

# NOVI NEWS

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## Church invites parade watchers

The Novi United Methodist Church is honoring those veterans who gave the ultimate sacrifice on Memorial Day by throwing open the doors for parade watchers.

The church is hoping you will watch the Novi Memorial Day Parade from the church front lawn. There will be special seating for children (or families with small children). The building will be open for parade watchers to use restrooms. There will be free hot dogs, chips and water for those who stop by. Busch's, directly across 10 Mile Road, has graciously donated the hot dogs for this event.

Please come with your lawn chairs or blankets and spread out on the lawn. (Arrive early if you want to park in the church lot because 10 Mile will get blocked from auto traffic.)

## City keeps same millage rate

### Fund balance at 20 percent

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

The City of Novi adopted its budget for the upcoming fiscal year on Monday. Its estimated total revenues and expenditures will be at \$56 million each, which includes the General Fund and Special Revenue Funds.

Two budget highlights is the amount of money the city is utilizing from

its savings will be going down and its overall millage rate is not increasing. The City Council approved keeping Novi's total millage rate unchanged from last year (2012) to 10.2000 mils for this year. Novi's total annual tax millage rate was reduced during the 2012 tax year from 10.5416 mils, which had been the rate the previous 12 years.



Clay Pearson said for both

"The General Fund Revenues for FY 2013-14 are expected to cover all the expenditures and the transfers to other funds by utilizing only \$661,000 of the fund balance," said City Manager Clay Pearson in his report to the City Council, which unanimously approved the budget.

"We are able to do one-time capital items, service improvements, etc. in excess of operating expenditures," he said, "because we have retained savings in the bank resulting from prior year's savings and conservative estimating." Including the one-time

capital items and service improvements, Pearson said they plan a draw-down of \$661,000 from the Fund Balance in 2013 while in the current FY 2012/13 they plan a draw-down of \$2.67 million.

"The draw-downs are additional money in excess of Fund Balance targets that we can put back into the community for parks and equipment one-time expenses," he added.

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## Hyatt: Hotel's a hit already

### Bowman tells Farmington Hills EDC about positive impact

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

Right on track for a soft opening in July, the Hyatt Place at the Suburban Collection Showplace is coming along very well

— and there may be an opportunity to expand it in the coming years.

Blair Bowman is the man behind the plan for the hotel, and he's also playing a big role in getting the Michigan State Fair back on its feet. The owner of The Showplace spoke to the Farmington Hills Economic Development Corporation on May 15. He gave an update on the hotel's construction and more details about this year's fair, both of



The Hyatt Place, shown here as an artist's rendering, is set to open in July.

which are at his facility at 46100 Grand River Ave. in Novi.

"We're very excited about it (Hyatt Place)," he said. "It's already fulfilling the promise that what we're working on and looking for more than anything is not to just build a hotel and have it be successful in a conventional sense, but also to attract large scale

conferences and conventions for the whole region."

He said their convention center's operations are already having an annual economic impact of \$600 million on the surrounding community in the 2012-2013 seasons, but he expects that to increase by at least \$250,000 after the hotel opens its doors.

And because of the prospect of the Hyatt Place opening up this summer, he said 15 major new events have already agreed to schedule a visit after its completion. "We would have not otherwise had these without the hotel," he said. The hotel will be a six-story building with 126 guest rooms attached to the Showplace on the

east side as an expansion to the Diamond Banquet and Conference Center. According to Bowman, another 20,000 square feet of space is being added to the Diamond and this will create 10 more meeting rooms. He said the way things are going they may be able to expand with

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## New charter school coming to Novi

### FlexTech Academy opens this fall

By Cal Stone  
Staff Writer

Even though this area has some of the best high schools in the state, not every student can grasp the traditional methods of learning.

And those are the kids Oakland FlexTech Academy hopes to reach when the new charter school opens in Novi this fall.

It's based on the format used by the FlexTech High School in Brighton, where Jim Perry serves as director of school leadership.

**LEARN MORE**  
Attend an open house 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, May 29, at FlexTech High School in Brighton, the sister campus located at 7707 Conference Center Drive, off I-96 and the Grand River Avenue exit. For more information, call (810) 224-3581.

That facility is in its second year and serves around 300 students.

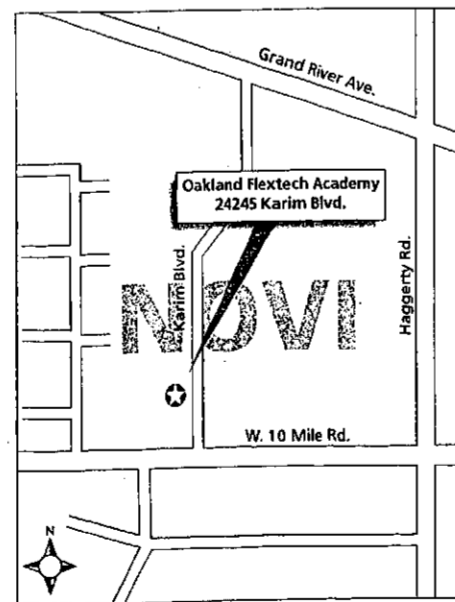
"If your student does not seem engaged in their learning, for whatever reason, the new Oakland FlexTech Academy's project-based approach may be

just what they need to succeed," he said.

The school will serve students in ninth through 12th grade, and with slow growth over the next few years, can cap off around 400. Students will have an adviser they work with, and each will be responsible for 13 or so students, Perry said.

"The adviser is their go-to person," he said. "They develop a close relationship with that person; they know their attendance record, their course work and their future plans and goals and make sure they're moving through the program."

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## Two from Novi lead Mercy's Class of 2013

The Class of 2013 valedictorian, Kathleen M. Coerd, and salutatorian, Christina Hadley, of Mercy High School Farmington Hills are both Novi residents. The two will address the 179 graduates at the 68th Mercy High School commencement ceremony on May 30 at Compuware Arena.

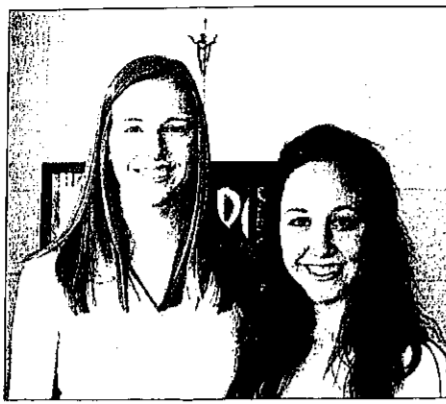
The valedictorian and salutatorian must exemplify an academically exceptional student who has pursued a well-balanced program of studies while attending Mercy High School. Students are selected through a process that includes a student self-appraisal, staff and senior class input, and an interview with Administration. Students must have demonstrated responsible leadership, both elected and/or non-elected, as well as provided service both in

school and in the community.

Coerd's honors include: National Honor Society Member and Officer; Rosalie Hebel Award for Excellence in AP Chemistry; Mary DiGiovanni Sportsman Award; Scholastic All-Catholic for Archdiocese of Detroit; first place Farmington Community Library Teen Creative Writing Contest.

Coerd's extracurricular activities include: Varsity Soccer - Captain, All-League, All-District, Varsity Field Hockey - Captain, All-League; Student Council Treasurer; Class Treasurer for 3 years; Spanish Club, Focus: HOPE Representative.

For community service, she co-founded Chapters of Love which collects and donates books to schools in Detroit.



Mercy High School's Class of 2013 valedictorian, Kathleen M. Coerd, and salutatorian, Christina Hadley, are both Novi residents.

She serves as coach and counselor for Farmington Hills Youth Soccer and volunteers at St. James Vacation Bible School. Coerd attended the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medi-

cine at Georgetown University and is an impatient surgical volunteer at Providence Park Hospital in Novi.

She has the highest possible GPA, 4.0. She will attend Georgetown Uni-

versity where she plans to major in biology or chemistry and continue to medical school.

"My life goal is to become a physician because I have a passion for helping others," she said. "I believe that the health care industry has endless possibilities, and I want to be a part of it. I want to be a woman who makes a difference."

Hadley's honors include: National Merit Finalist; Joyce Ivy Foundation Summer Scholar; Brown University Merit Scholarship; AP Scholar with Distinction; Honorable Mention for Newspaper layout design from the Michigan Inter-Scholastic Press Association; Scholastic All-Catholic Team Sparty Award for excellence in journalism.

She is a member of National Honor Society, French Honor Society,

Quiz Bowl, Science Olympiad, Science Club and Newsprint Web Editor. She attended the Brown University residential Clinical Psychology and volunteers at Maybury Girl Scout Day Camp. Hadley will attend Northwestern University.

"Very simply, I have one major life goal: to be happy," she said. "Work is included in my plan for happiness because I have found that I am most content when accomplishing meaningful tasks. I think it is important to set a career: where my full potential can be realized and used and is a benefit to humanity."

Visit [www.mhsmi.org](http://www.mhsmi.org) for more information. Mercy High School is at 29300 W. 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills (at the corner of 11 Mile and Middlebelt roads).

## Four goals help make school district highly reliable

By Steve Matthews  
Guest Columnist

Last Sunday, Mother's Day, my wife, our three boys, and I sat in 40-degree weather, sleet, a little snow, and lots of wind to watch the Detroit Tigers play baseball. In weather more suited for a football game, we rooted for the home team to win and send us all home early. Ahead in the ninth inning and with two outs, the crowd rose to their feet to cheer the Tigers on to victory.

Sadly, the fortune of the game turned and the Tigers lost in extra innings.

Walking back to the car my wife and I remembered several weeks earlier when the weather was 75 degrees and we agreed that going to the Tigers game on Mother's Day would be a good idea. The game was weeks away we reasoned and the weather was so nice we felt confident that even if the weather changed a little it would still be a great day for baseball.

We chuckled as we agreed that we should have remembered that you cannot count on Michigan weather. But we survived and enjoyed ourselves - even if we didn't enjoy the outcome of the 10-inning loss.

I share this small anecdote because those of us

who work for the Novi Community Schools are trying to build a school system that is very predictable and highly reliable. We want everyone in our community - parents, students, and school staff - to have confidence in our schools. We want those who care about the Novi Community Schools to trust that good things happen every day when students come to school.

Building a high-reliability school district requires that we focus on important things. In our district we have defined four goals. These goals drive us every day. The four goals are:

1. The Novi Community School District to trust that good things happen every day when students come to school.
2. The Novi Community School District will ensure that each student will make no less than one year's growth in one year's time.
3. The Novi Community School District will ensure that all students achieve at a high level. (There will be no achievement gaps.)
4. The Novi Community School District will improve organizational quality and customer service by creating common standards, systems, and principles.

I want our community to be able to state with confidence when asked about the Novi Community School District that our district is not only working on these four goals but that our district is making progress on

these four goals. A highly reliable organization operates in such a way that no matter what happens it can deliver on its goals. In Michigan, we operate in an educational environment where there is uncertainty. Legislative mandates change our funding and require the implementation of new often unproven educational reforms. Yet I know that parents and community members do not focus on the uncertainty as much as they focus on the educational outcomes. Parents, students, and community members want to have confidence that the schools can deliver upon their promise.

Our commitment in the Novi Community School District is that we will deliver on our promise. Our focus is on ensuring that we continually make progress on our goals and that parents, students, and community members can have confidence that good things will happen every day in our schools.

The weather and the fortunes of the Detroit Tigers may be fickle. My commitment is that the Novi Community School District will be a place where our community can have confidence and trust that good things will happen for our students every day.

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### WALLED LAKE SCHOOL BRIEFS

**Catenacci receives Local Hero Peacekeeper Award**

The Walled Lake Consolidated School recognized Eric Catenacci with the Local Hero Peacekeeper Award for the 2012-2013 school year.

Catenacci is the full-time physical education teacher at Hickory Woods Elementary and was nominated by Hickory Woods Elementary principal, Dr. Patricia Werner. He teaches four grade levels of physi-

cal education, serves as a sponsor of the fifth grade safety patrol, sponsors the fourth grade ambassadors in Fuel Up to Play, and organizes a building-wide field day experience each year.

Catenacci works with students of many cultures and abilities. He models kindness, respect for others and oneself, and the importance of a positive attitude. He encourages students

to be peacemakers by teaching them the importance of sportsmanship. Often, students can be seen applauding other students for their efforts and shaking hands after competition.

"The life skills that Mr. Catenacci teachers and models: practice, do your best, and celebrate others, are those that can be transferred from the field or court to all areas of life," said Werner. "We are very fortunate to have Mr. Catenacci share his talents with the students of Hickory Woods Elementary."

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## SCHOOL

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### Spring concert

Novi Woods Elementary fourth graders, under the direction of music teacher Julia Saell, perform a spring concert on recorders on May 8. The students gave an afternoon show for their fellow students and parents.

### NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS

#### Senior party walk-through

The Novi High School Senior All Night Party community walk-through will be at 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 1.

#### Students, host a blood drive

The American Red Cross is offering two opportunities this summer to help high school

seniors and high school sponsored groups earn money by hosting a blood drive. High school seniors will have the money forwarded to their college. (It's a great addition to add to resumes and college transcripts that you are a Red Cross blood drive coordinator, and it's also good for community service hours.) High school-sponsored groups can earn money for their organizations. The

amount of money that can be earned depends on how many pints are collected. This program will help offset the expected slump in blood collections during the summer months when the need for blood often goes up.

Interested participants should contact Diane Risko as soon as possible at (313) 549-7052 or [Diane.Risko@redcross.org](mailto:Diane.Risko@redcross.org) for more information.



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The Oakland FlexTech Academy will be located on Karim Boulevard, which is just west of Haggerty Road between Grand River Avenue and Ten Mile Road in Novi.

Perry said the academy's subjects are "competency-based" where the student is shown all the competencies he or she will need to master in a particular subject in order to graduate.

"Through interdisciplinary projects, they'll learn in what we think is a more relevant way," Perry said. "They'll see immediate use rather than keeping that isolated in a particular class."

Scheduling is also flexible. Some older students may just need credit recovery two days a week. Younger students will be in class four days a week. Fridays at the Brighton school are drop-in time for one-on-one with advisers.

#### Why Novi?

Opening a charter school in a district that's one of the state's best might seem like an odd choice, but Perry said the model is so different than traditional schools that he doesn't view it as a competition for students.

"The nature of the FlexTech program, especially at Novi, is that it's not going to exclusively draw from that district," he said. "There's Farmington, Livonia, Walled Lake and the surrounding area and that's what the model is about."

The Brighton academy draws more from outlying towns, like Howell, South Lyon, Hartland and Pinckney, so it serves more as a centrally-located hub to a lot of districts.

FlexTech officials were also looking for a location in a more densely populated area and in an area they were familiar with. They looked at Plymouth-Canton and Livonia before settling on a building on Karim Boulevard, which is just west of Haggerty Road between Grand River Avenue and 10 Mile Road.

Like all Michigan charter schools, FlexTech will be an independent public school of choice for parents. There is no tuition charge and no admission requirements. Many of the Novi school's

teachers have already been chosen, and Kelly Pennington of Saline will be the principal.

Perry started as a teacher in 1995 and was a principal in Howell for 13 years. He's spent the past few years working with charter school partners in developing new schools and replicating those.

"It's a very innovative model," he said. "It's a small school, and it's not going to be draining students out of any one district. A lot of people are sensitive about charter schools. For 90 percent of students, traditional does a great job, but this is an opportunity for kids who aren't successful."

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### Scholarship winners

Shown are the recipients of Community Financial's Margaret Dunning & George Lawton Memorial Scholarships: (l to r, back) Scott Karriel, Trinity Christian; Rachael Berrie, Canton HS; Dana Blankenship, Salem HS; Patrick Renner, Novi HS; Sandra Shoukair, MSU; (front) Andrew Carbone, Northville HS; Hannah Morello, Ladywood HS; Jessica Scarpello, Plymouth HS; and Mary Kate Winn, Mercy HS. Unable to make the photo were Christina Riga, Ladywood HS; Ashley Saunders, Plymouth HS; Brock Baum, Atlanta HS; and Abby Schilcher, Johannesburg-Lewiston HS.

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## Familiar and new names running for mayor, council

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

A total of nine candidates have filed to run for Novi mayor and city council in the Nov. 5 general election.

There are three openings on the city council and Mayor Bob Gatt's seat is up for election as well. Gatt, 62, along with council incumbents Andrew Mutch, 40, and Justin Fischer, 30, are running for re-election.

After eight years of service, council member Terry Margolis will not be seeking another term and will step down after her term ends in November.

Gatt previously served on council from 2003-2011 before being elected as mayor in '11. Mutch was first elected to council in 2005 and Fischer in 2009.

To properly file, candidates had to turn in petitions that met the City

Charter requirement for valid signatures from 100 registered voters. Council members serve a four-year term while the mayoral seat is two years. The council consists of seven members, including mayor and mayor pro tem.

Among their opponents are other well-known names and some new to local politics.

The other candidates running for mayor are Joseph Samona, 24 and

Jason Dorsch, 31. Samona works as a local realtor and Dorsch owns Sky Net Technology, a computer-tech firm in Novi.

For city council, Novi Public Schools Board of Education President Dennis O'Connor, 55, is running for one of the seats. This comes on the heels of his successful run for school board last year.

The other council candidates are Gwen Markham, 59; Alexander

Fera, 21; and Jonathan Montville, 26.

Markham, who has worked as an engineer, unsuccessfully ran for Oakland County commissioner as a Democrat last November against Republican incumbent Kathy Crawford. She previously ran for council in 1997, but was not elected.

Fera, running for the first time, also owns a technology company in Novi called Fera

Technology. He is also a Police Explorer for the City of Livonia. His education background includes coursework at Oakland Community College.

Montville, also new to the election process, is a fitness entrepreneur in the weight loss industry and WBFF Male Fitness Model.

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### Contest winner

Adeline Wiczorek (center) of Westland is the winner of a new Whirlpool washer and dryer courtesy of Bill and Rod's Appliance. Also pictured are Lynda Town (left) and Bernadette VanCleave, sales associates at Bill & Rod's Appliance in Livonia. The family-owned company celebrated the grand opening of the new store, 15870 Middlebelt (just north of Five Mile) with the washer/dryer giveaway. Contestants were asked to explain (in 50 words or less) why they needed a new washer and dryer.

"We, at Bill & Rod's Appliance, were thrilled to have so many join us at our grand opening and that we were able to give a brand new washer and dryer to such a wonderful family," said Kim and Linda Legato - owners of Bill and Rod's - and Joe Legato, general manager.

The owners want all contestants to know that they "read every single entry." In addition to the winners, the family-owned business also awarded a refurbished washer and dryer to Tom Bedford, Jr. of Detroit. "Our hearts went out to Mr. Tom Bedford, Jr., a Korean War Veteran," said the Legato family. Nearly 700 entries were received for the contest conducted in cooperation with O&E Media.

## Leaders selected for Democrats' new 11th District

Leaders have been elected to head the newly-formed 11th District of the Michigan Democratic Party, as announced by its chair, Jim Gualdoni of Commerce Township.

"This new district, shaped by the Republican-dominated Legislature, could be the surprise hot-button issue in the next election," said Gualdoni, formerly chair of the West Oakland County Democratic Club.

Gualdoni and three other officers were elected at the Democrats' state-wide caucus at Cobo Hall on Feb. 23 to head the new district: Vice-chair Lisa Dirado, of Northville Township; Treasurer Cynthia Churches CPA, of Novi; and Recording Secretary Carla Meier, of Troy.

The district includes 25 governmental units in Oakland County, ranging from South Lyon to Troy, and four in Wayne County: Plymouth, Canton,

Northville and Livonia. At the district's first meeting, on March 23, the district elected the following additional members:

#### Executive Committee

Corresponding secretary, Carol Prince Hundley of Troy

Parliamentarian, Chuck Nichols of Northville Township

Sergeant-at-arms, Milan Peele of Plymouth

2nd vice-chair, R. Karl Burnett of Livonia

3rd vice-chair, Dick Long of Waterford

4th vice-chair, Kathy Martin of Troy

5th vice-chair, Mahendra Kenkre of Troy

6th vice-chair, Kristy Pagan of Canton

7th vice-chair, Sommer Foster of Canton

8th vice-chair, Garry Neilsen of Waterford

**Officers-at-large**

Liz Bauer of Birmingham

Mahendro Kenkre Troy

Kumar Bhatt of Troy

Amin Hashmi of Troy

Edward Honsinger of Canton

Sandra Hughes O'Brien of Northville

Mary Maguire of Plymouth

Susan Nichols of Northville Township

Also elected to the Executive Committee were 33 members-at-large,

many of them being chairs and officers of the district's eight Democratic clubs in Oakland County and four Democratic clubs in Wayne County:

**Members-at-Large**

Sandy Burgess of Troy

Scott Craig, chair of Northville Club

Sam Ekong of Northville

Brad Flynn of Plymouth

Deborah Goldberg of Farmington

Tim Greimel, Auburn Hills, State Representative

29th District

Tony Grillo of Rochester

Gerald Haran of Novi

William Helwig of Farmington

Herb Helzer of Northville

Pam Jackson of Commerce Township

Tess Kelly of Novi

Mary Kerwin of Troy

Chuck Keys of Northville

Matt Lund of Birmingham

Aianna Maguire of Plymouth

Gwen Markham of Novi

Jim Pearson of Highland Township

Gary Peltier of Livonia

Harry Philo of Troy

Ethel Rivera of Waterford Township

Louise Schilling of Troy

Dian Slavens, Canton, State Representative,

21st District

Mike Smith of Clawson

Steve Sneiderman, Chair of Canton Club

Randy Ston of Commerce Township

Karla Swift of Livonia, President of Michigan AFL-CIO

Neil Yashinsky of Troy

Chuck Tindall of Novi

Bob Toliver of Novi

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Karen Zyczynski, chair of Novi Democratic Club

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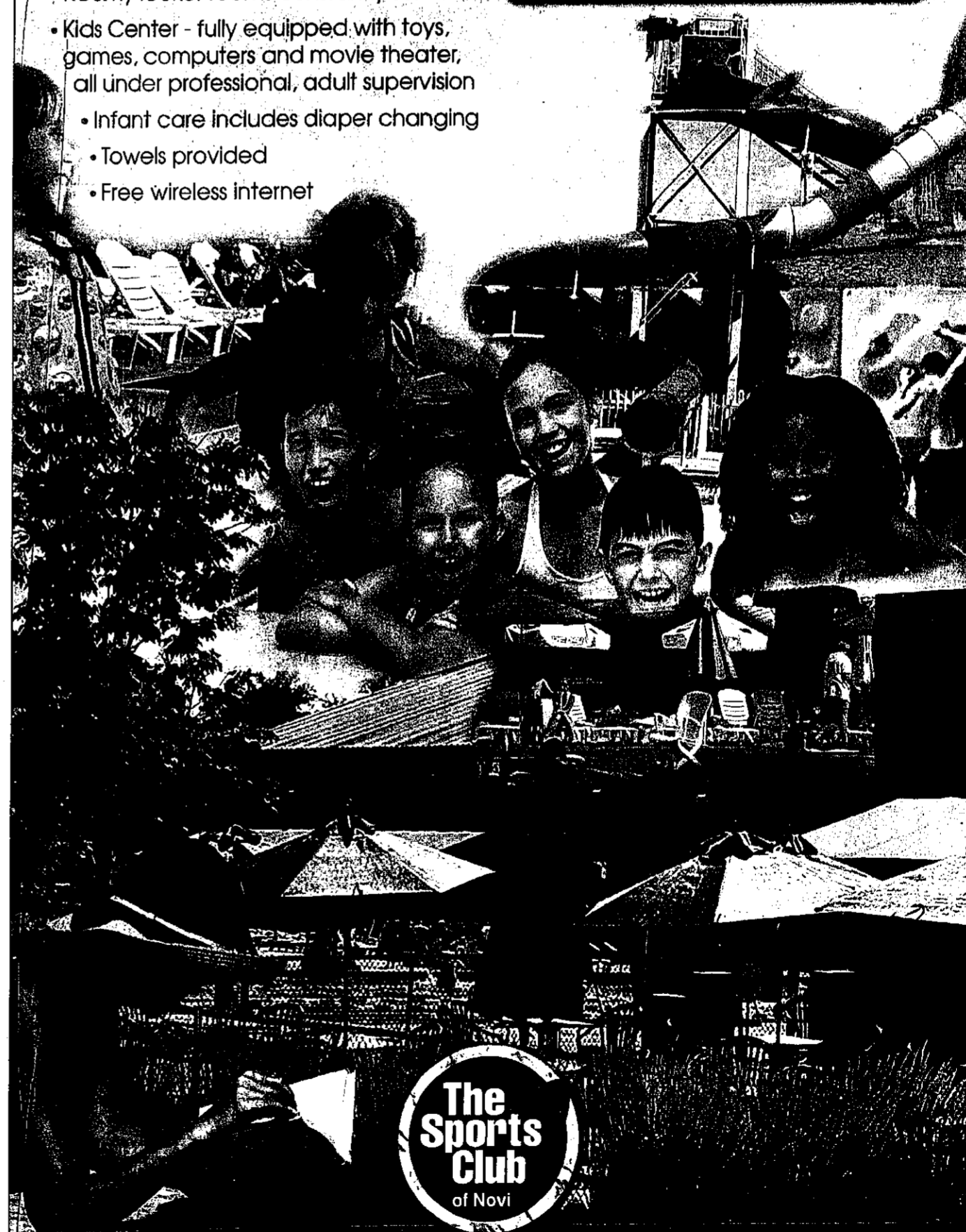
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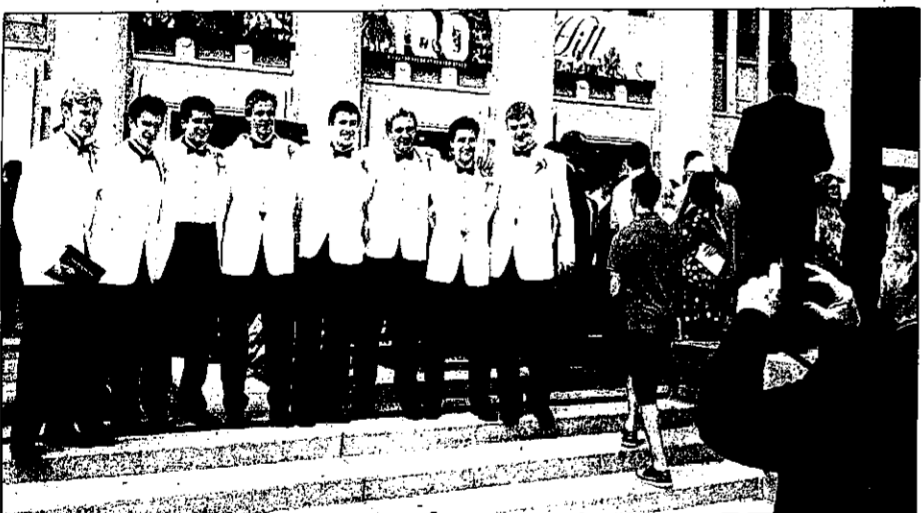
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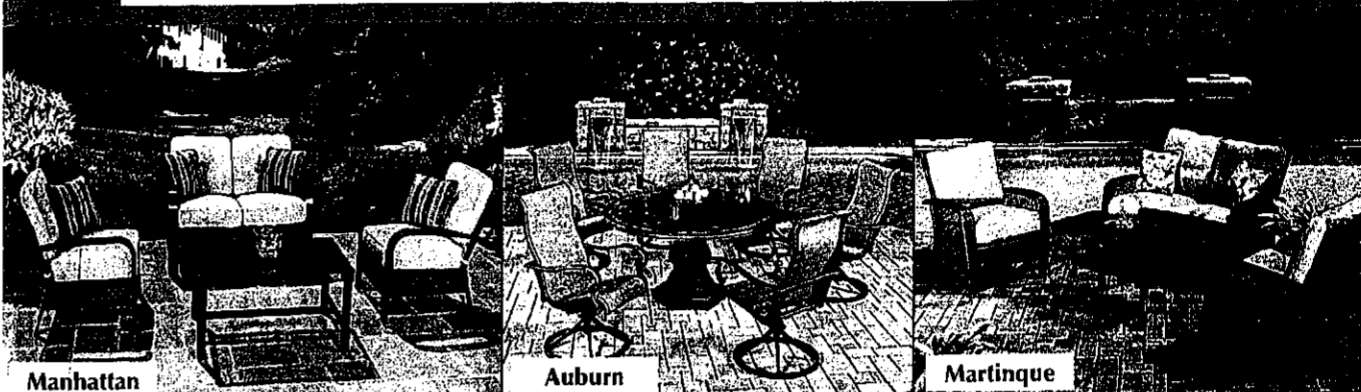
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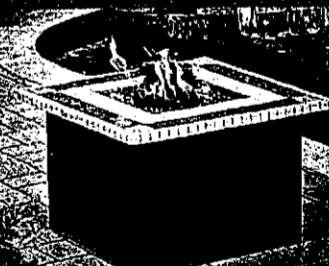
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## NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

**Larceny of Tools**

A utility trailer full of construction tools was robbed by an unknown suspect.

On April 30, EBJ Construction reported to Novi Police of the theft of tools that included among other things saws and a paint sprayer. A hired metal scrapper first saw the broken-into trailer door.

The trailer is kept on the site, which is in the 43000 block of Grand River Avenue. EBJ is renovating the building at the location.

The police report stated the latch of the trailer door was cut off with the lock still attached to it.

**Car Keyed**

A Ford Escape was keyed so badly that

damage is estimated to be \$1,500.

According to Novi Police Report, on May 12 the vehicle was keyed all along the driver's side while parked at Myrtle Court near 10 Mile Road. The owner said he was at the local bar and went back to it after 2 a.m. and found the damage.

**Tires Stolen**

Four tires and rims were stolen off of a Ford Lincoln by an unknown suspect.

On May 13, the owner discovered the missing tires and the vehicle up on blocks while it was parked in the 26000 block of Glenwood Drive. The owner's daughter reported hearing a noise, but did not investigate. There are no suspects.

**Drunken Driving**

A Florida man was arrested for drunken driving after being stopped for not having his headlights on.

On May 11, Novi Police spotted the man driving along I-96 during the early morning hours without his headlights on. He exited the freeway onto Beck Road where he was then pulled over. He told police he had a few drinks at some clubs in Royal Oak and was headed to the Seven Mile and Beck roads area.

Warren, 44, was the principal of Deerfield Elementary School and had been on leave since her April 8 arrest and charge under Michigan's "super drunk" law. Matthews previously said that it appeared Warren was drunk when she returned from lunch outside of school.

Warren, who declined comment for this story, is scheduled for a pretrial hearing Monday in District Court in Novi. She is charged with having a blood-alcohol level of more than 0.17. The legal limit is 0.08.

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Compiled by staff writer Lonnie Huhman.

**Deerfield principal resigns after 'super drunk' charge**

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Eric D. Lawrence, Gannett News Service

**Homicide: Fugitive arrested in India returning to Novi**

The Novi Police Department and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Oakland County Resident Agency are in the process of bringing Lakshminivas Nerusu back to the United States under "Project Welcome Home."

Nerusu is accused of killing his 37-year-old wife, Jayalakshmi Nerusu, and their two children, 14-year-old daughter Tejasvi Nerusu and 12-year-old son Siva Kumar Nerusu, on Oct. 13, 2008 in their Novi

home. Following the murders, Nerusu fled to India.

The extradition process was expedited after Nerusu was located after proceedings in India on April 22. A Novi Police Department investigator and a F.B.I. special agent flew to India earlier this week and are scheduled to return with Nerusu on Saturday. Shortly after his return, Nerusu will be arraigned on three counts of first degree murder issued by the Oakland County Prosecutors

Office.

"I am very pleased with the collaborative effort between the Novi Police Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of State and local officials in India to apprehend and extradite Mr. Nerusu," said David E. Molloy, Novi's Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police. "We look forward to Mr. Nerusu facing the consequences of these horrific crimes when he is returned to the United States later this week."

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**Drug courts hold second annual Cross State Relay for Recovery**

The Michigan Association of Drug Court Professionals (MADCP) joined by the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) in the second annual Motorcycle Relay for Recovery yesterday.

The event in southeast Michigan commenced with a major Veterans Treatment Court rally at the 15th District Court in Ann Arbor (301 East Huron Street) to celebrate National Drug Court Month.

Motorcyclists supporting this effort met at the 52-1 District Court in Novi at 8 a.m. yesterday to head to Ann Arbor.

"The Michigan Motorcycle Relay for Recovery expresses the idea that the individuals who are ordered into a drug court are not completely lost to society, and they need never be," said Judge Brian MacKenzie of the 52-1 and president of MADCP.



To learn more, visit [www.madcp.org](http://www.madcp.org) or [nadcp.org](http://nadcp.org).

Michigan's drug courts prevent crime by helping these individuals become productive citizens, and the courts are a proven budget solution.

The relay started on Monday with a ceremony by Chippewa Tribal Court in Sault Ste. Marie and continued downstate

as riders from Michigan joined the national relay and arrived in Kalamazoo on May 21. From there the relay moved east yesterday to Ann Arbor and then to a drug court rally at the 36th District Court in Detroit.

Today, Michigan riders will stay with the nation-

**VETERANS COURT DOCUMENTARY**

Judge Brian MacKenzie is well-known for his Veterans Court in 52-1 District Court in Novi, helping people who served our country and are committing crimes as they try to cope with their military service (whether battling PTSD or addiction).

Detroit Public Television

will be airing an hour-long documentary May 26 at 2 p.m. following MacKenzie's work in Veterans Court with three veterans who are working through their own cases.

The program will be distributed nationally for Veterans Day.

were joined by representatives from the Department of Veterans Affairs, volunteer mentors, Stiggy's Dogs, PAWS, and other community groups.

Nationally, over 75 percent of people who complete Drug Court are never arrested again. Drug courts save up to \$13,000 for every individual they serve. "Drug courts refer more people to treatment than any other system in America, annually leading over 80,000 individuals to a life of abstinence and long-term recovery," said MADCP CEO West Huddleston. "Each of them is a reminder that we all deserve freedom from addiction. Drug courts demonstrate that we can reduce substance abuse, crime, and save money, by offering treatment instead of incarceration for those suffering with addiction."

al relay down to the Ohio border.

At each stop, the MADCP flag is passed to another group of riders as a symbol of the collective impact of Michigan's Drug Courts and the inspiring stories of transformation brought to bear every day in Michigan's Drug Courts.

Currently there are 116 drug courts in the State of Michigan. These courts range in type from adult drug courts, sobriety courts, juvenile

drug courts, tribal drug courts, family dependency courts and the newest form of drug court veteran treatment courts. These drug courts combine rigorous drug treatment and accountability to compel and support drug-using offenders to change their lives.

The Ann Arbor rally celebrated the growth of Veterans Treatment Court in Michigan from zero in 2009 to 16 today with more planned. Members of the courts

lunch prior to golf, followed by cocktails and an awards reception afterward.

**WALLED LAKE FOUNDATION FOR EXCELLENCE FOURTH ANNUAL SCRAMBLE**

Date: June 24  
Location: Edgewood Country Club  
Details: Raises funds for the Walled Lake School District. Online registration is open and accepting individual golfers along with business sponsorships through June 14; [www.wlcsd.org/ff](http://www.wlcsd.org/ff). The cost of \$125 per golfer will include a continental breakfast prior to tee off, 18 holes of golf, a BBQ lunch at the turn, arrival gifts, a framed photo of foursome, course contests, a "19th hole" reception and a gourmet plated dinner.

Contact: For more information regarding the outing or sponsorships, contact Michelle Bianco, executive director, at (248) 956-2116 or [michellebianco@wlcsd.org](mailto:michellebianco@wlcsd.org).

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Date: Monday, June 3  
Location: Walnut Creek Country Club, South Lyon  
Details: The day begins with registration at 10:30 a.m. and a buffet lunch at 11 a.m. Dinner and an awards ceremony will follow completion of play. A silent auction featuring a variety of great items will be held throughout the day. Tickets are \$250 per person. The ticket price includes 18 holes of golf with power cart, complimentary beverages on course, use of the putting green and driving range, access to the club's locker room facilities and all meals.

Contact: [www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation/events](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation/events)

**ST. MARY MERCY HOSPITAL 18TH ANNUAL TEE IT UP GOLF CLASSIC**

Date: Monday, June 17  
Location: Meadowbrook Country Club, Northville  
Details: Proceeds from the event will benefit the Wellness Center, a St. Mary Mercy facility where patients and families can benefit from care that goes beyond conventional medicine. The facility will house the Center for Integrative Medicine and the Senior Assessment and Resource Institute. The 18-hole scramble features two shotgun starts, one at 7:30 a.m. and an afternoon round at 1:30 p.m. on Meadowbrook's exclusive championship course. An individual Par Golf Package is \$500 per person for 18 holes of golf and a cart. The package includes beverages and refreshments at the turn; breakfast and lunch for morning golfers and the afternoon golfers will receive

**Ride on!**

Twin sisters Katie (with cap) and Helen Harpenau got a ride to their school, Parkview Elementary, in a Novi fire truck May 14. It was an auction item the girls' parents won at the March Green Gala benefiting the Novi Educational Foundation. "It was truly a unique experience that the girls had a blast participating," said their dad, Chris Harpenau. "When they arrived at school, their first grade classes were waiting for them and they all got the opportunity to see the truck and learn more about fire safety."

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The 80's are making a comeback!

The Novi Civic Theatre presents a dinner theatre show like no other! The interactive comedy show "A Like Totally 80's Wedding" will take guests back three decades to the 1980's.



evening includes the show, buffet-style dinner, dessert, adult beverages (initial drinks tickets included followed by a cash bar), live music, and dancing.

Saturday, June 1 at Novi Civic Center Theatre, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. Tickets are \$37.50 per person and may be purchased online via cityofnovi.org.

Judge orders trial in Walled Lake predator case

By Darrell Clem Staff Writer

Jesse Herrmann, 34, of Walled Lake, is facing trial on charges he befriended a Canton woman online and sought to have sex with her and her 3-year-old daughter.

Herrmann could face 20 years in prison if he is convicted of two counts each of child sexually abusive activity and using a computer and the Internet to communicate with the girl's mother to commit a crime.

Concluding a two-part preliminary hearing, 35th District Judge Michael Gerou ruled May 9 that Herrmann should stand trial amid allegations he made sexual advances through Facebook instant messages and went to the Holiday Inn Express near Lotz Road and Michigan Avenue on Feb. 13 to meet with the mother and her child.

Authorities say Herrmann was arrested and didn't realize he had communicated online with a Canton detective after the mother notified police of Facebook-based sexual chats.

Detective Andrew Kelley testified Thursday that police waited in an unmarked car for Herrmann to arrive in Canton, then arrested him as he drove away. Kelley said Herrmann told him that he left because he "had a really bad feeling" about the situation.

"I decided I wouldn't do it, so I left and headed south on Lotz Road," Kelley quoted Herrmann as saying during a post-arrest interview. Defense attorney David Cripps argued in court



Bill Bresler Staff Photographer

Jesse Herrmann is facing trial on charges he sought sex with a Canton woman and her 3-year-old daughter.

that Herrmann abandoned his plans and shouldn't be punished for thoughts or fantasies he didn't carry out.

"It's the officer who's making all the arrangements to dupe my client into this," Cripps said. However, Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Keith Clark said Herrmann committed crimes from the moment he began communicating online with the mother and asking if he could have sex with her and the 3-year-old girl.

"We don't have to wait for (the girl) to be sexually assaulted for it to be a crime," Clark said. "It is similar to yelling fire in a theater. The overt act is the act of communication."

notified authorities. Moreover, Clark said Herrmann has made statements that he has long had a desire to act out the situations he described on Facebook, revealing how he wanted to kiss, fondle and have sexual contact with the mother and her daughter.

In March, the mother and Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Eric Sterbis read aloud in court many of the Facebook instant messages. In one, Herrmann is accused of saying, "I dream of a lady sharing her daughter with me."

The mother said Herrmann also asked her to take pictures of her daughter in a bathtub. Herrmann, described by Cripps as a former truck driver and self-employed artist, remains jailed with a \$100,000 cash bond as he awaits the outcome of his case.

Cripps asked for a lower bond, saying Herrmann could be placed on an electronic tether and ordered to comply with other conditions. "We don't believe he would be a danger to society if released with strict conditions such as a tether," Cripps said.

Gerou refused to reduce the bond and agreed with Clark that Herrmann is a potential risk. Said Clark: "He has admitted to a long-term interest in sex with children."

Kelley had testified in March that Herrmann confessed that "his intention was to have sexual relations with (the mother) and her 3-year-old daughter."

Hometown heroes prepare for State Police careers

Novi's Ryan Meier was among 80 prospective troopers reported to the Michigan State Police (MSP) Training Academy in Lansing for the first day of the 125th Trooper Recruit School on May 12.

For the next 21 weeks, and lights-out at 10 p.m., the recruits will receive training in firearms, water safety, defensive tactics, patrol techniques, report writing, ethics, first aid, criminal law, crime scene processing and precision driving.

Current MSP members and academy staff, including a school commander, assistant commander and 17 troopers from across the state are assigned to the MSP Training Academy to provide instruction on a temporary basis. Because the school is a residential program, the

recruits are only allowed to leave the MSP Training Academy from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon.

Recruits who successfully complete the training will graduate on Oct. 4, 2013.

"Starting yet another trooper recruit school is good news for the department," stated Col. Kristie Kibbey Etue, director of the MSP. "It is our hope these recruits will successfully meet and exceed the challenges they will face during these next few months, after which time they will join the proud men and women of the Michigan State Police who serve in communities statewide with excellence, integrity and courtesy, alongside public safety professionals across the state."

over 3,000 potential candidates for the 125th Trooper Recruit School. Special emphasis was given to recruiting military veterans and certified police officers without employment. In order to be selected to attend the academy, all applicants had to pass a stringent selection process that included a physical fitness test, background investigation and hiring interview.

Another trooper recruit school is anticipated to begin in early 2014. Interested candidates should visit www.michigan.gov/msp for more information on how to apply.

As of April 27, 2013, there were 970 at-post troopers stationed at 29 posts across Michigan. Ninety troopers graduated from the 124th Trooper Recruit School on March 29.

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LAZZARA, RALPH SAM. Of Clarkson, formerly of Northville, born in Tampa, FL, died May 17, 2013 at 74 years of age.

WERT, ELLEN MAY (BULL). Was born November 25, 1921 in Batavia, New York. The younger of two daughters, Nick Named Billy by her beloved father, Ellen graduated from the University of New York and worked at the local Kodak film processing plant before joining the Women's Army Air Corp. She met her husband, William Russell Wert on a troop train from Washington DC to Philadelphia and was married to Carbonate, Colorado a hiker, skier and later after moving to Carbonate, Colorado a hunter, golfer, fly fisher, and a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church.

HARRIS, ROSE MARY. Age 76, of Northville, Michigan, died Monday, May 20th in Leaning, Ontario with her family at her side. Peggy loved animals and was a talented artist. She worked for many years alongside her husband, Ron, and son, Kelly, at Colasanti's Market in Highland.

LEWANDOWSKI, NORBERT A. Age 91, passed away May 17th, 2013. He was born on September 10, 1921, in Buffalo, NY, son of the late John and Elizabeth (Zelazowski) Lewandowski.

HYDE, RICHARD. Age 83, passed away May 15, 2013. He was born on September 9, 1929, in Detroit, to the late Harrison and Mary Agnes (St. John) Hyde. He served in the Army Air Corp. and was a proud WWII Veteran.

WEST, HARRIET JEANNE WRIGHT. Of Fayetteville, Georgia, died on May 19, 2013, after a long battle with cancer. Jeanne was born in 1922, a daughter of Dr. Kelly, Illinois. Jeanne lived with her family for many years in Northville, Michigan, relocating to Georgia in 1991. She was predeceased by her brother, Paul (Johnny) Wright, of Malta, Illinois on April 4, 2013.

MORGAN, WILLIAM AND LISA. William and Lisa Morgan's memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 1, at 12:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street, South Lyon. The family will begin receiving friends at 11:00 a.m.

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Hamed elected to Michigan Academy of Family Physicians Board of Directors



Hamed

Mustafa Mark Hamed, MD, MBA, a family physician from Novi, was recently named to the Board of Directors for the Michigan Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP)—the state's largest specialty physician association. Hamed was elected by the MAFP membership for a two-year term as a director during its Annual Meeting in Troy in April.

Hamed works at the Henry Ford Health System as a senior staff physician and medical student preceptor with the Wayne State University School of Medicine. "We're grateful that Dr. Hamed has stepped into this leadership role within the Academy," said Debra McGuire, MBA, IOM, CAF, chief executive officer. "The Academy serves as a key pillar to serving the needs of more than 3,000 family physicians so that they may concentrate on caring for, and improving the health of, patients, families and communities in Michigan."

New leadership named at St. John Providence Health System



Patricia Maryland, Dr.PH, president and CEO, St. John Providence Health System and Michigan Ministry Market Leader for Ascension Health, announced several new leadership positions. Jean Meyer, president of hospital operations and executive vice president of St. John Providence Health System, will assume the role of interim president and chief executive officer of St. John Providence Health System. Patrick McGuire, chief

financial officer for St. John Providence Health System and Ascension Health Michigan, will take on additional executive responsibilities and has been promoted to executive vice president of St. John Providence Health System, in addition to his role as CFO of the Michigan Ministries. Maryland will continue to serve in the role of ministry market leader

for the Michigan Ascension Health Ministries for the time being, as she prepares to move into her new role as the president of Healthcare Operations and chief operating officer for Ascension Health on July 1, 2013. "When my new Ascension Health role was announced three weeks ago, I indicated a departure date of July 1 to move out of the president and CEO role here," said Maryland. "However, I have found that to better serve the needs of St. John Providence Health System and Ascension Health, an earlier transition is necessary. If we have learned anything in the new era of

health care, the ability to be nimble and flexible is more important than ever." The search committee for the St. John Providence Health System president and CEO is chaired by St. John Providence Health System Board Chair Leslie Murphy. St. John Providence Health System is one of the largest providers of inpatient care in southeast Michigan and one of the largest employers in metro Detroit. St. John Providence Health System provides comprehensive prevention, primary care and advanced treatment programs with more than 125 medical centers and five hospitals spanning five counties.

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### OUR VIEWS

## Focus on those who gave ultimate sacrifice

There's a lot of talk around the country these days about rights and freedoms. The Second Amendment right to bear arms and the First Amendment right to speak freely have been of primary focus as the debate rages over gun control in the wake of December's shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

What is nearly always left out of the discussion — but what should be the primary focus — is how we got those freedoms in the first place, and the men and women who have died making sure we can have those debates.

The chance to correct that comes Monday, when communities around the country gather for parades and ceremonies designed to honor the sacrifices of the military fighting men and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their country.

Novi marks the occasion with a 10 a.m. parade followed by a memorial ceremony at the Novi Civic Center (see related story).

After that comes the traditional family celebrations in our parks, around our pools and barbecues, where we will enjoy the end of the three-day holiday weekend.

While enjoying families and friends, we urge you to keep the sacrifices of the brave men and women in your thoughts and prayers.

Since this nation's birth, in wars and battles, skirmishes and fights — large and small — more than two million military servicemen and women have given their lives, all to give us the freedom and lifestyle we enjoy today.

The wars these brave souls have fought have produced our country's biggest victories. They've taken down dictators and terrorists, including Osama Bin Laden, the orchestrator of the biggest terrorist attack on American soil in history.

All of that stunning success, however, does nothing to overshadow the contributions made by the thousands of our military servicemen and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice to ensure Americans continue to enjoy the freedoms secured by their efforts.

Memorial Day is the one day of the year set aside for the nation to get together to remember, reflect and honor those who have given their all in service to their country. Americans have never wavered in their commitment to freedom, nor in the effort to help those who seek to be free. Americans have fought in two World Wars for freedom, in Korea and Vietnam. Americans have fought a Cold War, in Desert Storm, in Iraq and Afghanistan against tyranny, oppression and terror.

However, the traditional observance of Memorial Day has diminished over the years. Some people think the day is for honoring any and all dead, and not just those fallen in service to our country. For many, Memorial Day and the three-day weekend marks the official start of summer. People use the time to open their pools and their cottages and gather for picnics.

In other words, people will, by and large, focus on having fun. And there's nothing wrong with that. But it has to be more than that. Enjoy those barbecues, open the pool or spend a relaxing weekend at the cottage. In the midst of that merriment, though, we urge everyone to take a moment to say thank you to those who have made all that possible.

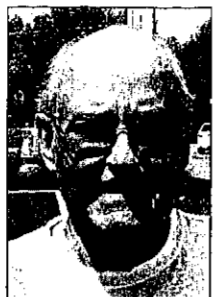
There are more than two million reasons we cannot afford to forget why there is a Memorial Day.

### COMMUNITY VOICE

#### What does Memorial Day mean to you?



"Time with family. It's the kickoff to summer."  
Cameron Innis  
Novi



"It's a time to remember those who fought and died for our country."  
Jack Main  
Novi



"A day to celebrate our fallen heroes."  
Norm Young  
Novi



"The Memorial Day Parade. My children are usually in it, so it's something we attend every year."  
Valerie Kosaka  
Novi

### LETTERS

#### Fear Hillary

In 1962, Edward Albee wrote a play titled "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" Virginia Woolf was a 20th century writer who espoused feminine causes. Today many people, especially those on the political right, are afraid of Hillary Clinton who believes in and works for the causes plus rights of women and all people. Since Mrs. Clinton is being considered as a top Democratic candidate for president the United States in 2016, the attacks against her increase.

Fox News started the witch hunt last fall against then Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton after the attack on the U.S. diplomatic mission in Benghazi, Libya when Ambassador Christopher Stevens and three other Americans were killed. Republicans blame Mrs. Clinton and accuse her of a cover-up. Despite an independent investigation, nine congressional hearings and the dismissal of many State Department officials, Hillary Clinton is still being implicated.

Conservatives have always feared the power and promise of this remarkable woman. One recalls how they tied her to the Whitewater deal, to the death of Vince Foster, and to the attempts to provide health care for all. Republicans seem to forget when the George W. Bush administration persuaded Colin Powell to testify that Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction. This lie caused our country to start an illegal war which resulted in the needless deaths of hun-

dreds of Americans as well as Iraqis. Right-wing Republicans continue to be afraid of Hillary Rodham Clinton if she decides to be a candidate in the race to be the next president of the U.S. Stop the lies.

Hannah Provence Donigan  
Commerce Township

#### Hunt restrictions fraught with bias

The majority of Michigan's white-tail deer hunters are about to get a big surprise thanks to a minority of avid and passionate but selfish hunter activists. Through social and political relationships with those in authority within the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Division, they are demanding regulation changes statewide that will enhance their hunting experience at the expense of the majority.

How will they achieve this? They will achieve this by passing regulations that require ALL hunters practice antler point restrictions. Their goals are to achieve a 3/4 restriction in zones 1 and 2 and a 4/4 restriction for zone 3. By doing this, they are asking the NRC to put their trophy rooms ahead of our family heritage and hunting traditions. Also, they are taking away our right to choose how to put venison in our freezers.

The Wildlife Division has stated many times that mandatory antler point restrictions are not needed for biological reasons, and will not improve or enhance the health of the resource. They also state publicly that the Division supports the voluntary implemen-

tation of antler point restrictions, but privately, they have been working with these groups to expand these mandatory restrictions statewide. Additionally, the last MAR's survey in the Northwest Lower Peninsula, 12 counties, was fraught with bias toward the sponsoring organization and compromised throughout the process. They have been successful so far because of what they believe is apathy on the part of the majority of Michigan's average Joe, non-affiliated deer hunters. I believe "distraction" is a better word. Just because they don't eat, sleep and breathe deer hunting 24/7 and 12 months a year like the pro-MAR's hunters, they are being punished. Is this fair because their families, faiths, jobs, hobbies and other interests take priority over deer hunting the other 10 or 11 months of the year? I say no!

The decision for the NW 12 County proposal will be made at the next NRC meeting in Lansing on June 13 at the MSU Diagnostic Center, 4125 Beaumont Road. It is imperative to act now! Voice your disapproval of Mandatory Antler Restrictions by an email to the NRC at [www.whipped1@michigan.gov](http://www.whipped1@michigan.gov) or join us in person at the meeting site on June 13 as Michigan SMART Hunters are organizing opposition for this proposal. For more information, go to our website at [www.michigansm-artunhunters.com](http://www.michigansm-artunhunters.com).

Just remember, for these minority groups to succeed, it just takes a majority of good hunters to be silent.

Curtis Stone  
Howell

### GUEST COLUMN

#### How does Angelina Jolie's decision to have a double mastectomy affect me?

By Victoria Dooley, M.D.  
Guest Columnist

Recently, Angelina Jolie revealed she tested positive for the BRCA1 mutation which her doctors estimated increased her risk of breast cancer to 87 percent. Instead of taking a wait and see approach with aggressive surveillance and cancer screening, she opted to have a prophylactic double mastectomy and breast reconstruction which removed virtually all of her breast tissue. According to her doctors, this decreased her risk of breast cancer to 5 percent.



Dr. Dooley

In addition, the media is also reporting that she plans to also have her ovaries removed, as her genetic mutation also increased her risks of ovarian cancer. Angelina Jolie's mother died from ovarian cancer at the age of 56. So, what is the BRCA1 genetic mutation and who is at risk? BRCA1 and BRCA2 are two separate genes scientists have discovered that, when mutated, increase an individual's risk

of breast, ovary, and other cancers. The two genes are usually responsible for helping to prevent uncontrolled cell growth and cancer. When these healthy genes undergo certain mutations, they are not able to function properly and thus can increase the risk of cancers. For example, most women have a 12 percent lifetime risk of getting breast cancer and 1.4 percent lifetime risk of ovarian cancer. Certain mutations in the BRCA1 & BRCA2 genes can increase these risks to 60 percent and 40 percent, respectively.

It is important to note that known BRCA1 and BRCA2 mutations only account for 5 to 10 percent of breast cancer cases, and 10 to 15 percent of ovarian cancer cases in Caucasian females living in the United States. Other ethnic groups are at increased risk, and little is known about the risk in African-Americans, Asians, and other groups. In addition, although a woman with a BRCA1 or BRCA2 mutation is at a greatly increased risk of certain cancers, not every woman with these mutations will get breast and/or ovarian cancer during their lifetime.

Most breast and ovarian cancer cases are not associated with the known BRCA1 and BRCA2

mutations. There may be additional genetic mutations that scientists have not yet identified that predispose certain individuals to breast and ovarian cancer syndromes. It is estimated that only about 2 percent of the adult female population has a strong family history of breast and/or ovarian cancers that would warrant a necessity for genetic testing and counseling to see if they have these mutations.

Angelina Jolie made a courageous and selfless decision to decrease her risks of breast and ovarian cancers so that she can live a long and healthy life. Fortunately, most of us will never have to face this decision. Instead, you can maintain a healthy body weight and eating habits; use alcohol in moderation or not at all; stop smoking or never start; protect yourself from excess sunlight; engage in daily exercise; and visit your primary care physician annually. These lifestyle habits will decrease your risk of obtaining most forms of cancers.

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Novi/Northville Relay for Life needs help fighting cancer. Soon, the joint community Novi/Northville Relay for Life will be here. It's a 24-hour walk, run and campout all helping to raise awareness and funds in the fight against cancer through the American Cancer Society on June 15-16. Many people in your community are volunteering right now, and it would be great for you to be a part of this tremendous event.

Right now, the Relay is still in need of teams to sign up and help in the fight. Sign up your team on the community website. Go to <http://www.relayforlife.org/> and search for your community, Novi or Northville.

## Family Self Defense Center one of nation's top for Isshinryu Karate

Family Self Defense Center (FSDC) has received 16 national nominations and was chosen as one of the "Top Five" Isshinryu Karate Schools in the country for the eighth time, five years consecutively, by the National Isshinryu Hall of Fame Board.

Additionally, for the fifth year running, chief instructors and owners Ms. Chris and Mr. Z Szepel have been selected as one of the "Top Five" instructors in the country.

Students and Senseis of FSDC are nominated for the following honors to be presented at the National Isshinryu Hall of Fame Tournament and Awards Presentation,

July 26-27: Female Karate Student of the Year (12 and under): Katelyn Desmier Male Karate Students of the Year (12 and under): Andrew Swanson, and Josh O'Meara Female Karate Students of the Year (13-17): Ryan Swanson, and Abby O'Meara Male Karate Students of the Year (13-17): Abhay Vora Adult Female Karate Student of the Year: Kritika Swaminathan Male Karate Student of the Year: Mark Swanson Jr. Female Competitor of the Year: Shaelyn Carroll Jr. Male Competitor of the Year: Joshua Huang Adult Male Competi-

tor of the Year: Mitchell Huang Male Instructor of the Year: Randy Fancher Exceptional Contribution to Isshinryu Karate: Heather Swanson, and Tanaz Naterwala FSDC, in partnership with the City of Novi Parks and Recreation Department, offers classes in both Martial Arts and Samurai Sport Sword on both Monday and Tuesday evenings.

Summer camps include Martial Arts Mini Camp, Aug. 13-15 and Samurai Sport-Padded Weapons Camp, Aug. 20-22. Registration is also going on now at [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org). More information on the school can be found at [karatebyfsdc.com](http://karatebyfsdc.com).

### Novi/Northville Relay for Life needs help fighting cancer

Everyone is invited to this family event. For more information, please contact Rachel Leas, Relay community representative, at (248) 663-3436 or [rachel.leas@caner.org](mailto:rachel.leas@caner.org).

### NOVI NEWS BRIEFS

#### Wanted: Gardens

Garden fairies come at dawn. Bless your garden, then they're gone. If your Novi or Northville garden has been blessed through your hard work and a touch of fairy dust, would you like to share it with others? The Gardeners of Northville and Novi (aka the No-No's) are looking for gardens to be submitted for a place in their June 2014 Garden Walk. If you are interested in submitting your garden for consideration or if you have any questions,

please call Audrey Murphy (248) 349-0376. All gardens will be visited by Audrey and other members of the Garden Walk Committee this June.

#### On the go

Did you know that HometownLife.com, the online home of the Novi News, has a mobile site that brings the latest news to your smart phone? Just navigate to HometownLife.com from a mobile device for updates throughout the day. The site brings you all the news as soon as it hits the web. Breaking crime stories, local prep sports scores and features about Novi that you won't read anywhere else are all available on your mobile device at HometownLife.com.

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# Teen volunteers at Providence not too young to care

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Bhavona Tetali, 18, isn't a physician just yet, but she's well on her way.

The graduating Novi High School senior was among teen volunteers at Providence Park Hospital in Novi honored during a Teen Celebration the evening of May 13.

"It definitely exposed me to a lot of the sub-fields of medicine, said Tetali of her more than 300 hours of volunteering, which started in her junior year at Novi High. She volunteered in labor and delivery, pediatrics and oncology.

Tetali was glad she could talk to doctors and nurses about their work. "I want to be this person in 10 years" was her reaction.

She's headed to Wayne State University in the fall for an eight-year program that will guarantee medical school admission and education.

Northville High School's Mitchell Robinet, 18, is also a graduating senior who received a scholarship that evening. He's volunteered

about two years, mostly in patient transport, and put in some 130 hours.

Robinet's headed to the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario, for undergraduate work in health science. He plans graduate work to become a physical therapist, now a doctoral program.

"It taught me there's a lot more than money to a job," Robinet said of volunteering. "I met a lot of nice people, people who gave me advice about my future."

Some 150 teens volunteered in a year at the hospital, said Kathy Zaguroli, manager, Volunteer Services. She was among speakers that evening who praised the students and their parents.

"Don't stop now," Zaguroli said of volunteering. "Hopefully you've learned something here that can continue."

She urged teens to look into spring break mission trips in college.

"You get more than you give," said Zaguroli, who's glad she volunteered at her two children's schools. "Truly that's where you're making a life," she added in



Jake Winter checks out the supplies at the Providence Park Hospital gift shop on May 13 with employee Sally Mecci. The Northville High senior, who worked at the gift shop, and other students, were recognized for their volunteering efforts at a scholarship and awards gathering that night at the hospital.



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Mitchell Robinet pushes a wheelchair through the hall of Novi's Providence Park Hospital on May 13. The Northville High senior, and other students, were recognized for their volunteering efforts at a scholarship and awards gathering that night at the hospital.

paraphrasing British Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

The Providence Park League, the membership group of hospital volunteers, annually awards teen volunteers \$100 if they complete 100 of volunteer service hours at the hospital and stay actively volunteering throughout the school year. In addition, they award scholarships to graduating seniors who are selected through a competitive application process. This year, there were 27 students receiving \$100 awards and eight scholarship recipients.

This year's scholarship recipients are: Bhavona Tetali, Novi High School; Kristen Zayan, Northville High School; Kristina Stelhorn, Walled Lake Western High School; Katherine Chen, Plymouth Salem High School; Mitchell Robinet, Northville High School; Jacob Winter, Northville High School; Cayley D'Ascenzo, North Farmington High School; and Ziqing Huang, Novi

High School.

All are receiving a scholarship ranging from \$300 to \$800 in addition to the \$100 award.

Douglas Drobnis of Novi is president of the Providence Park League. Drobnis, a volunteer retired from insurance and investments work, said the hospital has 563 volunteers, including the 150 teens.

"Basically the teen volunteers are all over the hospital," Drobnis said. "Just about every health care careers.

One girl saw blood for the first time and quickly changed her mind about health care.

The scholarship committee had a tough job this year in particular, Drobnis said. "We had absolutely superior kids." The committee looks at the application and essay as well as recommendations from a teacher or counselor and the hospital supervisor.

"Just being with those kids is a proud moment for me," Drobnis added. "It gives you hope for the future compared to what you see on the news."

Lisa Ward, director of risk management, said, "At the end of everything we do, there's a patient." Her thanks and encouragement to the teens and their parents were echoed by Dr. David Dull, M.D., medical director.

"We deeply appreciate you and your children, your young adult children now."

Dull said his work with colleagues in the operating room is equally matched by the human side of healing.

"Health care is not a business," Dull added. "Health care is a mission, health care is a calling."

Awards and scholarships were presented by Patricia Poirier and Kathryn Loren. Poirier is president-elect of the Providence Park League, Loren lead for the Teen Volunteer Program

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**Call them league champs!**

**Novi soccer team finishes first in KLA**

By Terry Jacoby  
Correspondent

The Novi Wildcats finished undefeated and in first place in the KLA with a 9-0 record following last Thursday's 5-0 win over Livonia Stevenson.

On Monday, the Wildcats played the other first-place team in the league and fell 1-0 to Plymouth in a crossover match.

"In the first half, when we had the wind, we carried play for the most part and had a few great scoring chances," said Novi coach Brian O'Leary. "We shot one over, hit the crossbar on another and the Plymouth goalie made two great saves."

At the other end of the field, Jade Antolec made one great save on a Madi Lewis breakaway to keep Plymouth off the board.

In the second half Plymouth carried the play.

"They hit the crossbar, had a near miss just wide and then would score with 24 minutes left in the game," O'Leary said. "We could not generate much offense in the second half."

Novi (12-2 overall) played a solid game in the win over Stevenson. After a scoreless first half, the Wildcats exploded for five goals in the second half.

The fun started at the 26-minute mark when Erin Dircks knocked in a Jessie Parvana cross. Two minutes later, Aman-

**ON TAP**

The Novi soccer team will open district action on Tuesday, May 28 at Livonia Franklin.

**Salem**  
Last Tuesday, Novi beat Plymouth Salem 4-1 on senior night.

The Wildcats started all seven of seniors. They would score 7 minutes into the game as Dircks headed in a cross from Minissale. Then just 1 minute later, Dircks would score on a through ball from Kaylin Hoomaian.

With 36 seconds left in the first half, Dircks

**was right there to knock Riley would score the last goal on a penalty kick.**

At halftime Novi would celebrate the seven seniors: Jade Antolec, Kaylin Hoomaian, Kelly Cauti, Erin Dircks, Aubrey Soave, Natalie Krygier and Caterina Nussio.

In the second half, Novi traded goals to come away with the 4-1 win.

Parvana took a nice split pass from Kendall Kramer to score the Wildcats' final goal.

Terry Jacoby is a freelance writer covering sports for the Novi News.

**Novi splits at tourney**

By Terry Jacoby  
Correspondent

The Novi baseball team hosted the annual Armed Forces tournament on Saturday and won an easy one and lost a good one.

The Wildcats started the day with a convincing 8-1 win over Wyandotte Roosevelt.

Tyler Whitehead was solid on the hill for the host team. The junior went six innings and allowed just one run on five hits with three strikeouts and only two walks.

The bats woke up early in this one as Novi pounded out plenty of hits on the visiting Bears. Keaton Figurski was 3 for 4 at the plate with an RBI and Kyle Matel had two hits and two RBIs.

Ryan Caputo, Grant Wheeler (two RBIs), Bryan Klosterma, Mitchell Hall, Nick Shelar (two runs scored) and Blake Boron all had one hit against Wyandotte.

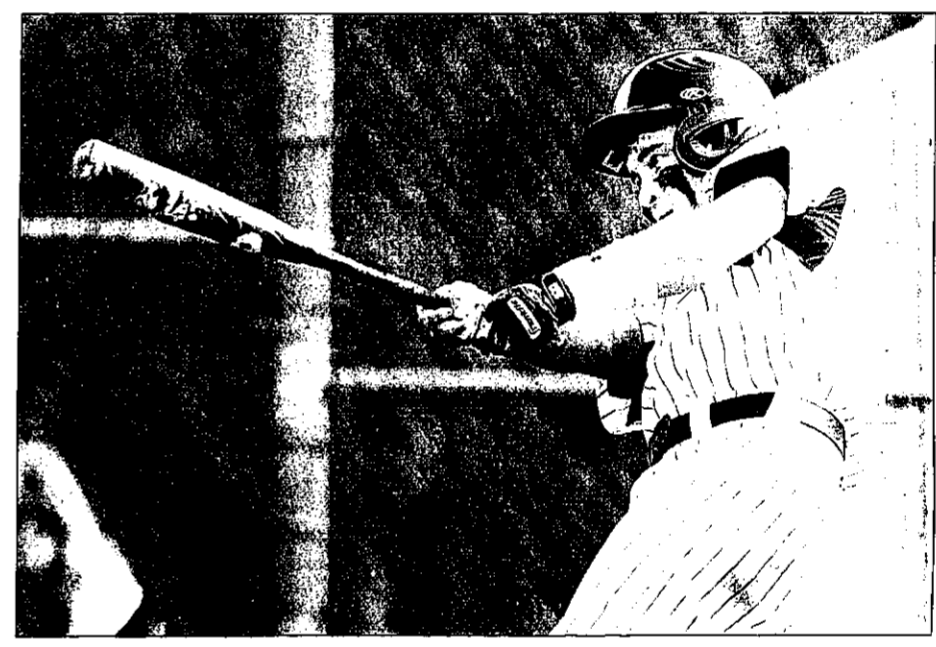
The Wildcats ran into a strong pitcher in the second game, losing 3-1 to Lakeland.

Mark Czapski pitched well but took the loss. The junior went five innings and allowed two runs on six hits and two walks. He also had five strikeouts.

Matel, Klosterma, Caputo and Boron all had hits in the loss.

The Wildcats are now 16-13 on the season and finished in third place in the KLA with a 10-6 league record.

"I've never had a team suffer so many injuries,"

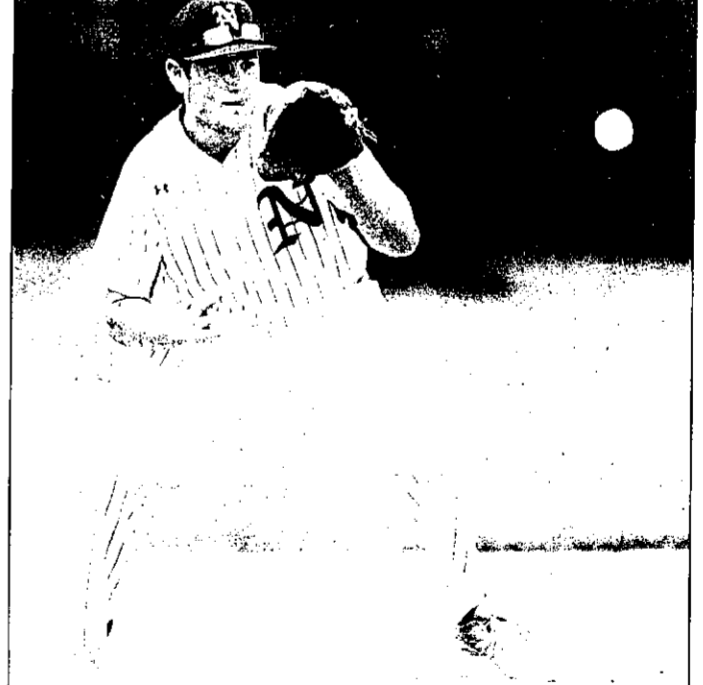


Novi Wildcat Kyle Matel laces into a pitch for a base hit during the team's April 30 game against South Lyon East. Matel was one of many Wildcats to reach the bases during a productive third inning.

**ON TAP**

The Novi baseball team played a KLA crossover on Wednesday. The Wildcats will host a three-team tournament on Saturday. They will play U-D Jesuit in the first game at 10 a.m. and Marysville in the second game.

coach Rick Green said. "We've been hurt by injuries this year. Hopefully, everyone can be healthy when we get into the final part of our schedule."



Nick Shelar looks an infield shot into his mitt during the Wildcats' May 14 home game.

**South Lyon**

On Wednesday, the Wildcats split a doubleheader with South Lyon.

Hall was outstanding on the mound for the Wildcats in an 8-2 win in the opener. The senior pitched a complete game and allowed just five hits, one earned run and three

**CC finishes lacrosse regular season with wins**

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks lacrosse team is carrying plenty of momentum with them as they head into the post season this week.

The team, coached by Dave Wilson, picked up two big wins in the East-West tournament to finish the season with a 11-6 mark. Out of their losses, three of them came from top-ranked out-of-state programs and two from the No. 1 ranked Brother Rice.

The Shamrocks are currently ranked sixth in the state.

In the East-West Showcase, however, it was all about victories for the Shamrocks as they topped East Grand Rapids, which is ranked No. 10 in the state, 12-11, in overtime before beating Holt, 12-10.

"It was a great night for lacrosse," said Wilson of the East-West

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**ON TAP**

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks were scheduled to host Lakeland in the first round of the playoffs yesterday, after the sports section went to print.

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**Winners**

Madness 10U Red started off their outdoor season with a bang, winning the Thunderbird Spring Thaw Championship in Van Buren Twp on April 27-28. They were led in the finals by Allison Hale's one-hit pitching performance for an 11-1 victory over Devils Faspitch. This was following a dramatic 4-3 come-from-behind victory in the semifinals over Michigan Pride, with a walk-off double by Maggie Murphy. Pictured (l to r, back) are Maggie Murphy, Allie Page, Stephanie Schrumk, Emma Dompiere, Allison Hale, Olivia Vitale, (front) Madeline Schornack, Gaby Cummings, Kayla Erer, Cassidy Brendtke, Grace Nieto and Lauren Franklin.

**Novi tennis' team effort stamps ticket for state finals**

By Terry Jacoby  
Correspondent

There was little doubt that Northville would ace Friday's regional tennis tournament at Novi High School. And the Mustangs didn't disappoint, galloping off with 32 points to easily finish first in the 11-team field.

"They are a very good team, solid at every flight," Novi coach Jim Hanson said.

But what was much more difficult to figure was second place.

"I figured it would come down between Brighton and Novi for second place," Hanson said. "There is not much difference between our two teams."

And there wasn't much difference on Friday but the Wildcats took advantage of strong doubles play to earn 19 points, two points ahead of Brighton to finish in second.

The top two teams from a regional or any team scoring 18 points qualify for the state finals.

"All eight flights scored points for us," said a very pleased Hanson. "It is the result of everyone making a key contribution as to why we are going to the finals."

Walled Lake Northville was fourth with 10 points.

All four Novi doubles team reached the finals, all falling to Northville.

The No. 1 doubles team of Caitlin O'Brien and Amy Zhou beat Pinckney (6-0, 6-0) and Lakeland

(6-0, 6-1) before falling 6-2, 6-3 to Northville. The No. 2 doubles team of Rashed Bailey and Dina Fawaz beat Howell (6-3, 6-1) and Brighton (6-1, 6-3) before falling 7-6 (4), 6-3 to Northville.

The No. 3 doubles team of Rebecca Chen and Asawari Kanitkar defeated Walled Lake Western (6-0, 6-1) and Brighton (6-0, 7-5) before losing 6-0, 6-3 to Northville.

The No. 4 doubles team of Harika Bollinemi and Melanie Murphy defeated Howell (6-0, 6-2) and Brighton (6-1, 6-2) before losing 6-0, 6-3 to Northville.

Each singles player for Novi scored two crucial points, helping land the Wildcats in second place.

At No. 1 singles, Erin Day beat Howell 6-0, 6-1 before falling to Hartland. At No. 2 singles, Youna Lee beat Milford 6-1, 6-1 before falling to Brighton. At No. 3 singles, Dhivya Sridar defeated Walled Lake Northern 6-1, 6-3 before losing to Brighton. And at No. 4 singles, Allison Lollo defeated Lakeland 7-5, 7-6 (3) before falling to Northville.

The Division 1 State Finals are at Midland Community Tennis Center on May 31 and June 1.

Earlier in the week, Novi lost to Ann Arbor Huron 5-3.

The Wildcats won at No. 1 doubles, No. 3 doubles and No. 4 doubles.

Terry Jacoby is a freelance writer covering sports for the Novi News.

**Novi track teams find their stride at regionals**

Both girls and boys teams take second, send large group to state meet

By Terry Jacoby  
Correspondent

Novi track and field coach Marsha Reid remembers the moment she thought to herself, "maybe we were wrong."

Reid and her coaches figured the Novi girls' track team would land in fourth place at Friday's regional track and field meet at Milford High School.

She was glad to see that maybe the math wasn't adding up to fourth.

"Yeah, halfway through the meet we felt we had a real shot at finishing in the top two," she said. "We were doing really well and everyone really stepped up."

The Wildcats stepped up from a predicted fourth-place finish to land in second overall with 102 points. Northville won the regional with 121 points and Walled Lake Central finished a distant third with 88 points in the 14-team field.

"We had a bunch of kids qualify for states and other kids who didn't qualify really helped us score points," Reid said. "It was really a great team effort."

The top two finishers in each event automatically qualify for the state meet, which is June 1 at East Kentwood High School. Others can qualify by beating the qualifying time or score in each event.

Kerri McMahan had an awesome day for the Wildcats. The junior qualified for the state meet in three of her four events. She was regional champion in the 400 run with a time of 59.0 seconds. She also qualified with a jump of 5-foot, 3-inches in the high jump and qualified in the 1600 relay.

**ON TAP**  
The Novi track and field teams will compete at the prestigious Oakland County meet on Friday at Holly High School. The state meet is June 1 at East Kentwood HS.

Taylor Pazlika will compete at the state meet in two events. The junior was regional champion in the 1200 yard and 1200 meter and was second in the 100 hurdles with a time of 1:16.4.

Senior Lina Davis was second in the 300 hurdles with a time of 45.10 and senior Jackie Mullins qualified in the 3200 with a time of 11:16.4.

The 1600 relay team of McMahan, Davis, Taylor Mosley and Hannah Lonergan won the regional with an impressive time of 4:06.5.

The girls finished 3-2 in the tough KLAAs.

**Boys take second at regional**  
In a photo finish, the Novi boys' track and field team took second place at Friday's 15-team regional at Milford HS.

"The race came down to the last event," Reid said. "We needed to beat Walled Lake Central at the top of the last event or finish two places ahead at the bottom. We came close, but couldn't pull it off."

Walled Lake Central went into that last event with just a 1 1/2 point lead over Novi. The Vikings ended up in first place

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The Wildcats played in a tournament last Monday at Prestwick Village at the Huron Valley Invitational and took first place with an exceptional 299.

Wenzl led the way with a 73. Buckley fired a 74 and Kozinski and Fegert each shot a 76.

**Novi golfers finding their stroke**

Team has another strong week against top competition

By Terry Jacoby  
Correspondent

The Novi golf team is swinging toward a big finish.

And before we look back, let's look ahead because that's exactly what the Wildcats are doing.

"I am excited by the way we are playing and I think the best is still yet to come," said Novi golf coach Brad Huss. "The season is winding down quickly. We have the KLAAs Tournament on Tuesday (May 28) and Districts on Thursday (May 30) at Prestwick. We need to finish in the top six teams to qualify for regionals, and I am confident we will do so."

The Wildcats are giving their coach this confidence by playing well. Case in point came Thursday against Salem at Walnut Creek Country Club. Novi scored an impressive win to improve to 7-1 on the season. Brad Kozinski, Jason Carless and Bryan Fegert all fired a 39. Garrett Buckley carded a 40 in the win.

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Pictured (l to r, front) are Drew Miller, Josephine Jackson, Kaitlyn Farthing, Bryan Maxwell, and Cullen Prena; (back) Daniel Heyn, Nicholas Marsh, Alexander Palafox, Andrew Wood, and Benjamin Gjakaj.

**WLC athletes commit**

Walled Lake Central High School hosted a college signing event on May 3 for 10 student athletes who plan to pursue athletics at the collegiate level.

Kaitlyn Farthing is the daughter of Dawn Averill. Farthing plans to attend Schoolcraft College to play soccer. She plans to study fire sciences.

Benjamin Gjakaj is the son of Rudy and Indira Gjakaj. Gjakaj plans to attend The University of Detroit Mercy to play lacrosse. He plans to study business finance.

Bryan Maxwell is the son of Richard and Mary Lou Maxwell. Maxwell plans to attend Western Michigan University to play soccer. He is undecided on his plan of study.

Drew Miller is the son of Dave and Diane Miller. Miller plans to attend Defiance College to play baseball. He is undecided on his plan of study.

Alexander Palafox is the son of Edwin and Carolyn Palafox. Palafox plans to attend Grand Valley State University to play lacrosse. He plans to study business.

Cullen Prena is the son of Ron and Laurie Prena. Prena plans to attend The University of Oregon to throw shot put and discuss for the Track and Field team. He plans to study business marketing.

Andrew Wood is the son of Steve and Michelle Wood. Wood plans to attend The University of Utah to play hockey. He plans to study athletic training.



**Spring Thaw champs**

The Motor City Madness 12U Red softball team won the Spring Thaw Tournament this past weekend. The girls reeled off four consecutive wins on Sunday to become tournament champion. The final win was a thrilling 10-9 victory over Pride. That win capped an amazing run for the Madness ladies. Every player made significant contributions to what was an amazing team effort. Pictured (l to r) are Lizzie Kemp, Megan Medendorp, Maria Gustitus, Molly Padrock, Dayton White, Ashley Wilson, Jaime Gustitus, Madison Rosiewicz, Caroline Miller, Jenna Taylor and Allison Purtell.

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# Northville's Bloom ices top hockey honor

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

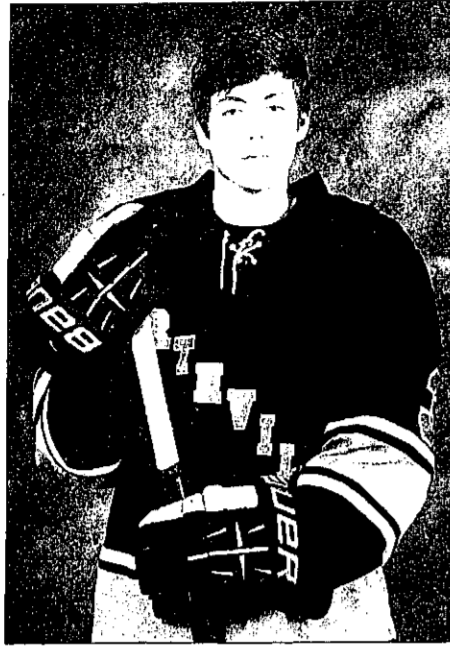
We never have to doubt that the All-Area hockey team is going to be loaded with talented players, and the 2012-13 season didn't disappoint. This year, we were able to select some of the state's best players, landing four All-State selections on the All-Area team, with three of them coming from the second-place team in Division I this year.

With Detroit Catholic Central skating to second behind the Brighton Bulldogs this season, it is no surprise they managed to wrangle in a large section of the All-Area team, but what might surprise you is that it wasn't a Shamrock who garnered the top honors, but rather a Mustang.

Ryan Bloom, a junior, proved himself to be an invaluable part of the Northville program from the time he first strapped on skates for the Mustangs. This season, however, he upped the ante and became the team's premier player, picking up a whopping 26 goals this season to tie as the school's all-time scoring leader. He picked up three hat tricks this season and earned the distinction of scoring all three goals in a 3-1 victory over Novi—the first Northville victory over the Wildcats in four seasons.

Blooms has a quick, deceptive release which, combined with his ability to sharp shoot on the corners of the goal, made him a scoring threat any time he got the puck in the offensive zone. If that wasn't enough, Bloom picked up Second-Team All-State honors this season, too, and proved that he was more than just a goal-scoring phenomenon as he added 14 assists to his stats throughout the season as well.

A forward, Bloom's presence on the ice made all the difference for the Mustangs, who had a successful run this year before bowing out to the



VISUAL SPORTS

Mustang Ryan Bloom earned Hometown Newspapers' Player of the Year honor.

Catholic Central Shamrocks in the post-season. His determination, his character and his willingness to not only be a leader but also a team player made Bloom an easy selection for this year's All-Area Player of the Year honor.

**First Team**  
Michael Babcock, Detroit Catholic Central

What can be said about Michael Babcock that he hasn't already said on the ice with his play? He's a dominant forward who makes Catholic Central that much more dangerous when he's in the game. When all is said and done, they say numbers don't lie and Babcock ended his senior campaign with 18 goals and 24 assists while earning himself All-State First Team honors this year.

**Tyler Gardiner**  
Senior Forward  
Northville  
What separates Tyler Gardiner from many other players in this game? His pure effort, fueled

by an octane that no one else seemed to be able to match. From start to finish in a game, Gardiner was always at maximum throttle, be it in the offensive zone or getting back on defense. He was an unselfish player too, picking up 14 goals for the Mustangs this season. Gardiner won't be playing hockey at the next level, however, instead taking his tennis game to the University of Michigan where he will play on scholarship for the Wolverines.

**Charlie Green**  
Senior Forward  
Detroit Catholic Central  
It seems like Charlie Green should have graduated forever ago but every year we end up writing about him and the impact he has on the Shamrocks' season. In his final campaign for Catholic Central, Green made a statement, scoring 16 goals and picking up 24 assists while helping lead his team to second place in the state for Division I teams. Green's abilities

## ALL-AREA HOCKEY

PLAYER OF THE YEAR  
Ryan Bloom, Northville

**FIRST TEAM**  
Michael Babcock, Detroit Catholic Central  
Tyler Gardiner, Northville  
Charlie Green, Detroit Catholic Central  
Corey Robertson, South Lyon  
Carson Gatt, Detroit Catholic Central  
Blake Robertson, South Lyon  
Nick Daigneau, Detroit Catholic Central  
Jake Pawloski, Northville

**SECOND TEAM**  
Matt Sorisho, Detroit Catholic Central  
Ben Crabill, Northville  
Luke Bageris, Novi  
Trevor Tierney, Milford  
Alex Shuart, Northville  
Cam Thomas, South Lyon  
Billy Schroeder, Lakeland  
Derek Moore, Detroit Catholic Central

**HONORABLE MENTION**  
Detroit Catholic Central  
Danny Middleton, Brady Jones, Max Wanko, Luke Turner  
Milford: Dominic Bates, Evan Wilson, Alex Anderson  
Lakeland: Nolan Johnson, Trent Lloyd, Kyle Jakubowski, Josh Smith  
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ties garnered plenty of attention and earned him a place on the All-State First Team.

**Corey Robertson**  
Junior Forward  
South Lyon  
Corey Robertson was a force to be reckoned with this season, and it's only going to get worse when South Lyon's leading scorer becomes a senior next year. Robertson, who scored 15 goals and had 24 assists this season, uses his speed and playmaking ability to keep his squad constantly applying pressure to their foe's defensive front.

**Carson Gatt**  
Junior Defenseman  
Detroit Catholic Central  
What's scary is the thought that Carson Gatt is going to be back next year to continue his career with the Shamrocks. With how good he has been for the past two seasons, we can't even imagine the level of talent he's going to bring to the ice in the 2013-14 campaign. This year, Gatt picked up 5 goals and 21 assists from the defensive zone, all while earning First-Team All-State honors.

**Blake Robertson**  
Senior Defenseman  
South Lyon  
Along with his twin brother, Corey (see first-team All-Area forwards), Blake Robertson didn't hesitate when it came to stepping up to be a leader on South Lyon's squad this year. His ability on defense made him a sure-fire choice for the All-Area squad, especially after watching some of his impressive open-ice hits this season. What's

more is Robertson is quite the threat to bring the puck from the defensive zone and down the ice, turning from a top-notch defender into a scoring threat within a few steps. He picked up 14 goals and 16 assists from the defensive zone this year.

**Nick Daigneau**  
Senior Defenseman  
Detroit Catholic Central  
What we admire most about Nick Daigneau isn't his statistics, but rather the intangibles he brings to the ice. Ask anyone who has watched him play to describe him and words like hustle, determined, yet super fundamental, yet super fundamental, Shuart played solid defense all year, using his ability to gather the puck in the defensive zone and carry it the length of the ice to make him a valuable part of Northville's transition game. In his junior year, the team captain picked up 10 assists and five goals and only had eight minutes of penalty time despite being a starter in all of Northville's 27 games.

**Jake Pawloski**  
Senior Goalie  
Northville  
There were a lot of arguments for and against which goalie should earn the top spot this season and, in the end, Pawloski won out. The reins, honestly, are due to the intangibles Pawloski brings to the ice and his ability to face an absolute assault and still skate away with a 2.31 goals-against average and pick up 10 wins this season. Pawloski ended the year with a 91.96 percent save average, having faced 485 shots this season and stopping 446. He had four shutouts, including one that went into overtime in the playoffs against South Lyon, and helped his team to their first win over Novi in four years.

**Billy Schroeder**  
Junior Defenseman  
Lakeland  
Lakeland's most valuable defensive player, Billy Schroeder showed that being resilient and tenacious are the keys to being an effective defender. Schroeder was often tasked with taking on an opponent's top line players and did well in his ability to keep them out of scoring position. Schroeder ended the year with 25 games under his belt while picking up 11 assists and a goal.

**Derek Moore**  
Senior Goalie  
Detroit Catholic Central  
There is a lot to be said about a goalie who has to face the caliber teams that Derek Moore had to play week in and week out, and for him to skate off with 15 victories this year is definitely impressive. Moore allowed just 1.41 goals per game against the Shamrocks and followed proudly in the footsteps of some of the state's top goalies who have come before him.

**Ben Crabill**  
Senior Forward  
Northville  
In this third season as a member of the varsity team at Northville, Ben Crabill used his speed and his unselfish play to make himself an invaluable part of the success the Mustangs experienced this year. Crabill picked up 19 assists this season and scored nine goals, including a back-handed overtime game-winner against South Lyon in the playoffs.

**Luke Bageris**  
Senior Forward  
Novi  
What Luke Bageris brings to the ice is an ability to out skate most defenses, while being extremely focused and capable both in traffic and on open ice. The team's scoring leader this season, Bageris truly shined when he was able to use his speed to create a break-away situation—something he did often in his senior campaign.

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**Trevor Tierney**  
Senior Forward  
Milford  
A strong skater with the ability to turn a game around, Trevor Tierney made the best of his senior campaign as he led the Milford Mavericks on the offensive side of the ice this season. Tierney ended the 2012-13 season with 18 assists and 18 goals.

**Alex Shuart**  
Junior Defenseman  
Northville  
One of the things we like most about Alex Shuart is his technical play on defense that is effective, yet super fundamental. Shuart played solid defense all year, using his ability to gather the puck in the defensive zone and carry it the length of the ice to make him a valuable part of Northville's transition game. In his junior year, the team captain picked up 10 assists and five goals and only had eight minutes of penalty time despite being a starter in all of Northville's 27 games.

**Cam Thomas**  
Senior Defenseman  
South Lyon  
We always love a defensive player who knows how to score, and Cam Thomas definitely can do that. Thomas, who is an all-around outstanding athlete, earned 13 goals and 17 assists from the defensive end. What got our attention more, however, is his non-stop competitive drive, which makes him a huge part of the success South Lyon had this season.

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Van Acker picked up four goals and an assist on the night and Ben Senkowski had four goals. Andrew Nemes had one goal and one assist to help in the winning effort. Earning the win goal was Naubert.

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# St. Catherine of Siena keeps the faith - and the promise

By Terry Jacoby  
Correspondent

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St. Catherine of Siena Academy in Wixom is all about effort, dedication and faith. But few had faith that the school, the first all-girls Catholic high school to open in Michigan in 50 years, could field a competitive softball team in its first year. Heck, with only 47 students in the building, few believed they could field any team, competitive or otherwise.

"Last spring as the season drew near and our schedule was already set, I literally stood outside our gym with a bat, ball and glove and would say, 'You look like a softball player. Let's see what you can do,'" said Dr. Bob Green, who unteered to coach a team that didn't exist.

"Three years ago my daughter, Mary, made a decision to attend a new school knowing that she would have no sports and school would be held in a temporary facility," Green said. "Two others, Allie Barsh and Emily Nowka, were in this class. I promised them we would have a team for their sophomore year."

Green kept the faith and also kept his promise. "We found three willing souls and the rest is history," he said.



St. Catherine of Siena softball team includes (l to r, front) Sarah Choate (sophomore), Bridget Dewan (sophomore), Aubrey Lehner (junior), Emily Breneman (freshman); (second row) Colleen Fader (freshman), Erin Gries (sophomore), Genna Skalski (freshman), Emily Nowka (junior), Emily Awadish (freshman), Allison Barsh (junior); third row) Nick Weaver (assistant coach), Kerry Prowse (sophomore), Mary Green (junior), and Bob Green (head coach). Suzanne Brelose, assistant coach, is not pictured.

"Landyn Apple, Erin Gries and Kaley Chicozc completed our team. Some of these girls could barely throw or catch but we made it happen. I made a promise to a few girls and we made it happen."

In that first season, St. Catherine's went undefeated until a season-ending loss to Regina HS. The Stars lost a couple of games against Cabrini of the AA Division of the CHSL. Key wins came against Cranbrook and Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard.

"We went on to qualify for the CHSL championship and lost a very close game with Royal Oak Shrine," Green said. "It was a 2-1 defeat that included junior pitcher

## ABOUT THE SCHOOL

St. Catherine of Siena opened in 2010 with a small freshman class (11 students) in a temporary facility. They broke ground on a state-of-the-art facility the same day classes started for the freshman class. The school moved into the new facility in Wixom in 2011 with freshman and sophomores. This year was the first year for varsity sports teams (first year with a junior class). St. Catherine of Siena is an independent, all-girls Catholic high school in the Archdiocese of Detroit. Students come from all over the area, including from as far west as Lansing. The school is run by a Foundation board made up of Catholic men and women.

Mary Green taking a no-hitter into the seventh before Shrine got two key hits to take the lead."

Shrine had a roster of eight seniors compared to four juniors and the rest freshmen and sophomores for the Stars. "Coaches are typically surprised of our ability having only 92 students and no senior class until next year," Green said. Yeah, shocked might be a better adjective.

But they wouldn't be surprised or shocked if they knew about the effort and dedication the Stars, their coaches and the school has devoted to the softball program.

"These kids took a huge leap of faith coming here three years ago and it has paid off," Green said.

## Let's meet some of those "kids."

The Siena Stars roster includes three All-Catholic league winners Mary Green, Allie Barsh and Emily Nowka, all juniors. "These kids are awesome and their commitment to the school and program is the reason for our success," Bob Green said.

The Stars also have three All-League players in sophomores Kerry Prowse and Bridget Dewan and freshman Genna Skalski.

"These three girls also have made a big commitment to the school and softball program," Green said. "Genna could start for any team in the state but chose our school. Kerry is an exceptional talent as both a pitcher and second baseman. Bridget is a phenomenal athlete who has more determination than any player I have ever coached."

"We have one other junior who transferred in this year, Aubrey Leh-

ner, who may be the fastest runner I have ever coached and is working hard every day to learn the art of bunting and slapping." The strength of the team is in the circle. Green and Prowse have dominated some of the best hitters in the Catholic League. In a game against the much superior Cabrini, Green had four strikeouts in the first inning. Prowse has a dominating drop ball that keeps hitters off balance.

"Most teams after getting dominated by Mary await a weaker pitcher for game two of a double header and are very disappointed to find Kerry on the rubber," Green said. "We are blessed to have two talented kids like them."

The past has been impressive, the present outstanding and the future is full of great promise.

"I have never recruited kids to come here, they come based on the schools merit only," Green said. "We have more talented kids coming next year. The Siena Stars are fast becoming known for softball as well as fine academics."

It's called keeping the faith and delivering the promise.

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## NOVI

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walks while striking out 11 batters. The Wildcats, who scored six runs in the opening frame, only had three hits in the game but took advantage of walks and a bunch of South Lyon miscues. Caputo

(two runs scored), Matel and Klosterma (two RBI) all had hits in the win.

South Lyon played much better in the second game and took home an 8-7 win for a split on the day. But the Wildcats certainly made the host team earn the win. The Cats were down 6-3 when they scored three runs in the seventh to take a 7-6 lead. But South Lyon scored

twice in the bottom of the seventh, including a walk-off double with no outs.

Mario Ferrini started and went four-plus innings. Whitehead pitched in relief and took the loss. Matel (two RBI), Sheelar and Canaccia had two hits apiece for Novi. Klosterma, Turk, Boren and Luke Bageris each had

one hit. Last Tuesday, Novi fell to Canton 10-4 in a make-up game.

"They scored seven runs in the first inning and that was the game right there," Green said. "We made a big fundamental error and the flood gates just opened."

We out hit them after that first inning."

Ferrini and Figurski had two hits apiece. Caputo, Klosterma, Hall and Sheelar had one hit apiece. Last Monday, Novi ripped Wayne Memorial 8-0 behind Bageris. The senior allowed just one

hit, a bunt single, while striking out eight to earn the win. He also had two hits and two RBI.

Figurski had three hits, three runs and two RBIs and Boren had two hits.

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## CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE (RESCHEDULED FROM MAY 15, 2013)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 12, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT 18-202 FOR A REZONING APPLICATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE AT ARTICLE 25, GENERAL PROVISIONS, TO ADD A NEW SECTION 2526, TO PROVIDE BICYCLE PARKING REQUIREMENTS AND BICYCLE PARKING LAYOUT STANDARDS.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing. The proposed text amendment is available for examination and review at the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Any written comments must be received by the Community Development Department by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, June 12, 2013.

## City of Novi Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center 45175 W. Ten Mile Road to consider:

**CASE NO. PZ13-0014 - 28401 NOVI ROAD (QDOBA MEXICAN GRILL)**  
The applicant is requesting a variance from Section 28-5(3) of the Novi Sign Ordinance to allow a second wall sign of 37.5 sq. ft. for a proposed new restaurant. The property is located west of Novi Rd. and north of Grand River Ave. in the TC, Town Center District. The request was denied on May 14, 2013.  
CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCE, Section 28-5(3) permits a single sign to be installed at this restaurant location.

**CASE NO. PZ13-0020 - 28843 STRATH HAVEN**  
The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 to allow construction of a new single family home with a reduced front setback of 40 ft. (45 ft. required), reduced rear setback of 40 ft. (50 ft. required) and reduced aggregate side yard setback of 41 ft. (50 ft. required) on an existing non-conforming lot. The property is located east of Beck Road and north of 10 Mile Road.  
CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 requires that structures constructed within the B-3 Zoning District have a minimum front yard setback of 45 ft., a minimum rear yard setback of 50 ft. and an aggregate side yard setback of 50 ft.

**CASE NO. 13-0024 - 48700 GRAND RIVER AVE**  
The applicant is requesting exceptions from Section 2400 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance to allow a reduction of the 20 ft. required exterior side yard parking setback to 16.5 ft. along the north side of the site and from Section 2505.16a to allow land banked parking for a site with 43 required parking spaces vs. the standard threshold of 45 spaces minimum. The property is located north of Grand River Ave. and east of Wixom Road in the B-3 Zoning District.  
CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 requires a minimum 20 ft. exterior side yard parking setback. Section 2505.16a establishes a minimum required parking field of 45 spaces for application of the land banked parking provisions.  
CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCE, Section 28-6(4) permits a single sign of maximum 16 sq. ft. to be installed at this restaurant location for marketing purposes.

## LAX

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Showcase's opening day last Friday. Against East Grand Rapids, the Shamrocks followed the lead of both Sean Birney and Jack Van Acker, who had three goals apiece. The goal that truly stood out, however, came from the stick

of Antonio Lucchi, who had two scores on the night. His most memorable was the final goal of the game, which he scored off a give-and-go pass from Alex Gilhooley to earn the victory for his team.

John Conley and Chirs Naubert split time in goal for the victory. The Shamrocks also defeated Holt in the showcase tournament as

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## Let me Google that for you

By Jon Gunnells  
Guest Columnist

Whenever I speak with readers, colleagues, friends and family members, I'm always surprised by how unwilling many of them are to learn about technology. I was



Tech Savvy  
Jon Gunnells

Google can answer any question you have. It is easy to use, quick to use and provides many results so that correct information can be confirmed from multiple reputable sources. Need to learn how to properly shoot a basketball? Google it. Want to know the name of that guy who played in Fargo? Google it. Want to learn how to start a Facebook page for a business or a Twitter account for personal use? Google it. Of course, Google isn't the only method—rather it's a great resource

to help you answer any question you may have. Another great way to learn something (and I can't believe I have to type this) is to simply try it.

### Just try it

When you were growing up, did anyone ever teach you how to do a cannonball dive into a pool? Or how to make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich? Probably not. Chances are, you learned by doing.

Learning by doing also applies to the Internet, but only if you are willing to try.

I always revert to the Twitter example because it is by far the most common thing people are confused about on the Internet. They'll say, "It is confusing" or "I don't know how to do it." Then I'll ask them if they tried and they always say "no."

Believe it or not, Twitter, and even Facebook and other social media sites, are some of the easiest things to use. Twitter for example, walks you through the entire process of setting up an account. The site helps you follow users, upload a photo, create a profile, send a tweet and tell friends you joined the site. Most sites and many devices have similar tutorials that make set-up a breeze, but you can't learn to use them if you don't try.

are afraid of not understanding the material and therefore getting frustrated or feeling out of touch. However, technology-based frustration is a thing of the past. This isn't like 1994, where if your computer broke you called customer service and stayed on hold for an hour.

Nowadays, we can get instant satisfaction and solve problems immediately with search engines like Google. So if you try to set up your new Twitter account, switch to a new phone or do something even more advanced, you can always Google it!

When using Google to help solve life's daily problems, be sure to phrase what you are looking for in the form of a question. That will help Google bring you the best possible results. For example, typing in "How to send a tweet" will bring more precise results than "Twitter help."

It may take a few clicks to find a link that provides the right information, but be patient. You can rephrase your search if you need to find what you are looking for.

Next time you hear about a new type of technology, instead of fearing it, Google it. You could learn before many others and become an early adopter.

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## Welcome

Two new business officially celebrated openings with ribbon cuttings. Perfect Desserts' (top) was held May 7 with (l to r) Jillian Orlovski; Sarah Schultz; Ara Topouzian; City of Novi economic development director; owners Debra Capaldi and Michael Capaldi; and Brittany Capaldi. On May 10, it was Anytime Fitness' (bottom) with (l to r) Aaron Beach, trainer; Patrick May, manager; Ara Topouzian; City of Novi economic development director; owners Karla Michael and David Michael; and Larry Cobb, trainer.



## NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Guaranteed Rate mortgage company opens Novi office

Guaranteed Rate, rated America's No. 1 mortgage company by Mortgage Executive Magazine, is making it easier for Oakland County home owners and buyers to seek financial help as it opened its first area retail location, at 42705 Grand River Avenue, Suite 201 in Novi.

Founded in 2000, Guaranteed Rate has more than 150 offices and is licensed in all 50 states and Washington, D.C.

The Novi location will be managed by Cory O'Neil, vice president of mortgage lending. "We're proud to bring our lending model to Novi, where we are revolutionizing life's biggest purchase by offering low rate, low fee mortgages through an easy-to-understand process and unparalleled customer service," said O'Neil.

"With a number of attractive financing options, we look forward to helping first-time home buyers, move-up buyers and investors purchase their dream homes." O'Neil, a Northville resident, has more than 13 years of experience in the mortgage industry. O'Neil's team specializes in providing customers with transparency and in-depth education through an unbiased approach. In addition to visiting Guaranteed Rate's retail location, local consumers have the option of pursuing lending or refinancing online at [www.guaranteedrate.com/offices/NoviMI](http://www.guaranteedrate.com/offices/NoviMI) or by phone at (248) 716-3366.

Anyone interested in retail development, filling empty storefronts and connecting with investors, should know that this is Michigan's largest retail conference of the year as more than 500 investors, retailers, public officials, developers, DDAs, economic developers and professional service providers will be in attendance. Registration is open and additional information can be found at: <http://www.icsc.org/events-and-programs/details/michigan-idea-exchange-alliance-program/>

### IDEA program coming to Novi

The International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) 43rd Annual Michigan IDEA Exchange and Alliance Program will convene on July 18 at The Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi for a morning keynote address by Paul Glantz, co-founder and chairman

of EMAGINE Entertainment; a municipal runway devoted to success stories from six Michigan communities; 12 interactive roundtable discussions; a retail runway; a luncheon keynote address by Kim Yost, CEO of Art Van Furniture; and two hours of deal making.

On July 17 attendees will enjoy a round of golf (shotgun start at 10:30 a.m.) followed by a cocktail reception from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Shenandoah Country Club in West Bloomfield.

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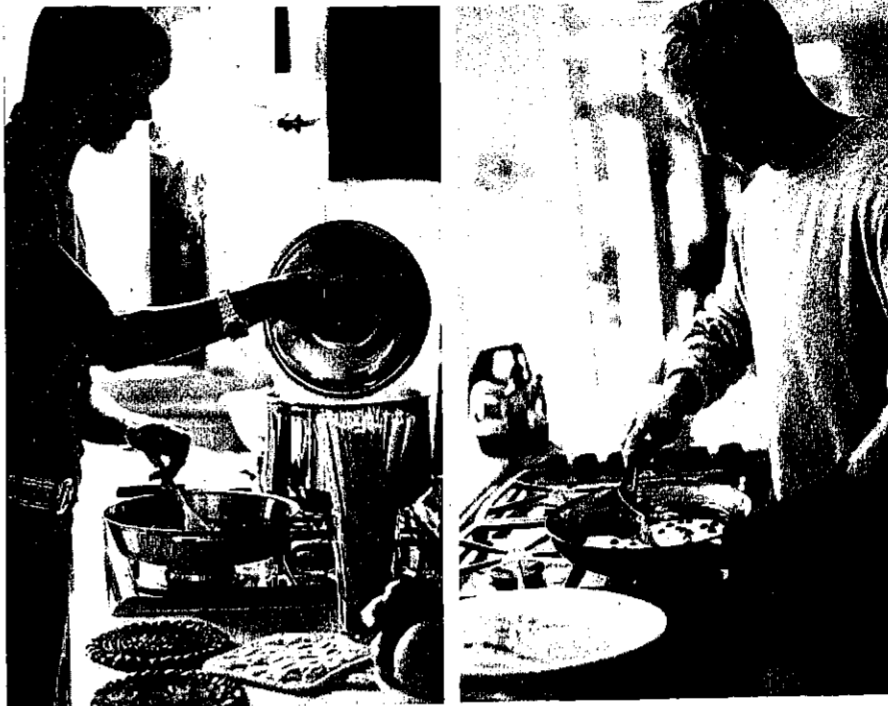
## Kitchen fires focus of educational effort

The National Fire Protection Association recently announced the 2013 Fire Prevention Week theme: "Prevent Kitchen Fires." NFPA selected this theme to encourage greater care when cooking and an awareness of kitchen fire dangers. As cooking is the No. 1 cause of home fires and home fire injuries, NFPA will use the week of Oct. 6-12 to promote safe kitchen habits with stoves, microwaves and other appliances. Remaining attentive while cooking and managing how close children and pets are to anything hot will help keep families safe.

NFPA is announcing the theme of Fire Prevention Week 2013 to coincide with the opening of the Fire Department Instructors Conference. Thousands of firefighters from across the globe will gather for this conference in Indianapolis to train, network and learn. Conference attendees are invited to stop by NFPA's booth to view new campaign materials that will be on public display for the first time.

"On average, firefighters respond to more than 400 kitchen fires every day," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of communications for NFPA. "By making kitchen fire safety the theme for 2013 Fire Prevention Week, we can raise the awareness of the leading cause of fires, unattended cooking, and provide life saving safety tips to improve the safety of everyone in the home."

The 2013 Fire Prevention Week campaign materials prominently feature Sparky the Fire Dog, NFPA's mascot. Sparky's Wish List is an online registry where fire departments request much needed educational materials and individuals or businesses purchase items for them. Nearly 700 fire departments have registered.



NFPA is providing important kitchen safety tips to homeowners that align with the Fire Prevention Week theme:

- When you fry, grill, or broil food, stay in the kitchen.
- Maintain a kid- and pet-free zone at least 3 feet away from the stove.
- Turn pot handles away from the stove's edge.

- Keep a lid and oven mitt nearby when you're cooking to use in case of a grease fire. If you have a grease fire, slide a lid over the pan. Turn off the burner and leave the pan covered until it is completely cool.

Visit [www.firepreventionweek.org](http://www.firepreventionweek.org) for more information and safety tips.

**About Fire Prevention Week**  
NFPA has been the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week since 1922. According to the National Archives and Records Administration's Library Information Center, Fire Preven-

tion Week is the longest running public health and safety observance on record. The president of the United States has signed a proclamation proclaiming a national observance each October since 1925.

### About the National Fire Protection Association

NFPA is a worldwide leader in fire, electrical, building, and life safety. The mission of the international nonprofit organization founded in 1896 is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education. NFPA develops more than 300 codes and standards to minimize the possibility and effects of fire and other hazards. All NFPA codes and standards can be viewed at [www.nfpa.org/freeaccess](http://www.nfpa.org/freeaccess).

## Check with attorney on dredging

By Robert Meisner  
Guest Columnist

Q: We are on a public lake and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the city are dredging to expand the waterway, but are also putting the dredged sand on our beach. Do you think we have any right to compensation?

A: It obviously depends on the case law and statutes of the state where you are involved, but in a recent case out of Virginia,

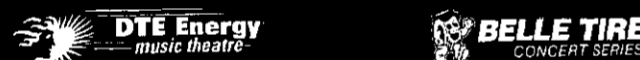
the Virginia Supreme Court determined that a condominium association was entitled to compensation for the loss of its riparian rights when sand from a dredging project was placed on the beach purportedly to improve navigation on the Chesapeake Bay. In that particular case, the association conceded that the dredging was necessary to improve navigation, but putting the dredged sand on the beach was not, and that by replenishing the beach, the city in that case created an artificial strip of land that severed the condominium property from the bay. Depending on your circumstances, you may also have a basis to seek compensation and you should consult with an experienced real estate lawyer.

Q: We have a provision that says that our documents can be amended for an additional term of 25 years after which the declaration will be automatically extended for successive periods of 20 years unless a supplemental declaration that amended, ratified or terminated the declaration was approved by two-thirds of the owners and recorded in the land records. I am wondering if we can amend our documents before the initial term of 25 years is up.

A: Only if you get 100 percent approval. In a similar case out of New Mexico, the appellate court held that where the declaration provides an initial duration period, like the 25-year term, amendments to the declaration during that initial period are void unless the unanimous consent of all property owners is obtained, provided that the declaration doesn't have provisions stating otherwise. You are best advised to get a community association attorney to review your matter.

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## Real Estate Briefs

**Remerica United Realty**  
Remerica United Realty will hold an event to educate homeowners in foreclosure, short sale situations or seeking information on a seller's market. It will be 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 23, at the Livonia American Legion, and is free. For information, call (248) 374-6888.

### New agents

Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel recently welcomed a number of new sales associates to the company:  
They are: Birmingham – Sufian Han; Brents Shapiro, Courtney Dunford; Clarkston – Jimmy Tuttingham; Commerce – Tracy Slinak; Grosse Pointe – Lisa Hofmann; Ionia – Al Cockrum, Kristine Bosley; Northville – Ellen Frink, Vita Good, Anna Kligman, Carol McGarvey; Rochester – Dean Accivatti, Greg Moran.

### REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

"We are pleased that these exceptional people have chosen Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel," said John North, CBWM COO. "We are always excited to welcome associates who share our core values of integrity, a passion for service, a positive attitude and drive for results."

### Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures and what it takes to get started. Many sellers are misinformed or not sure about how the procedures work. Organizers will also discuss the internal workings of short sales and the different steps involved. Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. Thursdays at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon. Additional parking across

the street in back. Please call the office at (248) 782-7130 or e-mail [june.quantum@gmail.com](mailto:june.quantum@gmail.com) for your reservation or additional information.

### Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96. E-mail [Georgia@addvaluelarealty.com](mailto:Georgia@addvaluelarealty.com) or visit [Free-ForeclosureTour.com](http://Free-ForeclosureTour.com).

### Seminar on Tuesdays

A free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Learn about reverse mortgages. RSVP with Larry Brady at (800) 260-5484, Ext. 33.



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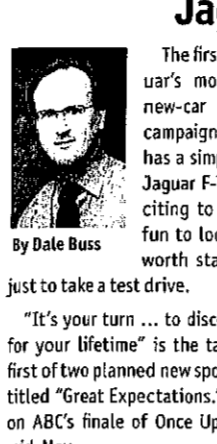
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# Car Report



The first TV ad in Jaguar's most significant new-car marketing campaign in many years has a simple point: The Jaguar F-Type is so exciting to drive and so fun to look at that it's worth standing in line just to take a test drive.

"It's your turn... to discover a legend for your lifetime" is the tag line of the first of two planned new spots for the car, titled "Great Expectations." It first aired on ABC's finale of Once Upon a Time in mid-May.

The \$69,000-and-up F-Type introduces a new sports-car design language for Jaguar, incorporating bold, clean lines accented by what the company calls "the discreet use of technology," including a deployable rear spoiler and hidden door handles.

The vehicle is the first official sports car that Jaguar has offered in more than 50 years. With front-engine, lightweight-aluminum architecture and rear-wheel drive, F-Type is engineered to be a true high-performance sports car.

It will be available in three models: F-Type, F-Type S and F-Type V8 S.

Jaguar is trying to use the ad to help emerge from its musty past and zoom into direct competition with Porsche and other high-end makers that have remained relevant while Jaguar has faded over the last several years.

Featuring partners ranging from San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick to Playboy, Jaguar is pulling

out all the stops in its "Your Turn" campaign to attempt to get America's young and upscale buyers to embrace a marque that has struggled in the U.S. for a decade, since Ford owned Jaguar and was working hard to revitalize part of its Premier Automotive Group of luxury brands.

"It's not creating a brand from scratch; [Jaguar] has a storied history," Rob Filipovic, general manager of product planning for Jaguar North America, told me. "It's more about reconnecting with the performance and design attributes that Jaguar used to stand for, and bringing them to the forefront for a new generation that isn't necessarily familiar with our brand or cars."

By coming out with this campaign behind a substantial all-new vehicle, Jaguar already has reached a high-water mark under its ownership by Tata. The India-based industrial conglomerate bought Jaguar and Land Rover brands nearly five years ago from Ford, which was battling down the hatches for the tough global economy at the time.

Since that purchase, Tata has brought the brand through the subsequent financial collapse and Great Recession, fought through its own unfamiliarity with luxury auto brands and suffered from the continuing recession in Europe even as it finally

begun to bring out new hardware. Now Jaguar plans three more new models over the next several months: the \$99,000 XFR-S sedan; the XKR-S GT coupe, stickered at \$174,000; and the XJR sports sedan with prices beginning at \$116,000.

Jaguar has been building up to this moment with a brand campaign that began a couple of years ago touting its existing vehicles as "alive" with excitement, then with its recently released short film starring Damian Lewis, and featuring the F-Type, that drew mixed reviews even by the standards of branded film content.

Upcoming elements of the campaign certainly will play to a sort of "bad boy" vibe that Jaguar has been trying to create for the F-Type that appears in U.S. showrooms this month. There's a season-long partnership and integration with USA Network's series *Covert Affairs* as well as a promotion with a faux June cover of *Playboy*. Also, Jaguar will exclusively sponsor an episode of ESPN SportsCenter featuring Kaepernick and other "notable athletes."

The "Your Turn" campaign targets the F-Type sports car's target audience of 25-to-54-year-olds, comprised of consumers with varied interests and lifestyles. "We're appealing with F-Type to a young, active lifestyle that age doesn't dictate," Filipovic said.

At the same time, Filipovic was clear about F-Type's competitive targets: other two-seat (but smaller) sports cars such as the BMW Z-4, Mercedes-Benz SLK and

Audi TT, and even higher-end nemeses such as Aston-Martin and the Audi R8.

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