scott; juniors Katie Bielskis, Morgan Breault, Jessica Enyeart, Allie Hartnagel, Sibrey McManus, Marisa Sources and Katie Steinberg; and sophomores Megan Callahan, Victoria Clay, Delaney King, Rachel Polanski, Alex Romano and Rensy Wu.



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Blissfield champs

The 10U Northville Broncos Boys Baseball Team won their third tournament of the year June 27-28, beating the Blissfield Nationals Team 7-3 in the finals to win the Blissfield Little League Tournament. The Broncos also won the Hartland and the Early Bird tournaments earlier this year and placed second in the Oxford CABA, Gonzoball Classic, and Tecumseh Tournaments. In The Kensington Valley Baseball and Softball Association league play, their final record was 16-4 to place second in their division. Members include Jack Morris, Aaron Youmans, Scott Granzotto, Collin Breen (bat boy), Drew Soukup, Riley Brass, Steven Pennington, Nate Wixon, Ben McCauley, Sean Smith, Luke Skilman, Connor Breen and Daniel McKee. Coaches are Brian Pennington, Scott McCauley, Harry Youmans, Tom Breen, Jeff Wixon, and Dave Brass.



SUBMITTED BY LAURA PERKINS

Fest runners-up

The U9 Northville Mustang boys team was runners-up in the 2009 Michigan Baseball Players Association End of the Summer Festival on Aug. 2. Pictured (l to r, third row) are coaches Eric Stegmeyer, Reed Van Tiem and Glenn Perkins; (second row) Liam Fleming, Ryan Perkins, Reed Van Tiem, Jake Moody, Matthew Whitcomb and Ethan Hoffman; (first row) Ben Brady, Connor Ziparo, Jakob Hoffman (bat boy), Jackson Stegmeyer and Alex Gaff.



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Training for training camp – tips for the preseason

BY SEAN BAK

Where has the summer gone? Fall (yes, fall) sports practices have begun and along with them, the nagging injuries that can drag on for the entire season. Most of these injuries are avoidable by sticking to smart training and conditioning regimens.

We are already seeing the stress fractures roll into the office as cross country ramps up. Nowhere is the importance of gradual progression in conditioning more pronounced than the stress fracture. These injuries, as the name implies, are the response of normal bone to greater than normal stress — breakdown of the bone occurs which results in pain unless the stress is removed.

The key in prevention is to redefine what the body considers to be normal stress — essentially slowly building up the duration and distance of running. Imagine your out-of-town relative who can't believe how big your kids are getting while

to you, the changes in your children are imperceptible. The same applies to the body with exercise—if you gradually increase the intensity, the body does not perceive much change in intensity whereas if the intensity is quickly increased, the body is shocked and the result is often injury. The key to prevention is to start low and progress slow. Footwear is also important, but not in the way you may think. The only footwear factor that has been proven to prevent stress fractures is age of the shoe—newer shoes are better than old shoes. Price and features of footwear had no bearing in a study done by the U.S. Military, coincidentally where most information on stress fractures has been acquired.

Volleyball is notoriously hard on the knees and the most common early season injury involves knee tendonitis. This is where the benefits of flexibility and balanced strength are seen. A stiff tendon absorbs shock poorly and with the repetitive jumping and, more importantly,

landing of volleyball, the tendons of the knee can quickly become irritated which can produce a chronic, season-long inflammation. Once again, footwear is important to aid in the shock absorption but focusing on the flexibility of the tendons and building strength of the muscles around the knee in the preseason is the primary way of diminishing stress on the tendons. While tendonitis is treatable, it often requires a period of rest of at least several weeks, the last thing any athlete wants during the heart of the season.

Hamstring and quad injuries are as much a sign of football preseason to physicians as 5-11 preseason predictions are to Lions fans. Both offseason and pre-practice stretching is vital to preventing these injuries in those sports requiring explosive running. Just as important as muscle conditioning though is proper hydration. A full, hydrated muscle can better withstand sudden forces than a dry, tense muscle can. Hydration is probably the most

important factor in prevention of these muscle strains particularly in the heat and humidity of a Michigan August. The key to hydration is the obvious—drink water, and the not so obvious—no caffeine, no energy drinks which dramatically dehydrate muscles.

Conditioning for fall sports ideally doesn't begin the second week in August — it should begin in some form in early summer. Flexibility and gradual strengthening should be emphasized along with good hydration habits. Proper conditioning can make the difference between a winning season and, literally, a painful one.

Dr. Sean Bak is a Novi resident and an orthopaedic surgeon who specializes in sports medicine and shoulder reconstruction. Dr. Bak takes care of the athletes of several area universities and high schools. His practice, Porretta Center for Orthopaedic Surgery, is located at the Novi Orthopaedic Center on the campus of Providence Park Hospital.

BRIEFS
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at Fox Hills Golf Club on Saturday, Aug. 29.

The cost is \$100 per golfer for golf, lunch at the turn, dinner, open bar and auction; \$50 per person for dinner, open bar and auction.

Deadline to register is August 1. Make Check payable to: Northville Mustang Boosters Club, Inc. (a 501 (c)3 organization) and mail registration to Sue Baldwin, 1004 Shannon Court, Northville, MI 48167.

Boys' Bowl

The 65th Annual Boys' Bowl game between Detroit Catholic Central and St. Mary's Prep will be at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 4.

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

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TEE TIME

Your local golf guide

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

By Susan Smiley

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

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

To date, Chandler has played 413 golf courses including Turnberry — the site of this year's British Open. As you might expect, Chandler was

rooting for "the old guy" Tom Watson because he wants people to know that you are never too old to play good golf.

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

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

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

Mary Shaul, 80, of West

Bloomfield, swears by her Dunlop graphite driver. Now she is in the market for a new putter.

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

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

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

But that didn't stop Shaul from

joining the Lady Birds four years ago. When she started, she was bringing up the rear of the C flight and now this season she rests in first place of the B flight. She is proof that it is never too late to learn something new.

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

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

"I watch some of the high school

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

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

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

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

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Food vendors sought

The Michigan Department of Agriculture's (MDA) Select Michigan Program is seeking Michigan food and agriculture companies to showcase their products in a special Select Michigan Pavilion at the 2009 Michigan Restaurant Show being held Oct. 20-21 at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. MDA's Select Michigan Program is offering exhibit space within the pavilion to Michigan specialty food companies and food processor for a substantially discounted rate. The deadline for reserving booth space is Monday, Aug. 10.

The Michigan Restaurant Show is a two-day event. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20; and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21. Twelve 10-by-10-foot booth spaces are available within the Select Michigan Pavilion. Companies can reserve whole booths or half-booth spaces, which feature a table, wastebasket, backdrop/side rails, chair(s), carpeting, parking, exhibitor badges, cooking area, ice, freight handling and limited access to electricity, and company sign.

Priority will be given to companies featuring products made from Michigan specialty crops: fruits, vegetables, and herbs. For more information, contact Erin Groeb, MDA promotional agent, at (517) 373-2469 or groeb@mda.michigan.gov.

Art Van hosting free design classes

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

The free Tuesday classes in Novi will start in September (15, 22 and 29) and end Oct. 6. The classes will begin at 6:30 p.m. and refreshments and giveaways will be provided. Reservations are requested for the Art Van design classes. To register for this series or for a particular class, call (888) 619-2199.

Business workshops

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars in offered by the Oakland County Business Center.

Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford.

For location specifics and pre-registration, call (248) 858-0783.

The Web site address for Oakland County Planning & Economic Development Services Workshops is www.oakgov.com/peds/calendar.

September 2009.

10 - Pre-Business Research

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

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What makes your business unique?

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How has it changed since you opened?

Automation has, like for so many businesses, changed the way everything is done now from quotes to servicing the policy.

How has the recent economy affected your business?

Yes, the economy has slowed us down as well as the insurance companies look to make cost saving decision and changes that affect us.

DETAILS

Business Name: Bloom Agency Inc.

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Your Name/Title: Gordon Lyon and Doug Lyon

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Your Business Specialty: Insurance

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Any advice for business owners?

For us in these times, as always, it is to keep your integrity and honesty with everyone you meet and do business with.

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

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Workshop (AM)
15 - Fast Track New Venture (thru November 17)
16 - How To Increase Your Sales & Grow Your Business
17 - How To Start a Business Workshop (AM)
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Hiller's goes to the dogs

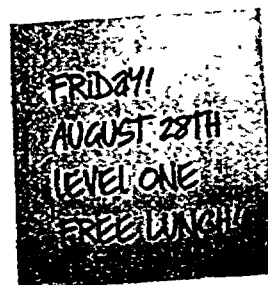
There are two daily highlights for Hiller's Markets CEO and owner Jim Hiller: contemplative time each morning with his Scottish Deerhound Lilly and reflective time at night with eldest son and company Vice-President Justin, with glasses of good wine.

Now, Jim Hiller has a unique opportunity to combine the two in a meaningful way for consumers. Starting this week, Hiller's will be the exclusive provider of Mutt Lynch wines, high-quality vintages named for the whimsical tendencies of man's best friend. A portion of the cost of each bottle sold will go to the Dearborn Animal Shelter, the local organization that recently rescued 150 Chihuahuas.

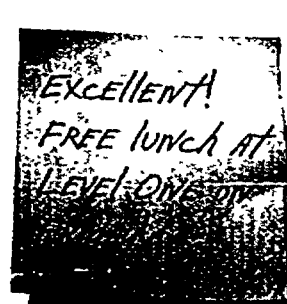
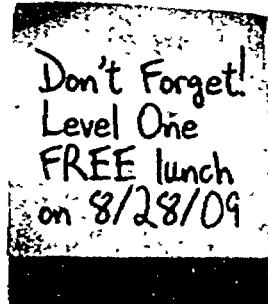
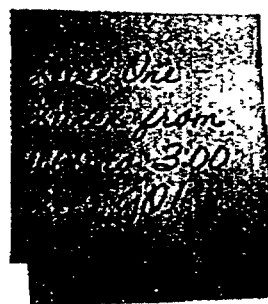
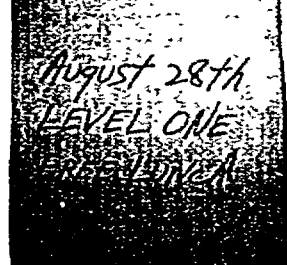
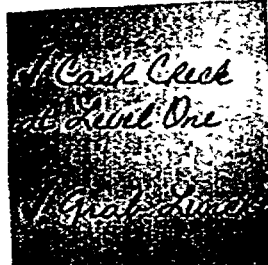
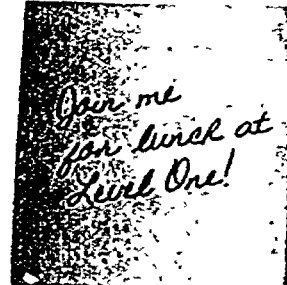
"We all know the people of Michigan are suffering - but what about the animals? We must reach out in every direction because all creatures are vulnerable at challenging times like these," says Jim Hiller.

"Some people can write big checks and we love 'em," says vintner Chris Lynch, who, with his wife, Brenda, turned a love of winemaking and a passion for pets into high-quality, quirky-labeled wines. "But most people can give a dollar here, 10 dollars there, and we like to give people a chance to do what they can toward the greater good."

Hiller's Wine Club guides shoppers down the path toward educated wine consumption. Vintages from every point on the globe are sold at Hiller's, from simple drinkable wines produced in Michigan to high-end special labels from Italy and Spain.



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ADVERTISING FEATURE



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

Dance is Back!

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

BY ALISON BERGSIEKER
EDITORIAL COORDINATOR

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

Flexibility, coordination, exercise and friendships also make the list of the many benefits associated with dance.

With a passion for dance education and performance, sisters Gayle Winnie and Tina Bishop are celebrating their 27th year in business at Gayle's Dance Phase in Wixom.

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

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

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

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

"We get some families all the way from Howell, Pinckney, Westland and Livonia," Nina said. "We have one of the largest studios around, with four large rooms,

two smaller rooms, a floating wood floor, mirrors, viewing windows, sound and bars."

Despite the studio's ample space, class sizes remain small for more one-on-one dance education.

Non-competitive dancers are taught one routine each year to be performed in the year-end recital.

"Some of the two year olds don't know how to stand in a straight line when they start their first dance class," Nina said. "By the end of the year, they are performing a dance."

Registration going on now

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

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

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

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

"We have a special enrollment



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

Experienced, Qualified Instructors

Instructors at Gayle's Dance Phase are members of Dance Masters of America, Dance Educators of America and the Cecchetti Council of America.

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

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

Gayle's Dance Phase is located at 51770 Grand River Ave. in Wixom.

Call 248-305-5600 to enroll over the phone. Walk-in registration is also welcome from noon to 6 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays.

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

Congratulations National Dancers!

Gayle's Dance Phase is excited to share the results from its 2009 National Event. This was the studio's most successful nationals in terms of awards.

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Lime Lites:

Divine In The Pool, Gold & 1st Overall

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Sweet Petites:

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& 7th Overall

Can Can, Platinum & 1st Overall

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Jr. Company:

Gold & 8th Overall

The Big Doll House, Platinum & 3rd Overall

Jack and Jill, Platinum & 2nd Overall

Ain't Nothing Wrong, Platinum, 1st Overall

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Several dancers won awards for small group, solo, duet and trio performances.

Great Job Dancers!!!

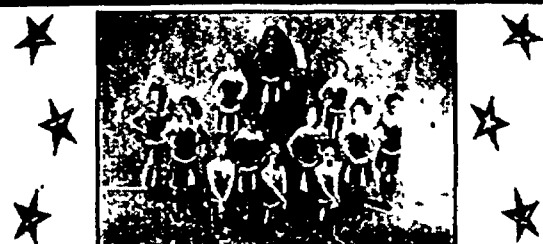
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BY SALLY RUMMEL
SPECIAL WRITER

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

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

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

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

"As family-practice physicians, we are both comfortable seeing all members of your family," said Dr. Nicoloff, who has been practicing medicine for 10 years. "You can decide which doctor will best meet each family member's individual personality and needs."

One of the most important benefits of having the entire family visit one doctor's office is that the doctor can get to know each person as an individual and the family as a whole.

"Getting to know and understand the dynamics of a family is very helpful in treating each of our patients as a whole person," Dr. Nicoloff said. "There are circumstances within each family that can affect each member's health."

Today, some of these circumstances are directly tied to Michigan's economy, adding stress and anxiety to many families' already over-taxed schedules.

"Depression can often be an issue in times like these," Dr. Nicoloff said. "You don't have to go through this alone. We can help."

Other societal issues affect many of the patients Dr. Morelli sees in her practice — from obesity to diabetes.

"I do a lot of counseling with patients about healthy nutrition and weight loss," Dr. Morelli said. "Our goal is to lead by example."



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

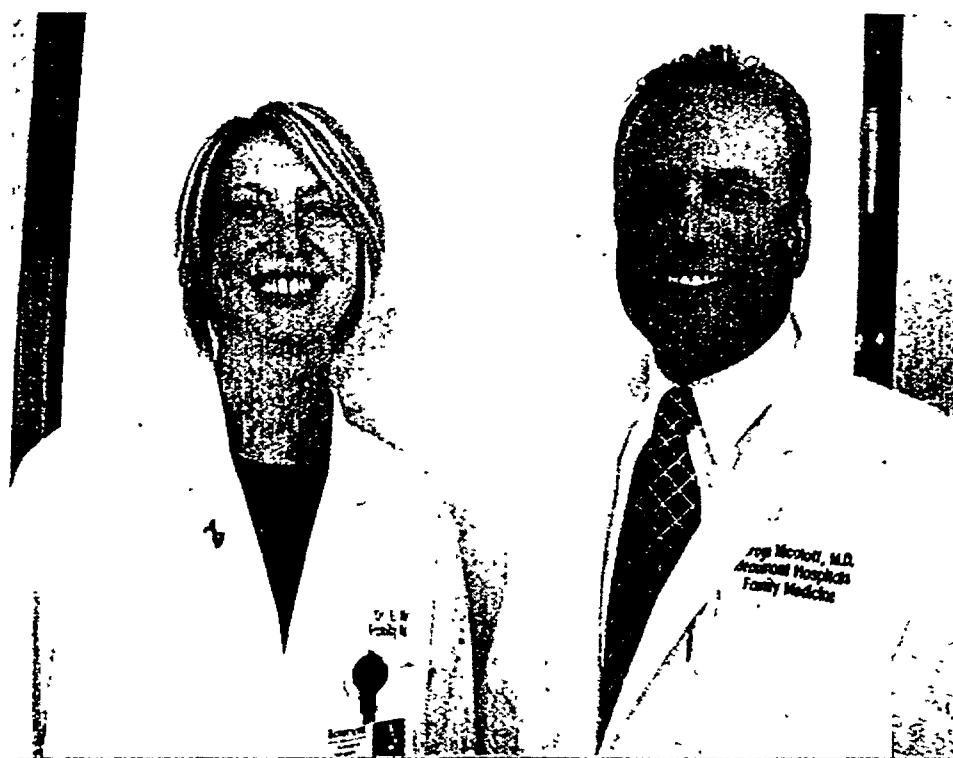
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(Left) Dr. Elizabeth Morelli and Dr. George Nicoloff offer personalized health care for the entire family with convenient hours, including nights and weekends. Dr. Nicoloff has been practicing family medicine for 10 years and also specializes in sports medicine.

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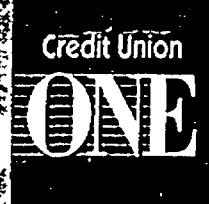
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GORGEOUS RANCH INSIDE & OUT! Kitchen w/brkfst nook, formal din rm, family rm w/FP & downw/ to patio. Mstr BR w/ full BA. Great subdivision w/ nature preserve/walk. Close to shopping. X way.
(29091216) \$249,900



Canton 734-455-7000
GREAT CANTON RANCH! 3 BR/2.5 BA ranch offers many updates, incl. finished kitchen, family rm w/FP, Florida rm, huge fin bsmt w/ bath. Quiet setting in sub., and much more!!
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Commerce 248-684-1065
Waterfront. 24 Ft. pontoon included for right offer!! Wrap around deck, patio, shed, paver walk to boat dock. Den/library in lower level. Pella windows.
(29026239) \$299,000



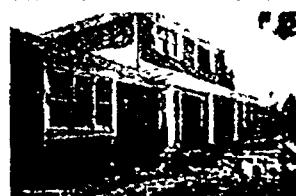
Commerce 248-684-1065
View Lk. Sherwood in this gorgeous ranch on large landscaped lot on quiet cul de sac. Oak cabs, ceramic tile, new counters, pella windows. Rec RM, LI, and more!
(29061314) \$220,000



Commerce 248-348-6430
All Sports Commerce Lake! 2 full kitchens & baths on separate floors. New kitchen with granite island, brand new furnace, Andersen windows, circular staircase, dock & seawall. Hurry!
(27137133) \$180,000



Commerce 248-684-6430
This Home Is An Entertainer's Delight! Beautiful Cape Cod on 1.5 acres. 1st flr mstr suite, Oak KIT w/ HWD flrs & LG island. Fin LL w/ walkout w/ a bar & game area. Gorgeous views of wooded state land.
(29032739) \$417,900



Commerce Twp 248-684-1065
Beautiful Lk. Sherwood home in moves-in condition! Boat docking priv. Extensive updates: gourmet kit, woodwork, fin bsmt, 3 car gar on quiet street.
(29068901) \$275,000



Commerce Twp 248-348-6430
Updated Ranch in Park Like Setting! 1,040 SQ FT, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, new windows, central air, fenced yard. Beautifully landscaped, oversized 2 car garage, & deck. Neutral decor. Move in condition!
(29099072) \$140,000



Dearborn Heights 248-348-6430
A Rare Find in North Dearborn Heights! Frank Lloyd Wright inspired home features, new kit, ceramic baths, furnace, roof, Andersen door wall & a pool for the perfect retreat from the summer heat!
(29072777) \$139,500



Dearborn Heights 248-348-6430
Dearborn Heights Brick Ranch! 4 Bed 3.5 baths and 1 bath. Close to schools. Land Contract available at 6.5% for 36 months with down payment of 12% Virtual Tour.
(29070392) \$59,900



Detroit 248-348-6430
Four Bedroom Unit Quadruple Garage! All brick. Updated: Brand new windows, electric system, 2 story deck, new carpet and paint, glass block in basement and parking in rear.
(28168002) \$33,000



Detroit 248-348-6430
Loads of Potential! LR w/ bay, DR and eat-in. Large mstr upstairs w/ bath, convert as a walk-in closet. Fin bsmt, separate laundry & bath. One car garage. Immediate occupancy.
(27133297) \$20,000



Green Oak 248-437-3800
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(29105703) \$69,000



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Highland 248-684-1065
Custom built Lakefront home! 7 Acres. Maple cabs & granite t/o 2 kts & baths. 2 story GR w/ gas flp. 1st flr mstr w/ ba & 2 WCs. Fin W/O, prof landscaping.
(29045312) \$439,900



Highland 248-684-1065
Beautiful home! Quality materials & trim details. 1/2 HWD flrs & staircase, granite & natural cherry kit. SS appl, bonus 4th rm, 150' on All Sports Duck Lake.
(29095744) \$475,000



Highland 248-684-1065
Stunning lakefront home w/ cath. ceilings & large windows for great view of Sears Lk and mature trees. Remodeled t/o. MBR, french drs, loft, WC, Florida Rm.
(29099981) \$250,000



Highland 248-684-1065
On peninsula point! 100 Ft. of lakefront private end of street All sports Duck Lk. Many updates. Hickory/granite kit w/ SS appl. Panoramic views & more!
(29029103) \$249,000



Highland 248-684-1065
On all sports priv. Duck Lk. main lake views! Great for yr round or cottage. Maint. fee exterior. Fenced yard w/1.5 garage. Lakeside deck. Appl. stay.
(29004468) \$180,000



Highland 248-851-4100
NEW CONSTRUCTION BEAUTIFUL RANCH CONDO! Small well maintained complex w/ sidewalks. Cathedral ceilings for an open feel. All kitchen appliances. Close to Highland State Rec. downtown Midford, senior center.
(28127175) \$95,000



Livonia 734-455-7000
SO MUCH HOME FOR SOOO LITTLE! Huge rm size t/o. Upgrades galore. 2 mstr BRs, newer roof, air, furn. Great kitchen (11x23) Newer BAs, paint & carpet, easily changed to 4 BRs. Immed. Occup.
(29106042) \$159,900



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PARK-LIKE LOT IN A CITY SPOT! 3 BR/1.5 BA, updated. Newer LR, H2O, vinyl windows, hardwood floors, finished basement. Very clean. Maintained in wonderful neighborhood.
(29057764) \$149,900



Lyon 248-437-3800
Wow... Resort Style Living! Over 2,900 Sq Ft. This ranch has it all. LL in fin. complete w/BR, full BA & kitchenette. Minutes from I-96. www.realestateone.com/29105473
(29105473) \$189,900



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(29104574) \$104,900



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(29103306) \$149,900



Millford 734-591-9200
Grt Brick 2 Story Unit. LR w/ cath ceilings and natural FP. Fin low level w/ HT, full bath & nat FP. Mstr Ste w/ w/ bath & skylights, tub, shower & double sink. Bonus loft area is grt for art area or office.
(29011186) \$90,000



Northfield Twp. 248-437-3800
Frank Lloyd Wright Inspired Interior! Panoramic views of private all sports Horse Shoe Lake. Vaulted open 1st flr w/ extensive windows. Captures views from most rms. 4 season rm w/ southern exposure.
(29019404) \$249,900



Northville 248-348-6430
5 Bedroom, Backs To Woods! Newer built home in Brooklane. 5 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Open floor plan and daylight lower level. Wonderful master suite, large private lot backing to trees.
(29085566) \$450,000



Northville 734-591-9200
Northville's Most Prestigious Streets! 3 BR, 2 Baths, 2-1/2 baths. Custom built home w/ 2 story gr w/ floor to ceiling windows, balcony library, pub style fin BSMT w/ bar-wine cellar, sun porch, glass block MB.
(29092842) \$275,000



Northville 734-591-9200
Lg Cape Cod has All Location, 3 Bedrooms, 2.5 Baths, 2-1/2 baths. Custom built home w/ 2 story gr w/ floor to ceiling windows, balcony library, pub style fin BSMT w/ bar-wine cellar, sun porch, glass block MB.
(29005066) \$249,900



Northville 734-591-9200
Down town Northville's Best Kept Secret! Sm condo development on hill w/ gorgeous private park like yard. Open floor plan w/ 2 car story GR, gas FP, DR, LG Kitchen, 1st flr LDRY, open loft, MSTR w/ WOC PBTH.
(29102796) \$199,900



Northville 248-348-6430
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(29069745) \$187,000



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(29069312) \$599,900



Novi 248-851-1900
BUILDER'S HOME. NORTHVILLE SCHOOLS! Open, clean, 17.1 acre lot. Gourmet bland kit w/ granite, stainless, travertine & walk in pantry. Great library. 4 BR including MBR suite guest suite. 4 car garage.
(29040403) \$475,000



Novi 248-851-4100
GORGEOUS HOME GOURMET KITCHEN. SHORT SALE! Spacious great room. Granite kitchen w/ walk in pantry, ceramic floor. MBR w/ tray ceiling, setting area, jetted tub, dual sinks. 2 BR w/ 1/2 bath, one w/ private bath.
(29069820) \$450,000



Novi 248-348-6430
Beautiful 2 Story Condo! 1,936 sq ft of comfortable condo living! Charming KIT, elegant 2 sty DR, den w/ bay window, lg mstr, daylight basement, 2 car att d side entry garage & deck.
(29058935) \$209,900



Novi 248-851-4100
SHARP HOME. GREAT LOCATION! Beautiful 3 bedrooms, 1.1 baths, 2x17 finished rec room. Close to everything and outstanding Nov schools. Priced to sell!
(29059797) \$175,000



Novi 248-348-6430
Estate Condo. Family Says Bring Offer! Ready to stop paying rent or downsizing? Great value with 3 BRs, 1.5 baths, basement and garage for under \$90K! Peaceful location, private patio for summer BBQs!
(29041554) \$88,900



Westland 248-348-6430
Awesome property, pool & ranch home! Seller says make an offer. Inground pool with panoramic views. Huge FR or game room, 2 fireplaces, newer roof, furnace, appliances, pool equipment, cover and some patio. Fin stay.
(29095135) \$289,600



Oceola 248-437-3800
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(29107922) \$398,500



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IMPRESSIVE CAPE COD... with it's peaked roof, gentle lines and elegant accents. Upgrades galore incl island kit w/ maple cabs/granite. Awesome 3 season rm w/ maple cabs/granite. Professionally landscaped.
(29087930) \$280,000



Plymouth 734-455-7000
GREAT FLOOR PLAN! Great home in Trailwood Sub! Very well maintained 4 BR/2.5 BA colonial. Updated kitchen in '06, newer appliances, all windows w/ lifetime warranty '02 & more!
(29104203) \$233,500



Plymouth 734-455-7000
GET AWAY FROM IT ALL - Relax POOLSIDE! 3 BR/1.5 BA Williams colonial complete w/ nicely appointed upgrades - eat in kit w/ oak cabs, lg liv rm, din rm, FR w/ FP, spacious mstr ste & party fin bsmt.
(29103572) \$184,900



Walled Lake 248-348-6430
Cape Cod Charm in Walled Lake! 3 BR/3 baths. Soaring vaulted ceilings, gleaming hardwood floors. Prof finished basement. All appliances included. Prof landscaped, wooded yard. Move in ready!
(29103768) \$189,900



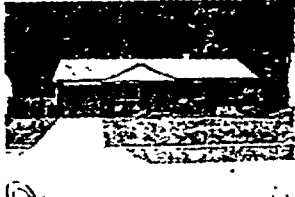
Redford 248-348-6430
Redford Cream Puff! Brick Ranch, 10+1 New windows, HWY roof, furnace, A/C & LG w/ oak. Redone hwd flrs, bath w/ jacuzzi tub, cer flrs. Open flr plan. Rec room in fin bsmt. Above grd pool. Move in!
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Royal Oak 248-684-1065
Updated brick home on treed double lot w/ 32x16 inground pool. Sunroom/patio/private fenced yard. Cherry cabs, granite, flr, SS appl, HWD T/O & much more!
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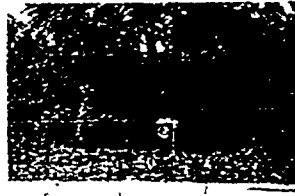
South Lyon 248-348-6430
Owner Open To Split House, Barn & Garage! Beautiful country setting. House needs TLC. Seller open to splits of buyers choice. City water & sewer at street. Also possible nursing home site. Call today!
(29055502) \$769,000



South Lyon 248-437-3800
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(29105756) \$139,900



South Lyon 734-591-9200
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(29103896) \$99,900



Southfield 248-348-6430
Nature Has Provided 3 lots left in this great location in a beautiful neighborhood of fine homes and large lots. Mature trees in the back provide privacy. Build your dream estate.
(29009167) \$75,000



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(29032730) \$949,000



Webster 248-437-3800
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(29105905) \$280,000



White Lake 248-684-1065
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(29063688) \$159,900



White Lake 248-684-1065
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(29056761) \$149,900



Whitewater 248-851-4100
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MEDICAL ASSISTANT
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MEDICAL ASSISTANT
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needed for Internal Medicine Office, in Brighton, full time. Experience preferred. Fax resume to 810-225-7961.

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Help Wanted-Medical (506)

RESIDENTIAL ASSISTANTS
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Full-time position as therapist for children & adolescents with serious emotional disturbance and their families. Provide individual and family therapy in home and community settings, case management, collaborate with other providers. Requirements: Master's degree with LMSW, LEP or LPC and valid MI driver's license. Required Experience: Prior treatment experience and strong learning skills required. Evening hours required. Compensation: \$43,110 start. Send resume and cover letter to Joanne Kucharsky at Livingston County CMH, 3760 Cleary Drive, Howell MI 48843 Or fax to: (517) 548-0498 EOE

Help Wanted-Rec/Beverage (508)

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Help Wanted-Sales (512)

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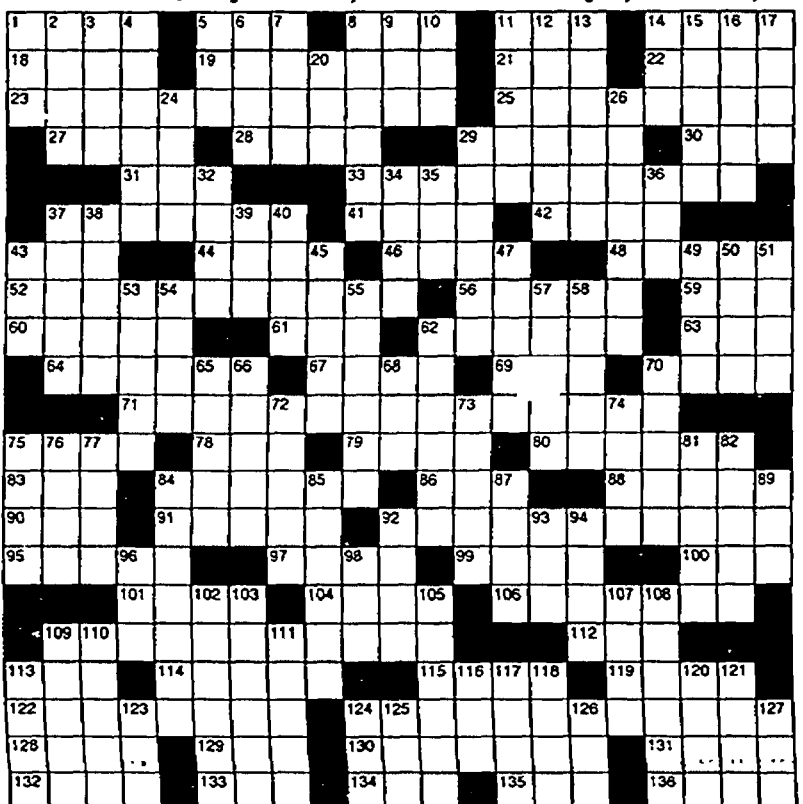
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Gravy vessel
5 Lord of the rings?
8 Subject
11 Energy
14 Early bird's reward
18 Compass
19 Land mass
21 Epoch of study
22 Field of study
23 Prime-time cartoon character
25 Speed
27 Dismal
28 Fill to the gills
29 Rug material
30 W. Hemisphere
31 Land an — (Latin)
33 "Cheers" actress
37 Marvels
41 "Star Trek" navigator
42 Novelist
43 — Ayn
44 Late-night name
46 Limber with language
48 Proclamation
52 "In the Heat of the Night" role
56 Grant and Elwes
- DOWN**
- 59 Muckraker
60 Nelie
61 Bragg
62 Schoolboy's shot
63 "Friends," e.g.
64 NASA
65 Affirmative
66 Marley's music
67 Blind part
69 Common street name
70 Egg on
71 Gary
72 Cooper role
73 Pacific archipelago
74 Stain
75 To be, to be, to be
76 Muzzles
77 Hosp. area
78 Snow
79 "Rollerball" dwarfs, e.g.
80 Bach's "Bist du bei —"
81 Civil Rights org.
82 "I kid you —"
83 John of "The Addams Family"
84 "37 Masters Tournament" winner
85 Mournful
86 Granola
87 Fruit Challenge
- ACROSS**
- 4 Home on the range?
5 Loner
6 Doe
7 Cookbook, CA author
8 Evaluate
9 "Blame It on —" (84 film)
10 Catch some rays
11 Problem for Pauline
12 Pencil end
13 Tropical treat
14 Gum gob
15 Sky stalker
16 Price
17 Giant Hall-of-Famer
20 Intelligent
21 Author
22 Cornelius
23 Channel
24 Bagel or bialy
25 Warm embrace
26 Ppe connection
27 Unmatched
28 Earlier
29 Mezzo
30 Marilyn
31 Encountered
32 Impudent
- DOWN**
- 43 Eckerd competitor
45 Stout
47 Uncovered
49 Bridge support
50 Drain problem
51 Little guy
52 Tenor
53 Benjamin
54 Emilia's husband
55 "Petrovich," for one
57 Annoys
58 Neighbor of Oman
62 Tempestuous
65 Llama
66 "Ada" setting
68 Cover girl
69 Carol
70 Ordinary
72 Smiling
73 Yankovic descriptive
74 Completed
75 Informer
76 Computer image
77 Burlap
81 Sample the souffe
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98 Basketball
102 Dennis
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105 Cross words?
107 Be happy
108 Fragrant flowers
109 TV's "Vice"
110 Small bay
111 Vincent
112 Night light
113 Alas initials
117 "— smile be your —"
118 Spinks or Trotsky
120 Writer
121 Shirley Ann
122 Leading man?
123 — nutshell
124 B&B part
125 Del
126 Word with cell or spell
127 — (Car wheel)



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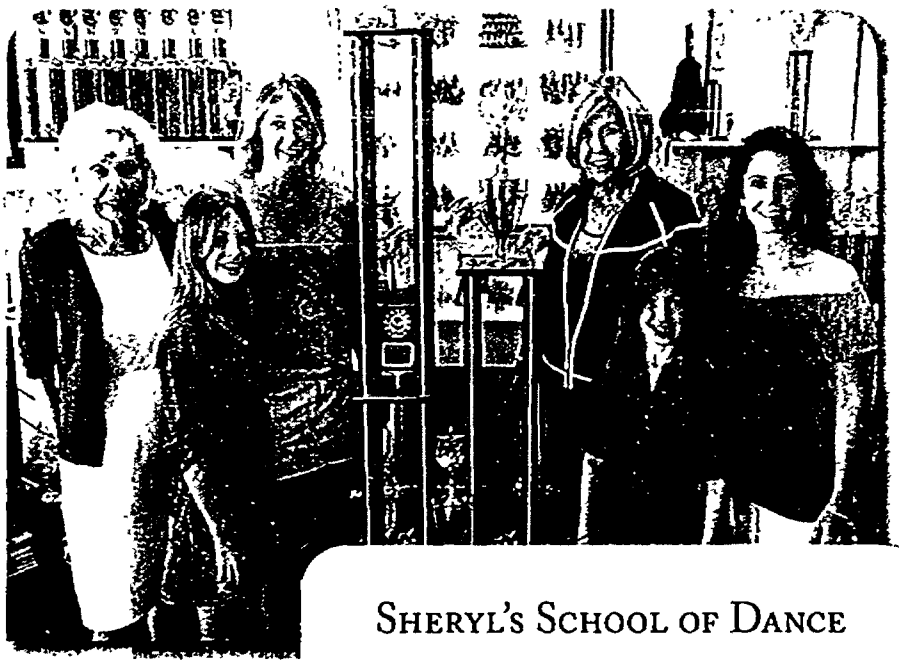
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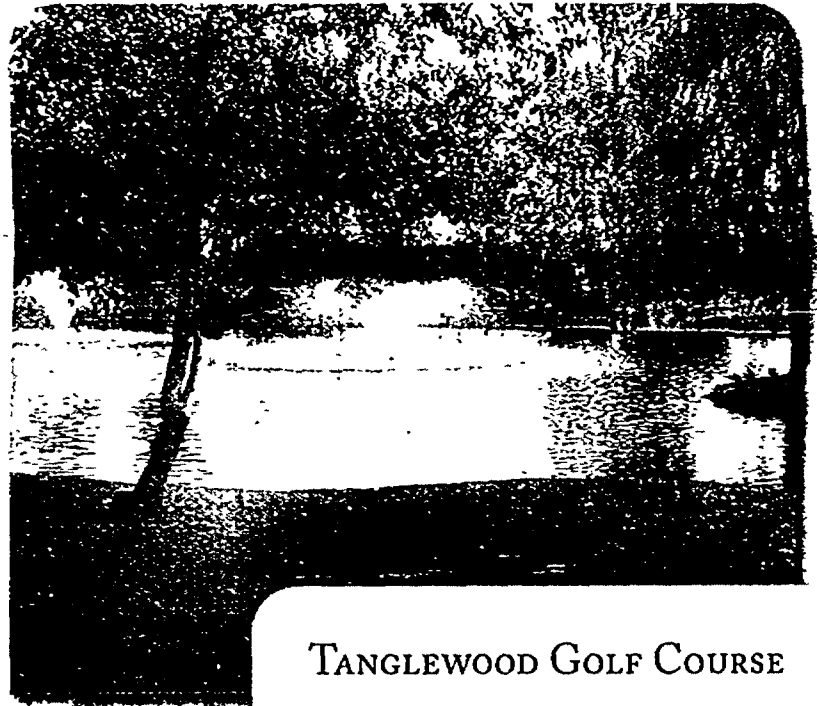
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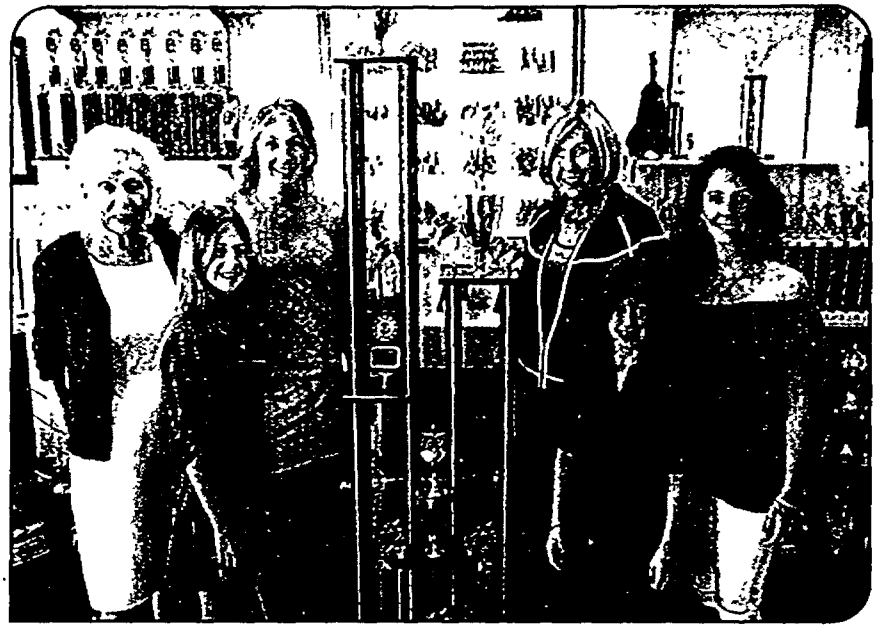


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(Left) Sisters Kylie and Madison Hughes enjoy dancing year-round, along with soccer, school and other activities.

(Above) Arline Hahn, Madison Hughes, Julie Hughes, Sheryl Sulek, Kylie Hughes and Jackie Sulek run the fourth-generation family owned Sheryl's School of Dance, celebrating their 50th year.



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2009 Miss Michigan and 2nd runner up Miss Dance of America Nicole Blasczyk, a lifetime dancer at Sheryl's School of Dance, now teaches classes at the studio.

Sheryl Sulek has always had a passion for dance.

At age 14, she began teaching classes to 27 Detroit neighborhood students. As her classes became more popular, she opened her own studio with her mother, Arline Hahn, and has been inspiring dancers of all ages ever since.

After owning studios in Detroit, Redford, Livonia and most recently Novi since 1992, Sheryl and Arline are proud to celebrate their 50th year of teaching.

"Dance builds self-confidence, self-esteem, grace and teamwork," Sheryl said. "We are very proud of the talent we've produced here and the young men and women we've helped grow and educate."

The studio has grown into a reputable, popular destination for competitive and non-competitive dancers ages 3 through adult. Sheryl's School of Dance is home to the award-winning company, the Sherylettes, a dance group that many area dancers have been part of before going on to serious careers.

Sheryl's own daughters, Jackie Sulek and Julie Hughes, have grown up dancing and continue to teach at the school today. Her granddaughters, Madison, 12, and Kylie, 9, are also active dancers at the school.

"We are a four generation family business," Sheryl said. "We promote higher education and help our students realize their full potential."

FOCUSED ON EDUCATION

Discipline and higher education are fundamental principles Sheryl and her staff abide by at Sheryl's School of Dance.

"We want our dancers to be good students and have a higher education," Sheryl said. "We mentor our students to help improve their social and study skills to be successful young men and women."

Many staff members are certified by the Dance Masters of America to teach varying levels of dance. Many students from Sheryl's School of Dance have gone on to professional dance careers, including Radio City Rockettes, Disney World dancers, cruise ships, commercials, Broadway and television and "Saved by the Bell" star Elizabeth Berkley.

Daughters Jackie and Julie head up the studio's competition program, helping students win several state and national awards throughout the years.

"It doesn't matter what you're talent is when you walk in the door," Julie said. "We help you bring it out. There are a lot of kids who aren't interested of focused when they first start. We have the ability to bring that hidden talent out."

Four dancers from Sheryl's have become Miss Michigan and Miss Dance of America winners in recent years, including 2009 Miss Michigan and 2nd runner up 2008 Miss Dance of America Nicole Blasczyk, who now teaches at the studio.

Sheryl's School of Dance is also the 2009 Best of Novi Award in the Dance Studio & School category by the U.S. Commerce Association.

FALL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Sheryl's School of Dance is currently accepting non-competitive and competitive students through September.

The studio offers the following subjects at Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced and Competitive levels.

Tap: The only dance offered where your feet are the musical instruments (Ages 3-Adult)

Jazz: A technical dance form that is fast paced to upbeat music (Ages 5-Adult)

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Hip Hop: Very stylized, requiring energy and lots of movement (Ages 5-Adult)

Ballroom: 10-week session (Teens-Adult)

Classes are offered at 45 minute, 1 hour and 15 minute, 1 hour and 30 minute and 2 hour intervals.

Open auditions for the Sherylettes for intermediate to advanced dancers is Aug. 27 from 4-8:30 p.m.

Sheryl's School of Dance is located at 40500 Grand River Ave. Ste. G-H in Novi Commerce Center. Visit www.sherylsdance.com or call 248-437-1160 for more information.

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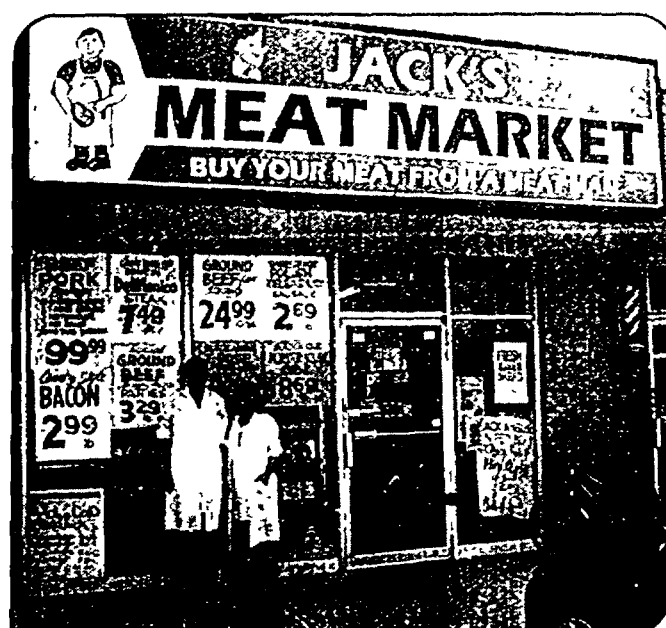
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There's a reason people prefer local shops over giant supermarkets when it comes to getting groceries. It's easier to get exactly what you need, and you'll get a better idea of where your food comes from.

Jack's Meat Market in Novi is a great example of what a local meat supplier can provide over a chain supermarket.

"My father Jack and I started this place in 1972," said Ken Lapidis, owner. "We've really proved that a small store can survive in this economy with good prices and great service."

A family-owned business, Jack's provides a large variety of meats like ground beef, ham, turkey and salami. Lapidis says his business ships out more than 3,000 pounds of ground beef in a single week to a slew of local restaurants, but the market thrives on his regular customers.

"I've been working here for almost 38 years, and I think this is a great area," Lapidis said. "The people here are great and really supportive."

Ken and his wife, Rochelle, are incredibly friendly. Chances are, you'll walk into Jack's as a stranger only once, because you'll soon be a regular customer.

Lapidis believes his business provides uniquely high quality products for many reasons. One of those reasons is that Jack's purchases hanging cattle, not boxed beef.

"Hanging cattle is better because it gets more air," Lapidis said. "The beef becomes more oxidized, which makes it taste a lot better."

"We sell retail and wholesale as well as to over 27 restaurants, including Genitti's, Brady's, Library Pub Grill and the Meadowbrook Country Club."

"We have only choice beef, corn-fed Black Angus," Lapidis said.

Jack's Meat Market doesn't just supply meat. They also carry a wide selection of cheese, bread, and almost anything else you'd need for a well-rounded family dinner or barbecue.

Jack's makes its own bread as well as kielbasa, Italian sausage, bratwurst and other specialty meats. Lapidis says he is able to provide fresh quality meat because the store has its own meat processing plant.

"We built the plant 15 years ago," Lapidis said.

The plant is federally inspected five days a week. These constant inspections ensure that Jack's meat is always safe, whether you're buying one pound or 500 pounds.

Jack's also offers delivery in the local area. The delivery service is free of any special service fees.

Jack's Meat Market of Novi is located at 41527 W. 10 Mile Road. To place any order, small or large, call 248-349-8490.

— By Mike Hogan

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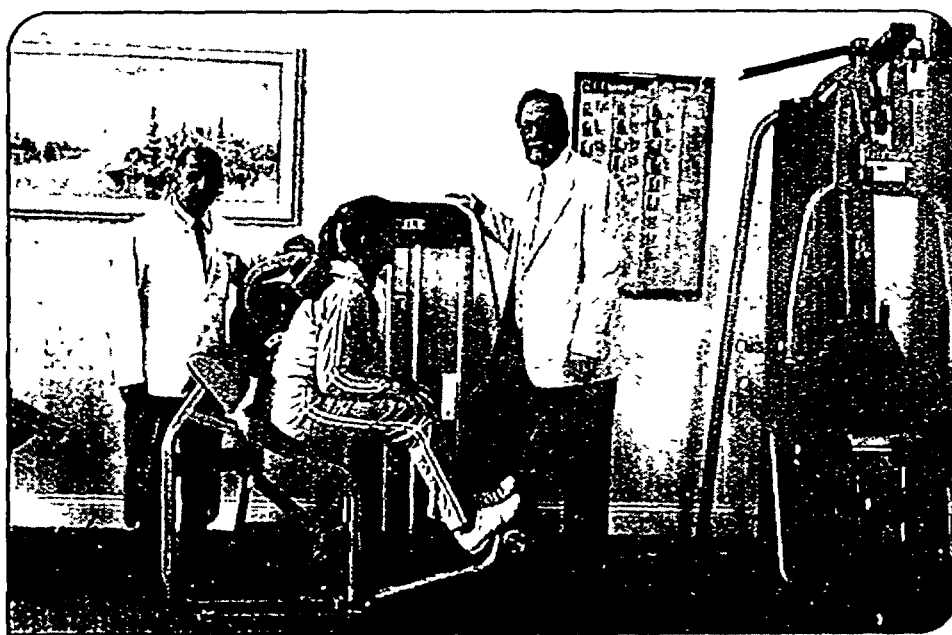
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(Left) Research studies support Dr. Philip Mayer's (right) conclusion that exercised-based rehab can relieve pain over time without surgery.

(Below) Dennis Engerer, PT and director of rehab at Northville Physical Rehabilitation, demonstrates a resistive neck device that strengthens the neck and all planes of motion.



Evaluate, Educate, Treatment, Training, Graduation and Maintenance.

Following these fundamental guidelines, Philip J. Mayer, MD, PLLC is partnering with Northville Physical Rehabilitation to offer patients with back and neck pain an alternative option to surgery with a high success rate.

As the science continues to evolve, non-operative treatments for back and neck pain are becoming the clearer choice to popular invasive surgeries.

"Back pain is a common health condition that can be improved," Dr. Mayer said. "We offer a real-world oriented program. Our patients leave here with a sense of self-confidence. We translate the experience here to real world function supported by research and the latest science."

Dr. Mayer is a board-certified and fellowship-trained orthopaedic spine surgeon with 30 years experience. In collaboration with Director of Rehab Dennis Engerer, PT at Northville Physical Rehabilitation, the two businesses are providing Metro Detroit residents non-operative treatment for back and neck pain.

Specialized, exercise-based methods, developed by Dr. Mayer, are implemented by the staff at Northville Physical Rehabilitation using the appropriate fitness

equipment that isolates the muscles that support the spine. With Dr. Mayer located in the same building, he is easily accessible for patients and to the staff at Northville Physical Rehabilitation.

"People can get real comprehensive back care right in town," Engerer said. "Many people travel far and wide to see specialists, but there's one of the best orthopedic surgeons right here in Northville and a full service rehabilitation facility."

The staff of 25 at Northville Physical Rehabilitation consists of physical and occupational therapists, physical therapy and occupational therapy assistants, personal trainers and exercise physiologists.

Evidence-based Guidelines

Professional organizations across the country are beginning to endorse evidence-based treatment for back and neck pain, as opposed to past support for invasive surgeries.

The American Pain Society recently published guidelines discouraging the overuse of interventional treatments with little to no evidence of success.

"When you do surgery for the right things, it's very rewarding," Dr. Mayer said. "A lot of my older patients call me just to

say I've done well. Throughout my career, I was very selective about what surgeries I performed. You have to have a medical problem that can be made better by the techniques of the operation with a high success rate. That is not the case for many back surgeries being performed today."

A number of scientific studies support Dr. Mayer's techniques. A recent American Pain Society evidence review on surgery for low back pain indicated fewer than 50 percent of spinal fusion surgical patients had optimal results.

"Despite these findings, surgeries are still the most common treatment for back and neck pain," Dr. Mayer said. "The surgeons are not looking at the science. It's very hard to change the attitudes."

Two-month Rehabilitation

Dr. Mayer and Northville Physical Rehabilitation recommend a two-month program for their patients to fully succeed in treating their pain.

"We've had excellent results with this program and find that exercise is the answer for most people," Engerer said.

Patients are encouraged to attend two sessions per week in an estimated two-month period.



"If you stop after one month, you return to your baseline," Dr. Mayer said. "The second month is the plateau — 18 to 20 sessions are needed to maintain for the long duration."

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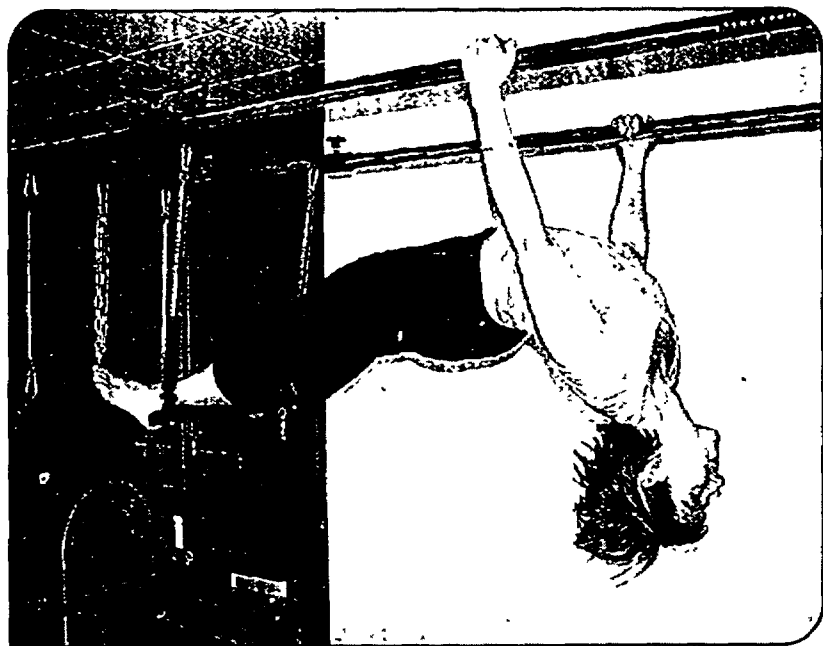


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Poise Pilates Co-owner Heidi Malzahn demonstrates a training exercise featuring the trapeze table, the same equipment designed by Pilates' Inventor Joseph Pilates.

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 that 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, co-owned by Heidi Malzahn and Susan Steinke.

Pilates' appeal to all age groups continues to grow as people learn more about The Method, 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, 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 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 includes a licensed physical therapist.

Because the Pilates Method includes more than 500 exercises of widely varying difficulty, Pilates can be practiced by nearly anyone, regardless of their current physical condition.

Malzahn began practicing Pilates in 1996 and has noticed dramatic changes in 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 Larson and Margarette Raymond.

Poise Pilates is a fully equipped studio located at 186 E. Main St. in downtown Northville.

The staff of instructors conducts 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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The Frame Peddler of Novi is a very unique custom picture framing business for two very good reasons: the individual artistic talents of its two owners and what each brings to their high standard of customer service.

Tove and Bob Baessler are the owners, having purchased the business from previous owners four years ago. Tove's specialty is in graphic design and Bob's is in picture framing and technical illustration.

"Our creative side is our strength," Tove said.

What that means to their customers is that every job carries a special artistic signature and is as unique as each customer. "We can take art one step further," Tove added. "One example is creating a poster using a collage of photos. We can take an item and tell a story about it using graphics."

Bob noted that a lot of the Frame Peddler's business involves custom shadow boxes, which contain memorabilia and keepsake items. For example we have framed a wine bottle from a wedding, an engineer's custom-

made part, a soccer ball, and even Civil War items.

"And all of the work is done in-house," he added. "We don't send any work out. It is a craft and my work is very personal to me."

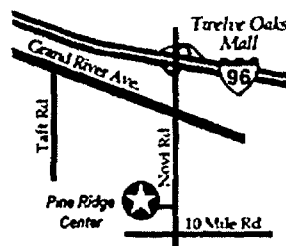
If custom framing sounds expensive, it doesn't have to be. In fact Tove and Bob will work with any customer regardless of the size of the job or how custom and detailed it may be. "We are very approachable and are willing to take on many jobs," said Tove. "We know that people don't want to spend a lot of money on frames and that is why we keep our pricing very competitive. We have been told that our prices are lower than the Big Box stores."

Bob said that the Frame Peddler gets a lot of request for metal frames, too, which means that people want simplicity, too. Whatever the job, Tove and Bob give as much attention to detail as possible. "We take whatever time is required to make a custom project," said Tove. "Some people come in knowing what they want and others come in looking for our help."

Some frame work can be done in the same day but the usual turnaround time is one-two weeks.

The Frame Peddler has been building a steady clientele through repeat business and word-of-mouth. Hours are 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday and Monday. "If you treasure it, let us frame it." Tove also encourages customers with graphic design needs to contact her at 248-478-9882.

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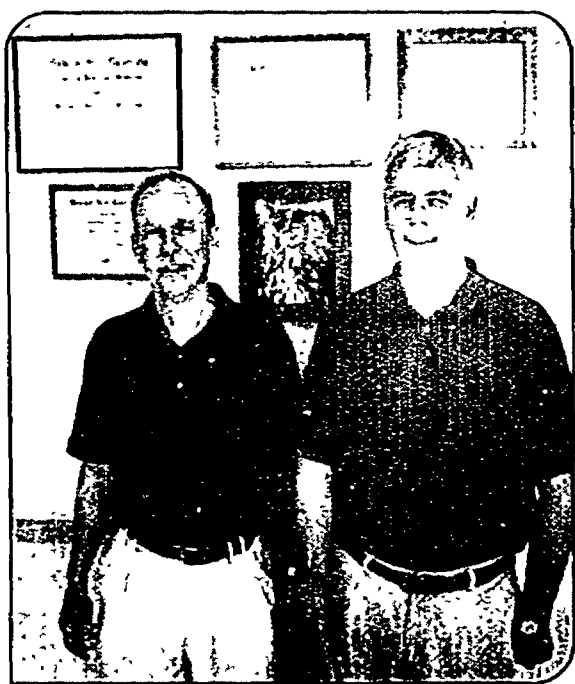


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Drs. Ronald Studer and John Parker want clients to feel comfortable and confident when bringing their pet in, regardless of which doctor they see.

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, and bladder stone removal, GI surgery and bladder stone removal. The clinic has its own in-house pharmacy and carries 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 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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If you think going to the dentist is just about keeping your teeth white, you're only partially correct. Seeing a dentist can save your life.

At Goldstein Dental Group in Novi, Dr. Raphael V. Goldstein is beginning to use a new process that can spot oral cancer before it's too late. The new service is called Vizilite AE Plus, and Dr. Goldstein considers it to be a rousing success.

"This is a new screening for oral cancer," said Dental Hygienist Nicole Iannacore. "The old process used to be just visual. This new process can spot precancerous cells before they'd show up in a visual check."

Vizilite starts with a 45 second rinse. The rinse causes no pain or discomfort. After the rinse, a hygienist will use a special blue light. Under the light, precancerous cells and lesions will appear.

Dr. Goldstein compares this test to a mammogram or Pap smear. It can be done annually along with a regular checkup.

"It's definitely high-tech," Iannacore said. "Dr. Goldstein is completely in favor of early detection screening for cancer, so this is very important to him."

Cancerous cells found during the Vizilite screening are 90 percent more likely to be successfully treated. The treatment can also be simpler and less invasive.

"We're one of the few dentist offices in the area to use this," said Michelle Borst, office manager. "A lot of people don't realize how prevalent oral cancer can be. We're seeing an increased risk for patients between the ages of 18 and 39. More than 25 percent of oral cancer occurs in people who don't even smoke and never have."

Along with Vizilite, Goldstein Dental Group uses a number of methods to keep the office as sanitary as possible.

"We keep very high standards of infection control here," Borst said. "We even use bottled water in place of tap water everywhere in the office. There's never a question about unclear water in this office."

Goldstein Dental Group's commitment to safety and health innovation is strongly tied to their relationship with patients. The staff truly cares about every patient that enters the office. Borst says she knows every single patient.

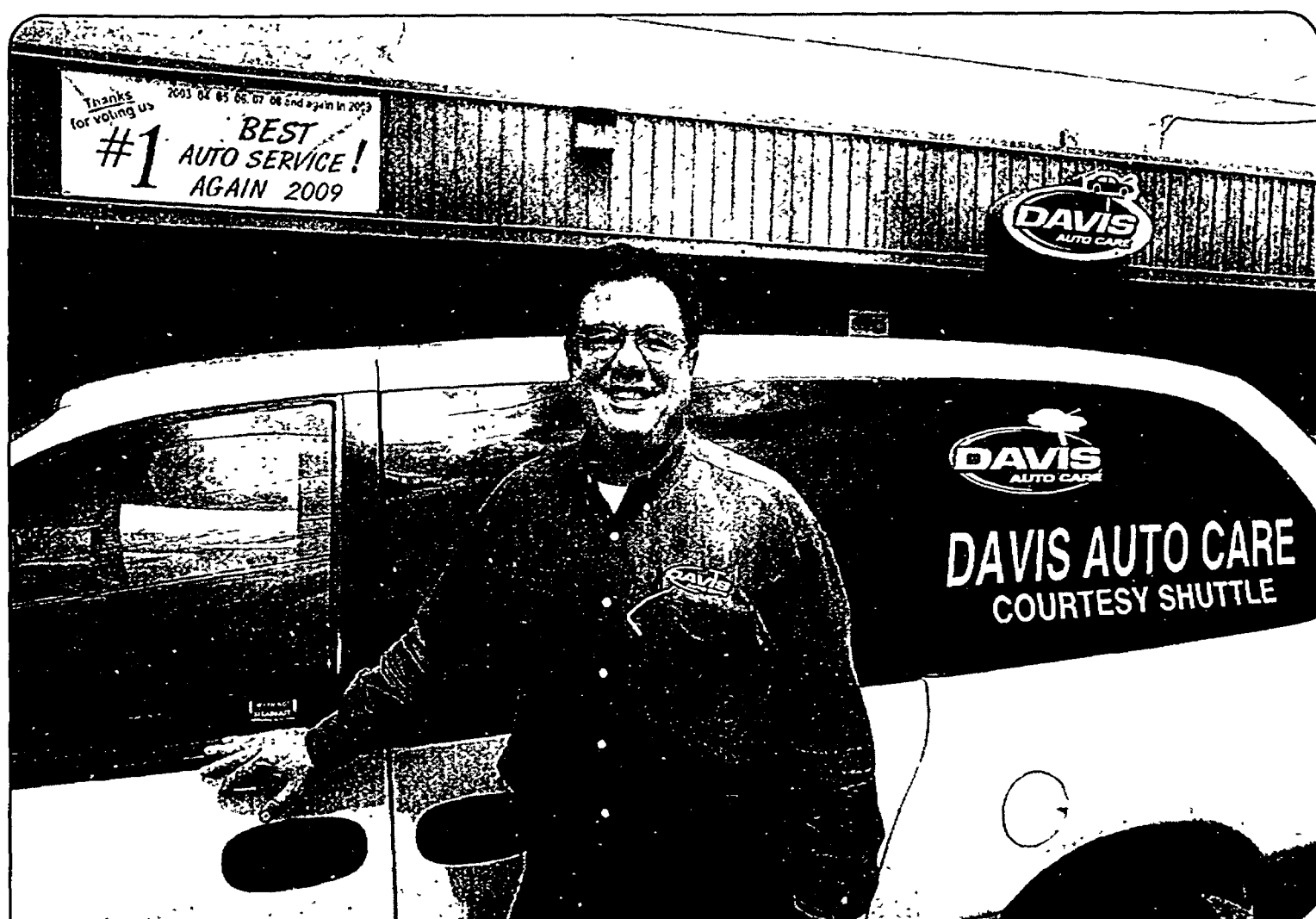
"This is the most family-oriented dentist office I've ever been in," Borst said. "You have to be friendly and outgoing if you want to work for Dr. Goldstein. Part of our mission statement is that we're all family here."

Visit www.goldsteindentalgroup.com or call 248-374-2273 (CARE) for more information.

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Owner Jim Davis takes pride in having served the community since 1979.



Technician Gio Enea examines an air filter at Jim's Oil Depot.



Service Advisor Dave Massel and Operations Manager April Rice review a customer's service order.

One of the best investments you can make is taking great care of your automobile.

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"We know that regular maintenance will prevent breakdowns and maintain the fuel economy on your car," Davis said. "Keeping that maintenance up also means a higher resale value for your car if you decide to sell it."

Davis Auto Care is the most complete auto service center you may ever lay your eyes upon. The staff of highly trained auto experts and certified Master technicians uses the latest high tech equipment, and continues to take technical classes to keep their skills updated.

The repair shop at Davis Auto Care is enormous, about the size of a dealership. The shop is packed with the tools and technicians to handle any problem for any vehicle.

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Jim Davis knows that there isn't always just one solution to every car problem, so his staff uses a unique method of grading recommended repairs that allows each

customer to choose the right resolution for their needs. "We'll always give the customer all the information to make the right decision," Davis said. "We know for a lot of people that budgets can be a little tight. We'll be straightforward with you by telling you what should be done right away and what can hold off a bit."

Some repairs can take some time, so the office at Davis Auto Care has amenities so you can carry on with your day. The office has free wireless, a computer and television to make your wait more comfortable. The staff is quick to offer beverages to anyone that enters the office. If you'd rather not wait, Davis Auto Care has a shuttle service that will take you to where you need to go within the local area.

For minor maintenance needs, Jim's Oil Depot is open for quick repairs like fixing tires, oil changes and replacing windshield wipers. "We can take care of those problems right away," Davis said.

At Jim's Oil Depot, the on-the-spot shop is designed around the ever-present trains of Northville. Trains are painted on the walls, and a model train circles the shop and the waiting area. The purpose of Jim's Oil Depot is to keep up the maintenance of your vehicle in a quick and comfortable manner. "The great thing is to make it fast and fun," Davis said. "We want to keep the car on the

road for as long as we can."

Any car owner knows that when it comes to resale, it's not just enough to maintain the engine. The car needs to look great as well. For that reason, Davis Auto Care offers the Ultimate Image Auto Spa. "Folks are keeping their cars longer, but you can still make a car look as new as the day you bought it," Davis said. "Our detailers are amazing. They can take a car that looks really tired and make it look like new." Part of the process to keep a vehicle in shape is an annual wax, which can help protect the car from dust, dirt and acid rain. Ultimate Image Auto Spa is now offering a brand new headlight restoration service to fix old, nasty headlights.

Davis Auto Care is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year. Davis says the biggest difference that his service center offers—and his greatest asset—is integrity. "Integrity is the difference here," Davis said. "Our integrity begins with caring about our customers, giving them honest information and alternatives. It's about making our service convenient, and going that extra mile to insure customer satisfaction."

Davis Auto Care is located at 807 Doheny Drive in Northville. Visit www.davisautocare.com or call 248-349-5115 for more information.

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Dressed in sterile gown, gloves, facemask and head cover, owner Kenny Walkup demonstrates filling a syringe with injectable medicine inside his sterile lab.



Specialty Medicine Compounding Pharmacy (SMCP) in South Lyon was recently accredited under new guidelines established by the Pharmacy Compounding Accreditation Board (PCAB). They are one of only four compounding pharmacies in Michigan and 60 nationwide to receive PCAB accreditation.

SMCP was founded in 1999 by South Lyon resident Kenny Walkup, RPh, to fulfill a desire to help people. SMCP specializes in preparing customized medications for people and pets.

After 10 years in retail pharmacy, Walkup says "I wanted an opportunity to have a greater role in developing solutions for patient medical needs. Compounding allows us to do that."

Walkup said there are many reasons why pharmacists compound prescription medications. "The most important one is what the medical community calls 'patient non-compliance,'" he explained. "Many patients are allergic to preservatives or dyes, or are sensitive to standard drug strengths. With a physician's consent, a compounding pharmacist can customize the medication in a non-allergenic base, change the strength, or add a flavor to make it more palatable."

Another common need for compounded medications is when a commercial product is temporarily or permanently unavailable. In most cases SMCP can purchase the active ingredient(s) and make the medication for the patient.

Walkup has seen considerable growth in the compounding field since 1999. He states:

"With that growth came greater scrutiny of the field at various levels and a perceived need for a coordinated program of self-regulation."

"PCAB was founded by eight of the nation's leading pharmacy organizations in 2004. It was formed to develop and implement high standards for compounding pharmacies."

"PCAB established a series of recommended guidelines for compounding pharmacies. Pharmacies are encouraged to undergo a rigorous program of evaluation to receive PCAB accreditation."

Walkup goes on to discuss his commitment to the highest quality standards and the accreditation process. "At Specialty Medicine our staff has always taken pride in the quality of

our products and services. PCAB accreditation seemed like a natural extension of that focus."

"We applied for accreditation and went through a four-month process that included developing an extensive manual of policies/procedures and an on-site survey of the pharmacy by PCAB personnel."

"Receiving PCAB accreditation is an honor. I'm proud of the effort from my staff to meet and maintain the PCAB standards. It was a lot of work but well worth the effort."

"Our continued success is due to our personalized service and the ability to meet the needs of our patients and the physicians that treat them," Walkup said.

SMCP is a member of the Professional Compounding Centers of America (PCCA), giving them access to an international database of formulas and a consulting staff of compounding pharmacists.

SMCP has a state-of-the-art compounding facility, stocking hard-to-find chemicals and drug delivery devices. All compounds are prepared in large vented hoods to ensure safety of all lab personnel and eliminate any possible cross-contamination between compounds.

They also have a specially equipped room where sterile products such as injectables, eye drops, ointments, and chelation products are prepared.

Their most popular areas of human medicines include: bio-identical hormone replacement therapies, pain management and pediatrics. They also make a large variety of veterinary medications that range from topical ear gels for cats to flavored oral medications for birds.

Walkup is a graduate of the School of Pharmacy at Ohio Northern University. He received additional training through PCCA to prepare him for the challenges of compounding.

Specialty Medicine Compounding Pharmacy is located at 116 N. Lafayette, Suite B in South Lyon and can be reached at 248-446-2643.

Hours are Monday 9 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Tuesday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. They close from 12:30 - 1 p.m. each day for lunch.

— By Nathan Menoian

SOUTH LYON WATCH & JEWELRY

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Photo by Mike Hogan
Owner Scott Ward with his son, Shaun, and Lucy, the store's honey bear.

Some businesses offer a typical service in a typical way, but South Lyon Watch & Jewelry is not a typical business.

Between the outstanding service, the beautiful items and the captivating atmosphere, nothing about this jeweler is within the norm.

South Lyon Watch & Jewelry boasts an impressive collection of vintage jewelry, from rings and brooches to necklaces and earrings. The store carries closeout and estate jewelry, as well as handmade items and custom jewelry, all at amazing prices.

"My boys and I make these items right here in the store," said Owner Scott Ward.

Ward runs the business along with his wife, Anna. His two sons, Shaun and Max, also work in the store. This family-owned business doesn't just make items. They also happily repair jewelry and watches as well.

"We'll fix anything we can," Ward said. "Someone just came in with an old Edison Victrola and we fixed that. Bring it in and we'll give it a shot."

Ward knows he's part of a close-knit community, so his business gives back to residents every day by offering free repairs for certain items, such as medical and religious jewelry.

"People need medical jewelry, so we'll definitely do that," Ward said. "But with religious jewelry, people really hold those items dear to them."

When you walk into South Lyon Watch & Jewelry, you'll know immediately that this store isn't like your usual jeweler.

The store has been renovated so people will enjoy their time in the store. Ward has even brought in some exotic animals to liven up the occasion.

"Coming in here is definitely a unique experience," Ward said. "We have a moon crab, Emperor scorpions, and a honey bear."

The store's honey (Kinkajou) bear, Lucy, looks more like a cross between a sloth and a meerkat. She is four years old and perfectly harmless. She spends most of the day in a large pen, swinging on branches or sleeping.

Ward opened South Lyon Watch & Jewelry six years and doesn't plan on going away any time soon.

"The South Lyon and New Hudson area is unbelievable," Ward said. "I feel more secure here than anywhere I've ever been. The people here are terrific. They're unique to any town."

Ward will be participating in a special Cash For Gold Fundraiser. Residents can bring in unwanted gold to sell. Ward will buy the items and donate 20 percent of everything taken in. Ward says Cash For Gold is one of his businesses newest services.

"Cash For Gold is a big thing now, but not a lot of people trust mailing to an anonymous source," Ward said. "We'll make in-home appointments, weigh the items right in front of you and make an offer. You can trust us because we really know what we're doing."

— By Mike Hogan

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Many homeowners are recommitting to their current house and finding new ways to freshen up an old look instead of attempting to sell.

With renovation rising in popularity, there are plenty of options to help give your home a facelift — you just have to know where to look.

For more than 20 years, Jim Seghi of Seghi Renovations has worked hard to be a one-stop solid resource when it comes to home renovation.

Freshening up your home can involve renovating one or two rooms, adding an addition or just a quick do-it-yourself spruce up. Whatever project you're planning, Seghi's new design center in downtown South Lyon offers thousands of options and ideas.

"It's a great financial choice to fix up your home and enjoy it," Seghi said. "We can help you with your project from start to finish, or we can offer products and tips to help you complete your own project."

A trip to Seghi's showroom is all you'll need to

get started. Seghi will guide you through even the smallest of renovations such as updating your cabinets or adding a kitchen backsplash. For larger jobs, customers have relied on Seghi to renovate their bathrooms, kitchens and even add home additions up to 2,500 square feet.

Seghi carries a wide variety of cabinets, plumbing fixtures, tile, wood flooring and carpet. There are four cabinet lines to fit any style and budget. There's even a line of stainless steel cabinets for outdoor use.

"For people that like outdoor entertainment, there's nothing better than an outdoor stainless steel kitchen," Seghi said. "Just bring your ideas, and we can bring it to life."

A 23-year resident of Lyon Township, Seghi has built a solid customer base in the Metro Detroit area, the Ann Arbor area, Lake St. Clair and Chelsea. He is well known around town and often recognizes customers at his children's South Lyon

Community Schools events.

"I've been servicing some of my customers for 20 years," Seghi said. "Referrals have been huge for me because we stand behind our work. Our experience is a huge added value that's hard to put a number on."

In fact, Seghi and his staff have more than 100 years of combined experience. The team is well versed on numerous product lines and can offer advice for just about any project.

"We lead customers to products that are going to fit within their budget and offer the best value," Seghi said. "Value is huge to me, always have been and always will be."

Visit Seghi for a free consultation by appointment, a \$250 value. More information about Seghi Renovations can be found at www.seghi.net. To make an appointment with Jim Seghi, call 248-437-2454.

— By Alison Bergsicker

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Adult Dancers



When you choose The Piazza Dance Company for your dance education, you're choosing the Northville Original.

A community staple since 1981, Piazza Dance Co. is still owned and operated today by sisters Gina Piazza and Marilyn Piazza-Esper.

With award-winning choreographers, talented instructors and programs for children and adults, Piazza Dance Co. has something for the whole family – even enthusiastic dads.

"We offer a weekend father-daughter program that allows fathers to spend time with their daughters in a fun setting," Gina said. "We have classes just for boys, three fantastic male teachers and entire families that take classes here. We're really proud that we can bring families together even though they have so much else going on in their lives – even the grandparents get involved."

Located on Seven Mile Road minutes east of downtown Northville, Piazza Dance Co. is a perfect fit for families looking for fun, discipline, exercise, inspiration and more.

REGISTRATION GOING ON NOW!

The revamped studio recently underwent renovations and has a fresh look for the start of fall classes. Registration for the 2009-2010 dance season runs next week, Aug. 24-27 from 4-7 p.m.

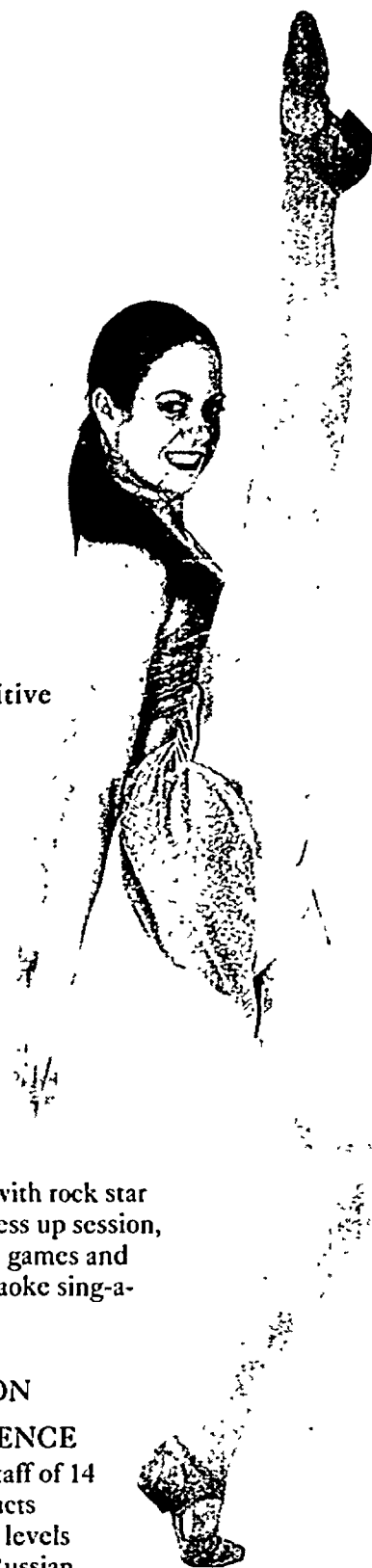
Classes begin Sept. 10. Advanced students wishing to enroll in competition courses may attend last chance auditions on Sept. 13 from 2:30-5 p.m.

"We've got an exciting year ahead of us," Gina said. "Our holiday show takes place at Genetti's Little Theater in downtown Northville on Dec. 6, and we'll end the year with four performances June 23-26."

But dance isn't doesn't end in June. Piazza Dance Co. participates in the annual Northville Independence Parade, hosts a Precious Princess Imaginative Dance & Play Day Camp in July and a Dancers Boot Camp in August.

Year-round, the studio hosts Princess Parties with everything young girls ages 3-8 desire, led by a princess of their choosing – Belle,

Competitive
Dancer



Ariel, Jasmine, Cinderella, Snow White, and others.

"We supply games, crafts, stories, a glittery dress up and makeup session, a princess dance and more," Gina said.

"For slightly older girls, we host Hip Hop

Karaoke parties with rock star makeup and dress up session, age appropriate games and crafts and a karaoke sing-along."

REPUTATION & EXPERIENCE

A talented staff of 14 teachers instructs students of all levels in Tap, Jazz, Russian Method Ballet and Pointe, Hip Hop, Preschool Rhythm, Preschool Tumbling, Preschool Ballet, Acrobatics, Fitness, Modern, Broadway/Musical Theatre and All Boys classes:

"Our adult classes are quite popular for a variety of reasons," Marilyn said. "We have adults that come who just want to unwind after work, or professional women who want to get some exercise in but don't want it to feel like exercise."

The studio also features instructors who specialize in young children and are able to give them the attention they need.

"A lot of dance teachers prefer to teach older, more advanced students," Gina said. "To have teachers that specialize teaching preschool and kindergarten students is really rare."

Senior Piazza Dance Co. instructors are certified to teach by examination and are members of the oldest and most respected dance organization in the country, Dance Masters of America.

Male teachers Leonid Bekker, Jeron Howie and Jonathon Atwood add diversity to the studio – and the opportunity for boys to find their inner artist.

"We have special programs for boys and encourage them to join," Gina said. "They especially enjoy our hip hop programs."

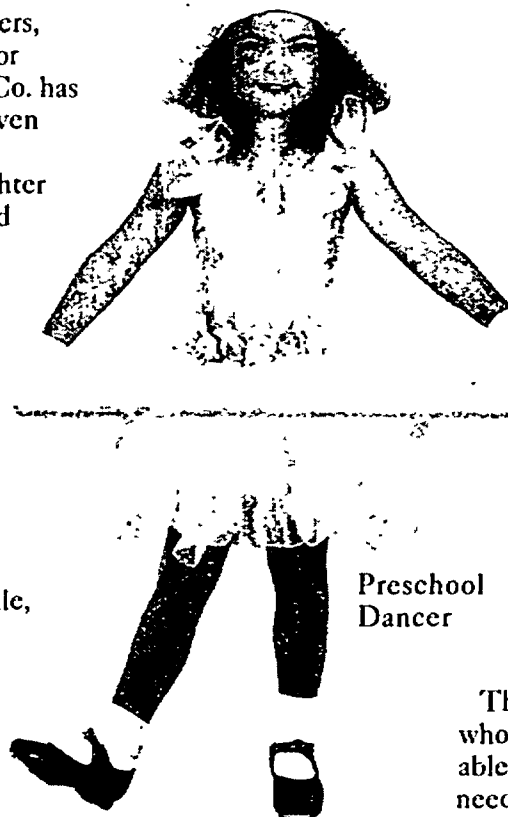
Resilient floors are installed in all dance rooms as protection and support. For students taking multiple classes, a quiet dining and study room allows them to unwind or finish homework.

"We are very family oriented at Piazza Dance Co.," Marilyn said. "Our recreational, pre-intensive or intensive dance programs help build confidence, friendships and help bring families together."

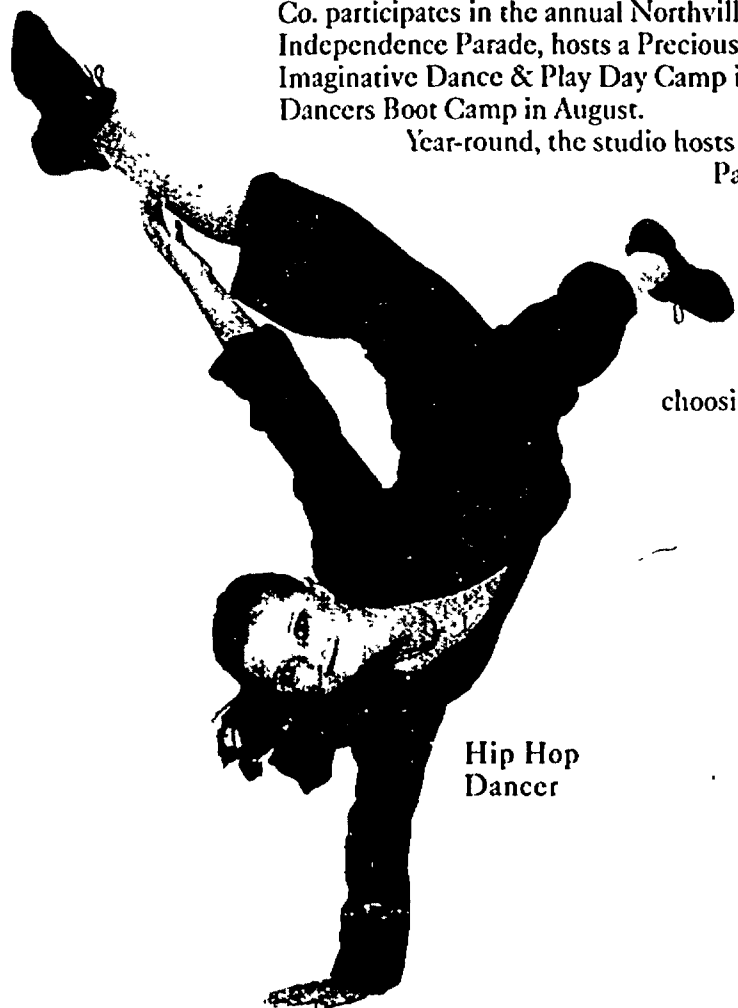
Piazza Dance Co. is located at 42333 Seven Mile Road in Northville. Call 248-348-3720 or visit www.piazzadanceco.com for more information.

— By Alison Bergsieker

Preschool
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Hip Hop
Dancer



Dads & Daughters



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Dr. Karissa Jagacki
and the staff at
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helping the South
Lyon community
enjoy the sounds
of life.



When it comes to health, our ears are often the part of the body that receives the least attention. Hearing well should be just as important as seeing, talking or touching. In South Lyon, Dr. Karissa Jagacki and the staff of Personalized Hearing Care have opened their doors so residents can start taking better care of their ears.

"A lot of people don't know where to go when they experience a hearing loss," Dr. Jagacki said. "I decided to open this office because I felt there was a need for professional hearing health services in this area."

According to some studies, an estimated 78 million people will have experienced a significant hearing loss by the year 2030. Dr. Jagacki believes that number is so high because many people do not take hearing loss seriously.

"Hearing loss is a growing concern and many people suffer depression, isolation and other social difficulties from not being able to hear their friends, families, and others," Dr. Jagacki said. "Treating hearing loss is important and we are determined to educate others of the devastating effects of untreated hearing loss."

Although some people might be put off by the idea of using a hearing aid, Personalized Hearing Care has an

extensive line of instruments that can fit any lifestyle or budget.

"We don't want hearing aids sitting in a drawer," Dr. Jagacki said. "We will work endlessly for our patients to be happy and enjoy hearing the sounds of life."

Some hearing aids are virtually invisible, like devices that fit completely in the ear canal. However, some people are restricted to certain sizes of hearing aids due to the severity of their hearing loss. Dr. Jagacki and the staff at Personalized Hearing Care can easily find the right device for your needs.

Personalized Hearing Care has been serving the Detroit area for over 18 years. In the last seven years, they've donated more than \$60,000 in hearing aids and services to people without the means to afford them. Dr. Jagacki says through this program, and in association with local Lions Clubs, they plan to continue to help people in the coming years.

For more information on hearing loss, visit www.personalizedhearingcare.com.

The South Lyon office of PHC is located at 321 Pettibone Ave. Call 248-437-5505 to set an appointment. PHC also has an office in Westland that can be reached at 734-467-5100.

— By Mike Hogan

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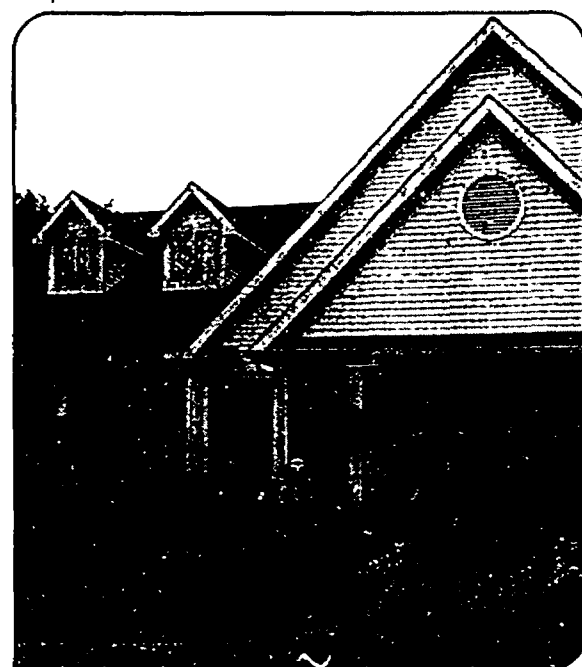


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Brad Stedry, PGA
Professional of
Tanglewood Golf
Course.

Although the Buick Open might be over, it is far from the end of golf season in Michigan. The best place to hit the links is without a doubt, Tanglewood Golf Course in South Lyon.

Tanglewood features challenging holes for golfers of all skill levels. There are five sets of team markers so we can accommodate players of all levels.

"The course is always in amazing shape," said Brad Stedry of Tanglewood. "Our grounds staff does a fantastic job."

The course is an extensive 27-hole championship layout designed by golf course architect William Newcomb. The course, nicknamed "The Lion," is made of three different nine-hole layouts.

The North course has pot bunkers, many water features and a long fescue rough. This gives the North course a links feel.

The South course is lined with trees, much like an elite course that you would find in northern Michigan.

The West course is the latest nine-hole layout and is crammed with challenging water hazards.

The three courses bring in a variety of players of different skill sets from all over Michigan. That variety is Stedry's favorite part of Tanglewood.

"We get a wide mix of people from West Bloomfield, Northville and Novi," Stedry said. "To me, that's the highlight. I like working with all these people."

Stedry has been with Tanglewood since 1996. He earned his membership into the

Professional Golfers Association in 1997 and became PGA Head Professional in 1998. Stedry says Tanglewood Golf Course can fill anyone's needs, whether it's a round of great golf or a dining event.

"We're a full-service place," Stedry said. "We can do weddings, banquets or any other type of function."

The Tanglewood Clubhouse features a delicious menu and multiple banquet and meeting rooms. The clubhouse hosts many different events on a regular basis. On Thursday nights, live music sets the tone for a family-friendly evening on an outdoor patio during the summer months.

Tanglewood is no stranger to community events. The course is commonly home to outings for many different organizations, like the Northville golf team, the Catholic Central JV golf team, the South Lyon Chamber, local veteran groups and the Franklin and Clarencerville sports boosters.

Between the stunning course and the beautiful features of the clubhouse, Stedry works hard to make the Tanglewood experience an amazing outing for every visitor.

"We try very hard here to show everyone a great experience," Stedry said. "I think that's what gets them back. That's why they stay loyal customers."

Tanglewood Golf Course is located at 53503 Ten Mile Road in South Lyon. Visit www.tanglewoodthelion.com or call 248-486-3355 for more information.

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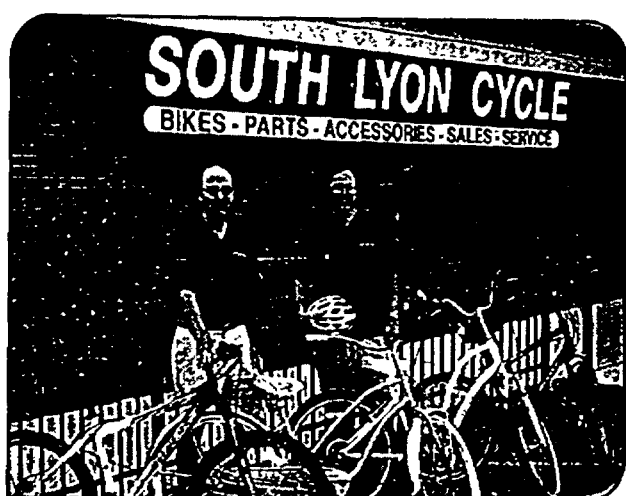
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Bikes are offered in a variety of sizes including 12-inch, 16-inch, 20-inch and 24-inch wheel bikes for children as well as adult models in many frames and sizes.

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.

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South Lyon Cycle offers many accessories, such as racks, baskets and bags to carry everything from groceries to work equipment to camping and sports gear to small dogs.

South Lyon Cycle is located in downtown South Lyon at 209 S. Lafayette (Pontiac Trail), two blocks south of Ten Mile Road, minutes from Island Lake State Recreation Area, Kensington Metropark, Maybury State Park, the Huron Valley Trail System and South Lyon's Rail Trail.

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Jan Eldon, owner of
Jan's Skin Spa in
South Lyon, offers a
variety of services
and products to
relax, rejuvenate
and refresh.

With so many responsibilities and tasks to manage during the average day, it becomes all too easy to forget to take care of yourself. Fortunately, Jan's Skin Spa in downtown South Lyon is available to help you remember your own needs.

Almost four years ago, Jan Eldon opened her private spa because she saw an opportunity for the residents of South Lyon.

"I've lived here for 18 years, and I really thought I could offer something in this town that no one else was doing," Eldon said. "My spa offers a one-on-one experience with clients that larger salons just don't offer."

That personal experience can include options like a variety of facials, body wraps, waxing, hair removal, brow & lash tinting and professional makeup application. Jan offers glycolic peels that eliminates dead skin cells and provide nutrients to the skin, creating a younger appearance. Jan also provides Microcurrent treatments that can revitalize the skin painlessly and without inflammation.

Jan's Skin Spa also offers Botox, dermal fillers and permanent make-up. All three of these treatments are provided by trained nurses through the spa. The services are very private and totally relaxing.

Jan is available by appointment only, so she is free to work around your

schedule. She's worked with entire wedding parties, but is also happy to provide individual consultations.

To compliment her many services, Jan offers a variety of beauty products unique to her spa.

"I carry the Bioelementals™ skin care line, Mirabella™ mineral makeup, the AHAVA™ body care line," Eldon said. "These products are pretty specific to this shop here."

She also provides St. Tropez™ self-tanning lotions, Root Candles™ and other professional products that are hard to find in Michigan.

Jan's Skin Spa is a one-stop shop to relax and revitalize your appearance, but she also offers customers the opportunity to continue that process at home. She offers personal lessons on makeup application for women, as well as home beauty products.

"I love it here in South Lyon," Eldon said. "It's such a tight-knit community. Everyone in the downtown area works together to build the community."

Jan's Skin Spa is located by appointment only at 105 N. Lafayette Street in downtown South Lyon. To make an appointment, call 248-515-8987.

More detailed information about services and pricing is available at www.jansskinspa.com.

— By Mike Hogan

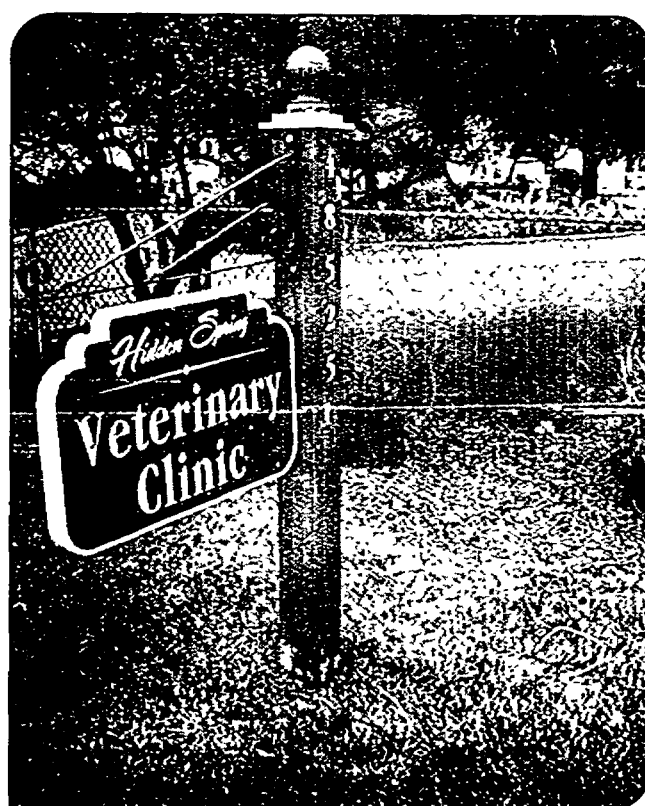
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(Above) The staff at Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic loves taking care of animals.
(Right) The clinic is located on the property of a former dairy farm that dates back to the Civil War.



Understanding the medical needs of human beings takes a lot of patience and education. Treating the health of animals takes all that and more. The staff at Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic in Northville not only takes care of pets, they help the owners understand the entire process.

"Clients here get a higher level of attention than they'd see at other clinics," said Sandra H. Danes, DVM. "The staff here is great at giving the clients the information they need. I'd say they're the best at it."

When a client brings their pet to Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic, they'll leave with all the information they need to take care of their pet. Prescriptions come with letters of side effects and explanations. Items are listed in a precise manner so clients are absolutely clear about the care of their animals.

"We do a great job of pre-informing clients and following up with them after

the appointment," Dr. Danes said. "We let the pet owners know exactly why we recommend the treatment we've prescribed."

Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic has been serving the Northville community for more than 30 years, built next to a dairy farm that dates back to the Civil War. The clinic was founded by Dr. Carol L. Geake, who has since retired. When visitors arrive, they'll see a beautiful home on 10 acres of property. You'll even see horses running the fences.

Although the business is decades old, the treatments are completely updated. The clinic was recently renovated to handle even more clients. Dr. Danes works with three other experienced veterinarians, Kimberly J. Berrie, DVM; Barbara Scheffler, DVM; and Jill M. Angell. The veterinarians and support staff at Hidden Spring work with a wide network of veterinary specialists.

"We work extensively with board-

certified veterinary specialists that work in fields like oncology and cardiology," Dr. Danes said. "If we don't have the correct treatment right here, we can reach out and get it."

Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic offers full-service treatments exclusively for dogs and cats. These treatments range from training for young animals to geriatric care and everything in between. The veterinarians can also perform some surgical procedures on site such as spays, neuters and surgical declaws, along with orthopedic repairs, GI foreign body removal, splenectomies and other procedures right on site. Behavioral training is available as well. "We focus on a lot of different aspects here," Dr. Danes said. "We reach clients about prevention, exercise and monitoring their pet for health issues."

The clinic includes a state-of-the-art in-house laboratory, as well as a complete in-house pharmacy. Most prescriptions can be

filled right in the clinic.

Hidden Spring also offers radiology, electrocardiography (ECG), nutritional counseling, dentistry services, abdominal ultrasonography, allergy testing and microchip identification in case pets are lost. Hidden Spring even offers acupuncture for animals on occasion.

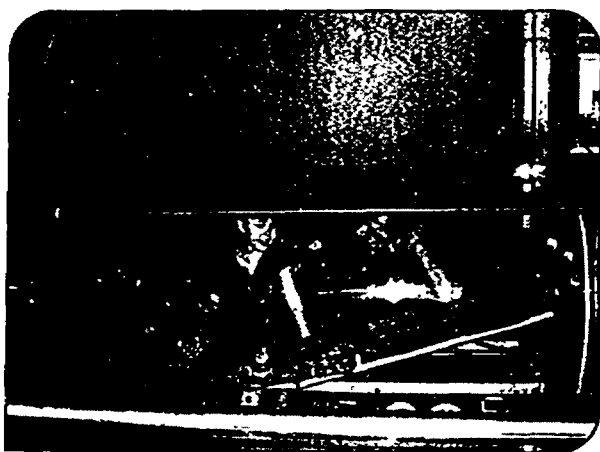
Every year, Hidden Spring takes in kittens for adoption. The cats are spayed or neutered and given a complete health checkup. Hidden Spring is responsible for the adoption of as many as 200 kittens each year.

Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic is located at 48525 W. 8 Mile Road in Northville. Hours are 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. For more information about Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic, call 248-349-2598 or visit www.hiddenspringvet.com.

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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 Oxford Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy Center in South Lyon.

When a tragedy strikes, there are few things more important than hope.

Hope is what Bruce and Tami Powell, owners of Oxford Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy Center, want to offer you and your loved ones. They themselves found this hope through the healing power of hyperbaric oxygen therapy.

Three years ago Bruce and Tami were told by their daughter's doctors there was nothing medically that could be done to recover their daughter from a life-threatening illness that left her wheel-chair bound and mentally impaired with seizure activity. Rather than listening to the doctors, they searched to find something that could offer them any hope of some recovery. What they discovered was hyperbaric oxygen therapy. As a result, their daughter's life was given back to them through a full recovery. A recovery the doctors said was not possible.

After their first hand experience with hyperbaric oxygen therapy they decided to offer that same healing to others by opening Oxford Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy Center in South Lyon, Michigan. "We are here because of the gift that we received," Tami Powell said. "We now see that gift over and over given to others. Words cannot express how it feels to give others the healing we received."

Hyperbaric oxygen therapy, or HBOT, is not new. It has actually been used since the 1600s. It simply delivers 100% pure medical grade oxygen at pressure greater than 1.3 ata, simulating going below sea level. During treatments patients lie down and watch movies from a television mounted on the clear chamber above them. "The patients just feel like they are lying down watching TV," Tami explains. This process accelerates the body's healing by reducing inflammation, increasing blood flow and

creating new blood cells.

"The treatment incites reperfusion, allowing the body to push blood through to hypoxic and inflamed areas, allowing healing to begin," Bruce Powell explained. "When the blood is blocked from an area in the body, the pressure from the HBOT treatment forces angiogenesis (the building of new capillaries) to create new passageways to allow the blood flow to get to the area that needs to be healed. Stroke patients have seen some of the best recovery because of this cerebral and extremity healing."

HBOT can be used to treat strokes, autism, traumatic brain injuries, reflex sympathetic dystrophy (RSD), chronic pain, and more. It has been proven to be safe and effective. It is listed as virtually side-effect free by the FDA.

The Powells have seen patients come to their center from all over the country. "There are few clinics in the nation and even fewer who have medical grade chambers with proper training and safety guidelines," Tami explains. "We are proud of our clinic and what we can offer our patients."

For the Powells, the center is more than a business. It's been a way for them to share the gift they were given with others.

"We see people walk out of here when they were told they would never walk," Bruce goes on to say with tears in his eyes, "We are verbally thanked by people who are told they would never speak again."

Oxford Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy Center is located at 21800 Pontiac Trail, just south of downtown South Lyon. They also have a new center opening across the border just outside of Windsor. You can contact the center at 248-486-3636 for more information or check them out on-line at www.oxfordhbot.com.

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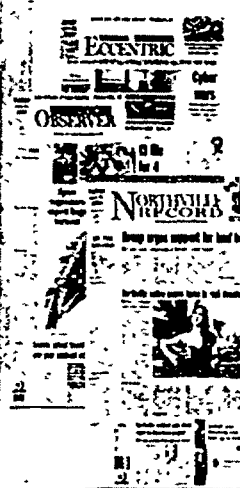
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Like next-door neighbors, Northville and Novi residents often support each other, lend a helping hand and sharing common values.

It's no surprise that both communities are a destination for long-term families, new businesses and out-of-town shoppers.

With so much going on in Northville and Novi each year, community newspapers are vital to keeping residents in the know.

"People in Northville and Novi rely on us to spread the word on the 'news' in town, but we depend on them to pass along those great story ideas that make a hometown newspaper such a vital part of a community," Stone said. "It's a win-win situation."

While many seek TV stations and other forms of media for national and worldwide news, there's still plenty going on right in your neighborhood.

Community newspapers like the Northville Record and the Novi News touch on everyday topics that shape peoples' lives, reporting on everything from local fires and auto accidents to notable high school events and church happenings.

Notice is taken of time volunteered, money donated, anniversaries attended, awards conferred — documentation of the events, activities, meals, meetings and gatherings where the glue of the community gets applied.

The papers offer a shopping marketplace in our paper with an abundant classifieds section and loads of

advertisements dispersed throughout, where you can your neighbors can shop right from our pages.

And they welcome your thoughts too, offering a public forum for opinions on our editorial page and on our Web site, www.hometownlife.com, where we strive to spur discussion and influence growth and development in our communities.

In thriving communities like Northville and Novi, community newspapers are vital to documenting achievements, events and happenings that give the community its character.

NORTHVILLE RECORD

Divided between Wayne and Oakland counties, Northville has a vibrant history — well documented by devoted residents who've become personally connected to the city's growth and culture.

Known for its scenery, Victorian-era architecture and small-town atmosphere, Northville is a popular attraction for long-term families.

The city is home to the Northville Downs Race Track and a modern day downtown shopping district stocked with restaurants, niche clothing stores and small businesses.

"Between the township and the city, there are about 30,000 who have chosen to live in Northville — from the quaint but hip downtown to the conveniently located rural areas — and our newspaper has been informing them for over 138 years," said Northville

Record and Novi News Editor Cal Stone.

"The history of Northville is reflected in the Record."

NOVI NEWS

As one of the fastest growing communities in Michigan, Novi has a relatively fresh history — well documented by the community's local newspaper, the Novi News.

Rapid growth led to the construction of Twelve Oaks Mall in the 1970s, a major shopping destination for metro Detroit residents to this day.

Now home to several commercial and industrial developments, Novi is a known as a shopping mecca and a popular attraction for long-term families.

"With one of the top-rated school districts in the state, a bustling nightlife, booming business district, sound public services and a multicultural city, Novi is the destination for residents and members of the business community," Stone said.

Whether it's an upcoming school board meeting, downtown parade or a new business opening up shop, the Novi News' staff is always paying attention.

"Having the chance to open up your community newspaper each week, featuring news about city government, the school district, local businesses and a listing of everything and anything to do in Novi, is a relevant and priceless opportunity," Stone said.

— By Alison Bergicker



FAITHFULLY FIT PEGGY PRESTON

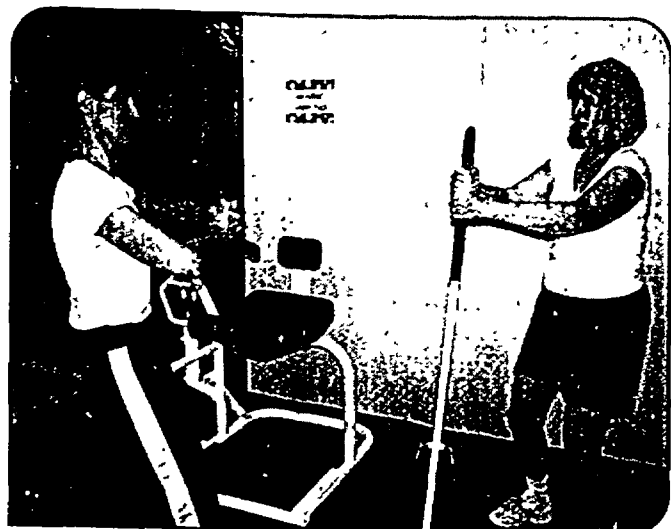


Photo by John R. Hall
Peggy Preston trains Linda McLean of Northville on the proper usage of the "Core Machine." Following the workout Linda will relax in the Infrared Sauna (shown in background).

Faithfully Fit, a place for women in Novi is a great place to gather – to workout, socialize, relax and learn the importance of maintaining a healthy outlook on life. Owner Peggy Preston takes a lot of pride in getting to know each member and individuals who come in to her facility in the Pheasant Run Plaza at 39755 Grand River in Novi.

"I believe that women inspire other women and this is a place to be inspired and uplifted," she said. "I promote health and wellness in an atmosphere of fun and fellowship with a concentration on fitness for a lifestyle."

Much of the personalized programs at Faithfully Fit center around Circuit Training, which combines aerobic exercise, strength training and flexibility, using hydraulic equipment and various floor pads. Peggy's hydraulic "strength stations" are single cylinder models with six levels of resistance. Each level is individually designed for strength, flexibility and cardio exercises. "Hydraulics is the quickest way of sculpting and toning the body," Peggy noted.

The key benefits of hydraulic fitness are that it burns a higher number of calories, builds muscle, changes body shape more quickly, elevates metabolism, lean tissue is increased, and can be used by anybody at any fitness level from ages 10 to 94.

Another key component of the Faithfully Fit programs is the Infrared Sauna. This therapy duplicates the healthy frequency of human cells and infrared rays penetrate deep into muscular tissues. The deep

heating of the Infrared Sauna "is one of the best methods of detoxification," added Peggy, "and makes the immune system better, breaks down cellulite which helps with weight loss and heals bones and muscles quicker. Therefore it helps relieve arthritis, osteoporosis and fibromyalgia."

The programs at Faithfully Fit also include Yoga and a new class called Dance Fit with Peggy which incorporates fitness and dance all in one. Members will have fun while getting fit at the same time.

Peggy draws from her 35 years of experience to work with each member, knowing that women feel comfortable with her knowledge and caring personality. She knows it is important to look good on the inside and outside – and that age is just a number. "No matter how old we are, we need to continue to have a young spirit on the inside," Peggy said.

She also knows that many people may hold back taking care of themselves because of the current economy. "We need to take care of ourselves in spite of the economy," she said. "I will work with people to design a program to fit their budget."

"We always have some specials for new members and walk-ins."

Faithfully Fit is open 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; and 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, but Peggy is willing to change the hours for her member's convenience too. Come in and meet her or give her a call today at 248-615-5000.

— By John R. Hall

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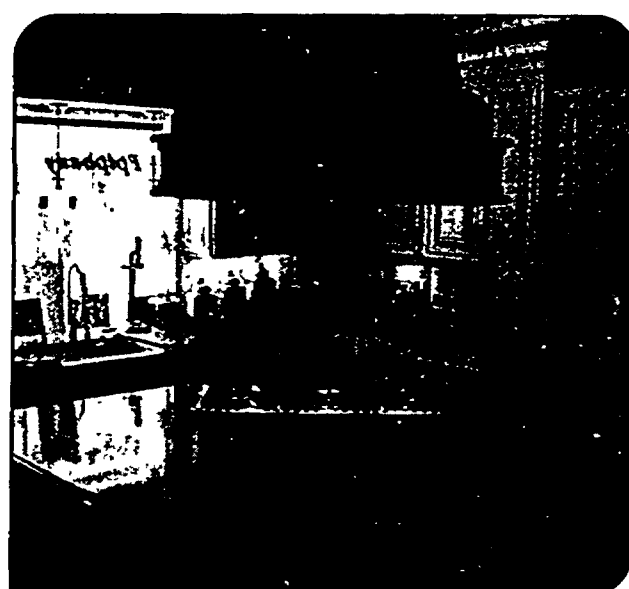


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Epiphany Kitchens is the place to go for all of your kitchen remodeling needs at affordable prices.

Is it time for a change in your home? The best place to start is in your kitchen, and the best people to help are from Epiphany Kitchens.

Epiphany Kitchens, located in the heart of downtown Northville, is the place to go for all your kitchen remodeling needs at affordable prices. Epiphany is a small business that is big on quality. They have purposely kept their overhead very low so their products, and not quality, stay cheap.

From big kitchens to small kitchens and everything in between, Epiphany Kitchens can create a design kitchen for any home. Before looking at a place like Direct Buy, try Epiphany. They can compete and beat prices from Direct Buy while maintaining quality.

Epiphany Kitchens works exclusively with Michigan manufacturers. By working with local manufacturers, the customer will save money on shipping and lessen the chance of damaging the products during transportation. Plus, working only with Michigan manufacturers is a big step to help keep Michigan thriving.

Recently, Epiphany Kitchens partnered with a local custom cabinetry shop. This partnership provides custom cabinets at fair prices without losing quality. Other companies have raised their prices on custom cabinets but

haven't raised the value of their work, but Epiphany Kitchens has kept quality at the top of their list.

If you're still unsure about what to change in your kitchen, Epiphany Kitchens can help. They provide in-home consultations with no charge and no pressure. On a 30-inch digital monitor, a consultant will show you complete computer representations of your kitchen. This design service includes changing elevations, different perspectives, floor plans, and color renderings.

Epiphany Kitchens will even work outside the kitchen. In any room where cabinets are needed, Epiphany will provide the style that fits just right. Ranging from traditional to contemporary, Epiphany Kitchens can make the perfect cabinet at the right price for your bathroom, library, or entertainment areas.

The standard of Epiphany Kitchens is simple and straightforward: Timeless perfection and uncompromising quality while respecting your budget.

For a list of services and a portfolio of the work of Epiphany Kitchens, visit www.epiphanykitchens.net.

The Epiphany Kitchens showroom is located at 107 N. Center Street in downtown Northville.

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Ronnie Williams of Perfect Floors shows off one of many samples the showroom contains.

Now is a great time to refurbish your home. So why not start from the floor up? The experienced staff of Perfect Floors in South Lyon is ready and willing to help.

Whether it's putting in a brand new floor or redecorating a worn-out room, Perfect Floors of South Lyon can provide low prices, extensive experience and great customer service to make any flooring project a little easier.

Perfect Floors opened in South Lyon in 2004 and has since dominated the local industry. They've been counted as the people's top choice for flooring since 2005.

A family-run business, Perfect Floors of South Lyon opened in the community to be part of an up-and-coming area. Owner Ron Williams and his staff are dedicated to making sure the customer gets exactly what they need. That dedication shows through his son, Ronnie.

"We're going to inform you of what you're buying," Ronnie Williams said. "We're going to give you all the knowledge you need to make the right decisions."

Most of the business at Perfect Floors comes from the word of satisfied customers. Williams says they get a lot of referrals from satisfied customers. These

referrals lead to even more happy customers in South Lyon and the surrounding areas.

When it comes to flooring materials, Perfect Floors of South Lyon covers everything. Their showroom is packed with a variety of flooring samples, and the staff is ready to answer any question you might have about the samples you'll see.

"We have tile, carpet, wood, laminates, cork, vinyl and more," Williams said. "Everything we have is top-notch quality material."

Perfect Floors uses all of their own installers, so the customer's approval is assured. That satisfaction is incredibly important to the staff.

"We know that if we don't do well, we're out of jobs," Williams said. "We want to give you what you want."

In addition to the dedicated staff and wealth of useful information, you'll also find competitive pricing at Perfect Floors. They're prepared to match or beat any price out there. Just bring in a hand-written or typed out quote, and they'll meet it.

Perfect Floors of South Lyon is located at 21946 Pontiac Trail, one mile south of the downtown South Lyon area. For more information, call 248-437-2838 or visit www.perfectfloorsinc.com.

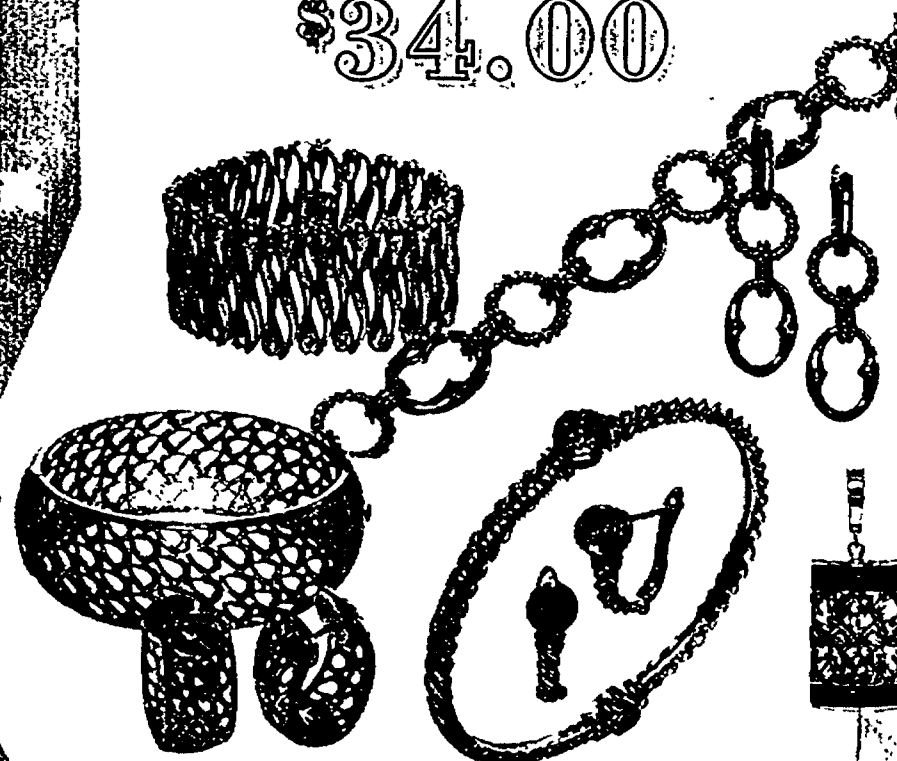
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Healthy smiles are all
around in Dr. Abir Faraj's
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When it comes to "gentle dentistry" there are few dentists in the Novi community who can match the gentle care for patients like Dr. Abir Faraj. That gentle care transcends into the concern that Dr. Faraj and her staff shows for each patient. She knows the importance of dental health and takes her role as a respected dentist very seriously.

"My goal is to make patients feel comfortable," she said. "I concentrate on improving the general oral health of my patients."

The overall dental health begins with healthy gums, which Dr. Faraj sees as an integral part of all dental health. "We are aggressive when it comes to treating gum disease," she said. "Your gums are just as important as your teeth."

And speaking of teeth, Dr. Faraj and her staff offer several services to ensure healthy and attractive teeth. Some of these include:

- Dental cleanings and examinations
- Fluoride treatments
- Oral cancer screenings
- Sealants
- Metal-free restorations
- Implant restorations
- Complete or partial dentures
- Tooth-colored fillings, crowns and veneers
- Chairside whitening featuring ZOOM 2
- At-home whitening

In addition to these services, 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 said.

Dr. Faraj is happy to oversee the dental health of all of her patients, including geriatric and pediatric patients. And she also works with athletes who need mouth guards or sports protective guards.

But any service is only as good as the people who perform it — and Dr. Faraj has a very experienced staff at her office, located in the Novi Professional Village at 23985 Novi Road Ste. B103, just south of the intersection of Novi and Ten Mile roads. Her experienced staff

includes dental assistants and dental hygienists who have 15 to 20 years of experience.

Dr. Faraj received her degree from the University of Detroit-Mercy School of Dentistry in 2003. Last year, she was featured in Hour Detroit magazine, which described her nomination by her peers as a top dentist in 2008. This year she has also been nominated as a top dentist. She is a member of the American Dental Association, the Michigan Dental Association and the Detroit District Dental Society.

Dr. Faraj's goal is to teach and maintain patient's health. To do so, she and her staff are always participating in continuing education classes to keep up with the latest trends in dentistry and dental technology. She uses the latest dental equipment, including an intraoral camera so patients can see what the dentist sees. Her office also used the latest in digital x-ray equipment so patients are exposed to much less radiation.

But there are other "types" of technology that support the gentle side of Dr. Faraj's practice. This technology helps promote the relaxation side of the business. "It's a very caring and warm atmosphere here," she said. "To achieve this gentle, relaxed atmosphere we offer nitrous-oxide sedation, relaxation CDs, noise-reduction headphones, warm blankets and even a massage chair."

The dental office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday; and 1 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday. Weekend times are available by appointment.

Dr. Faraj, a mother of three and married to a pharmacist, knows the importance of having a flexible schedule. She also accepts most insurance plans.

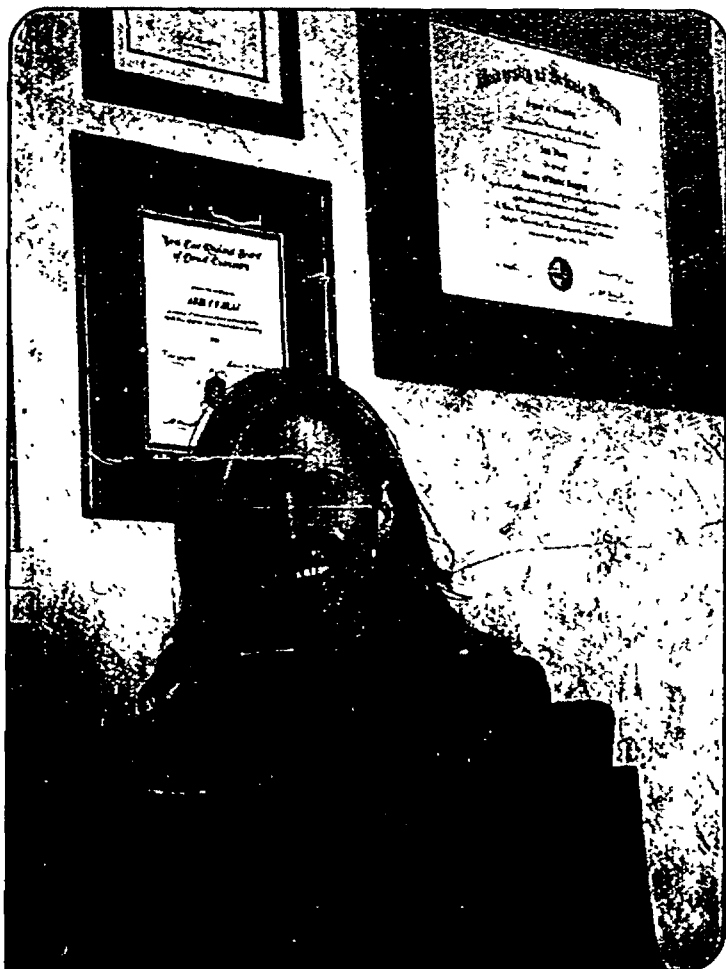
For more information or to schedule an appointment call 248-348-5151. If you would like more detailed information on the services available and to learn about Dr. Faraj, visit

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— By John R. Hall



Dr. Abir Faraj believes in creating a relaxing atmosphere for her patients — a "gentle" approach to modern dentistry.



Dr. Abir Faraj backs up her approach to gentle dentistry with a long list of industry credentials and experience.