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### **Heart talk**

A free lecture on women and heart disease by Dr. Vicky Savas will be presented April 5 at Providence Park Office building, Suite 200, in Novi. Refreshments will be provided.

### **Hazardous** waste event

The Wixom Household Hazardous Waste event will held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 5, at the Wixom Department of Public Works, 2057 Charms Road. Accepted items include oilbased paints, batteries, auto fluids, expired medications, CFLs, mercury, pesticides, cleaners, computers, televisions, aerosols and more. As always, paper shredding will be available.

Michigan's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 7.7 percent in February, the lowest the rate has been since May 2008, and the state's labor force grew by 21,000 during the month as

# Novi wants solutions at 10 Mile, Napier

**By Lonnie Huhman** Staff Writer

While waiting for more longterm fixes, Andrew Mutch said he believes some-short term solutions should be sought in the meantime for the busy and dangerous intersection at 10 Mile and Napier roads.

At the Novi City Council meeting March 24, council member Mutch noted the impact the new residential and commercial developments in that area will have on the roads, especially with bringing additional traffic to the intersection.

He said officials have received quite a bit of community feedback and are "quite aware of the concerns of residents."

One issue is turning on to 10 Mile from Napier from either direction. It is one of the mostaccident prone intersections in

the community.

Mutch asked the council to support a proposal to have No-vi's traffic consultants look at some potential improvements to help make the intersection safer. Although no residents spoke at the meeting, council has received emails about it and citizens have spoken up about their concerns recently.

Mutch brought up the proposal because any permanent improvements are not scheduled for a few more years. Oakland County is in charge of both roads and, with a tight schedule and limited funding, the intersection's full improvement is set to happen in 2017 or so. Eventually, there will be a traffic light and paving of Napier southward.

"Knowing we won't have a traffic signal in the next six months, it would be best to have traffic consultants look at the location to identify the areas of concern at the intersection and identify possible short-term improvements in and around the area that might help to address some of the safety concerns," Mutch said.

Other ideas he suggested include looking at speed limits, clearing the side of the road of scrub trees and/or adding some street lighting.

The proposal would have city staff and consultants looking at

the possible improvements and working with the Road Commission of Oakland County as well as Lyon Township to address to some degree what is needed to solve some immediate issues.

Councilman Justin Fischer supported the proposal and said he, too, had received a lot of feedback from the community. Mayor Bob Gatt also agreed, but said he did not want the city to bear the burden entirely, as Lyon Township has two new developments being built on the west side of Napier.

'Maybe more of a cooperative effort," Gatt said, adding to the proposal.

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# **Jobless rate** numbers fall

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Rachel Zagaroli (right), retiring Older Adult Services manager for the city of Novi, shares a peck on the cheek with Linda Colwell at her going-away party at Meadowbrook Commons. Zagaroli worked with the Novi older adult community for the last 10 years. "It's bittersweet leaving," Zagaroli said. "You form bonds over the years with people, sharing so much. I'll miss that." JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# SERVICE WELL DONE

Zagaroli retires after years of serving Novi's older adults

**By Lonnie Huhman** Staff Writer

Rachel Zagaroli's daily presence at the Novi Civic Center and Meadowbrook Commons and Activity Center will be missed by many.

She retired this past month after more than a decade with the city of Novi.

"She was always nice and vivacious," said Linda Cowell, a Novi resident and Meadowbrook center office volunteer. "I'm happy for her and hope she enjoys herself."

Zagaroli's time as the Older Adult Services manager coincided with growth in senior and community services in Novi, including the newer facilities at the Civic Center and the residential/activity building on Meadowbrook. She said she will miss the daily life of the work she has done for so long.

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**RACHEL ZAGAROLI** retiring Older Adult Services manager

form bonds over the years with people, sharing so much. I'll miss that," Zagaroli said at her

retirement party. Before Novi, she was in the Flint area with the American Red Cross. Originally from Muskegon, she moved to Flushing and then later to Novi as her career moved along.

It was with the older adults in Novi that she thrived and became an important community leader. Zagaroli said she'll

take a lot of great memories of the time she has spent and connections made in Novi.

"I have a lot of love for our older adults here in Novi," she said. "I tried to help them as much as I could and in turn I've received a lot of help from them. There's a lot of satisfaction in this.

Jason Mangum, Novi's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services director, said Zagaroli always put at ease everyone who worked with her.
"This job was her passion,"

Now she is moving on to spending more time with her grandchildren and family and do some traveling.

Karen Kapchonick is now serving as the Older Adult Services manager for Novi.

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# Reaching out to raise brain tumor awareness

Novi teen, her family believe in helping, plan 5K benefit

> By Julie Brown Staff Writer

Larry and Lynn Berg of Novi are glad their 16-year-old daughter Kaitlyn is in improving health. Their concern for their daughter continues, but the picture is a lot brighter.

Kaitlyn, a junior at Novi High School, began to have headaches in eighth grade. An MRI revealed a non-malignant brain tumor that required two surgeries. The teen also had radiation that ended more recently, also

with good news.
"She's doing a lot better," Larry Berg said, noting Kaitlyn's been weaned off anti-seizure medications. She's been on a couple of college tours recently and hopes to study accounting or finance after high school gradu-

Last year, the Bergs organized with others a benefit for the Chicago-based American Brain Tumor Association, held at Eastern Michigan University. The 2013 event raised some \$147,000, well over its goal.

### **Upcoming event**

The Bergs are hard at work on this year's ABTA benefit, a 5K Breakthrough for Brain Tumors Race, set for Saturday, May 10, at Providence Park Hospital, Beck and Grand River, in Novi.

That day, the program will begin 8:30 a.m., the run at 9 a.m., followed by a walk. Berg is chairman of the event and the family team is "United Against Brain Tumors." For more information, visit www.bt5k.org.

Their family also includes sister Kara, 18, a freshman at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind., pursuing journalism studies. Larry Berg is vice president and general manager for Valassis Solutions.

He and Kate Butler, advancement manager, marketing and communications for the ABTA, recently shared their story.

'Larry has been a great advocate for our organization,' Butler said by phone from Chicago. "Our goal is to raise money to support brain tumor research."

The ABTA also supports services for patients and their families. Butler said there are seven races around the country involving some 7,000 people, in-

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# Car expo



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### **COMMUNITY BRIEFS**

### Parkinson support at **Fox Run**

The public is invited to attend Parkinson's support group meetings the first Tuesday of each month at Fox Run retirement community, 41000 13 Mile, in Novi.

The meetings, which are free, are held 3-4 p.m. in the Ascot Club House (second-floor music room) and are open to individuals with Parkinson's and to caregivers.

For more information, contact social worker Ruthann Lapham at 248-668-8633.

### **Novi, Walled Lake** get sewer grants

The DEQ announced applicants selected to receive grant and loan awards totaling \$97 million from a new program designed to help municipalities plan for sewer maintenance needs.

The city of Walled Lake will receive \$603,810; the Walled Lake-Novi WWTP will get \$1,241,942; and the city of Novi will receive funding as it becomes available.

The state's Stormwater, Asset Management and Wastewater program was signed into law Jan. 2, 2013, by Gov. Rick Snyder. It provides grant assistance for asset management plans for waste water and storm water, storm water management planning, storm water and waste water project planning and design and testing and demonstration of innovative technology.

Loans will assist with the construction of projects derived from approved asset management plans.

A 10-percent local match is required for the first \$1 million in project costs and a 25-percent local match is required thereafter. Communities qualifying for "disadvantaged" status receive a 100-percent grant.



The Berg family of Novi (from left) includes Larry, Kara, Kaitlyn and Lynn. This year's benefit race is set for Saturday, May 10, at Providence Park Hospital in Novi.

### BRAIN

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cluding an estimated 1,100 for the upcoming race in Novi.

### **Supporters**

Organizers here are pleased with business and community support, including the city of Novi and its police and fire departments. "They've really embraced our coming to Novi," Berg said. "We're very excited about a long-term relationship with the Novi communi-

Norvthville resident and WDIV-TV (Channel 4) personality Chuck Gaidica, a meterologist who will soon become pastor of world outreach of Novi's Oak Pointe Church, will be the master of ceremonies. This year's event has a fundraising goal of \$180,000.

Butler said about 700,000 U.S. residents are now living with a brain tumor and nearly 70,000 new cases will be diagnosed this year. It's the second leading cause of cancer deaths among children, she said.

### **EVENT SPONSORS**

Platinum level sponsors: St. John Providence Health System/ Providence Park Hospital, Novi Police, Novi Fire, city of Novi and WDIV-TV (Channel 4). **Gold level sponsors:** Observer & Eccentric Media and Kroger. Silver level sponsors: Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Oakwood Financial Network, Sunglo Services, Tony Sacco's Coal Oven Pizza

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and Novocure. **In-kind sponsors:** Allied Rethink Ink, Global Office Solutions, Moe's on Ten, Oak Pointe Church, Staples and Suburban Collection Showplace.

Brain tumors strike those of all ages, Butler said, and often are not malignant, as was true for Kaitlyn Berg. A non-malignant tumor's

size and location often require prompt treatment such as surgery and radiation.

The ABTA funds more than 50 research projects, she said, including a couple that have shown great promise with new medication, still a distance from human testing.

"That was a really big discovery," she said. The ABTA also has a 24-hour CareLine which is tollfree and available to patients and loved ones at 800-886-2282.

"Public awareness is very important," Butler said

"It's very rewarding, you bet," Larry Berg said of Kaitlyn's health. He, Lynn and other organizers aim "to build awareness for everybody to become more conscious."

Since the Bergs went public with their story, they've heard from others also impacted by brain tumors. The Novi race will include recognition of survivors.

"It gives people an opportunity to talk, but also to educate others, he said.

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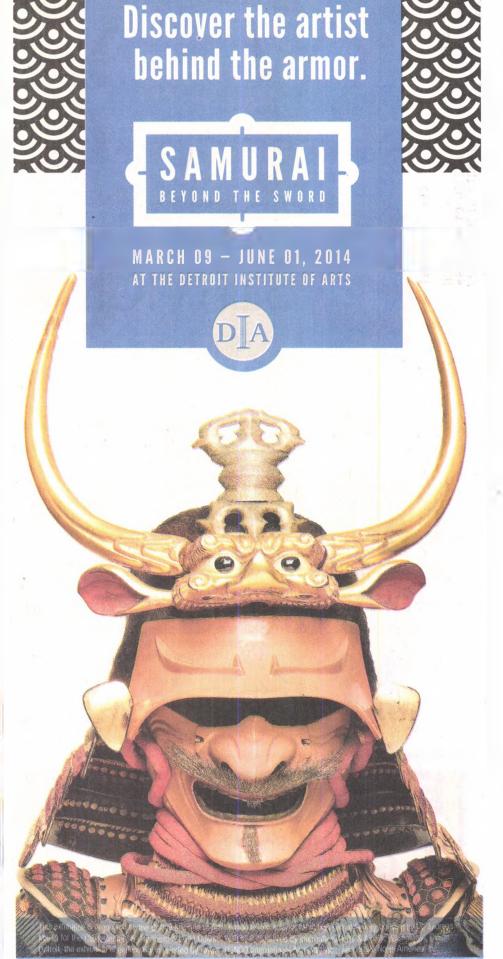
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# Novi location gets new life as the Daily Post

**By Cal Stone** 

Ivid Bahoura spent nearly 10 years running the Elysium nightclub in downtown Detroit. He closed it this year and is now operating the Daily Post Restaurant & Bar in downtown Novi.

"It kind of fell in our lap," the Commerce resident said. "Our broker had the space and I know the Novi area pretty well. The food business out here is great. Plus, the greenhouse space is great. There's nothing like it anywhere."

That greenhouse, as well as the outdoor patio, were signatures of The Post Bar, The Post and Epic, three bar/restaurants located there previously.

"Our menu is completely different. We didn't keep anything from Epic," said Bahoura, who did a soft opening March 7 to get his staff acclimated to the space and ensure the kitchen was operating properly.

'It's bar food, but it's upscale," he said. "It looks like a fine-dining presentation of bar food - burgers, pizza wraps, deli sandwiches, an extensive list of appetizers and salads - and it's afford-

For example, a halfpound burger of Angus ground beef from the Wolverine Packing Co. in Detroit plus fries is \$10.

The decor was completely redone as well.

"The Daily Post has nothing to do with The Post Bar," Bahoura said. "Our menu and colors are more toward a newspaper theme.'

Indeed, inside the palette is black, gray and white matched to steel on the bar and warm, solid wood table tops and chairs.

The walls are adorned with lots of authentic sports memorabilia with photos and autographed



Server Alicia Harris shows off one of the Daily Post's offerings, a pepperoni pizza. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

jerseys from a variety of sports, all put together by The Art of Custom Framing in Clawson. And there are plenty of

spaces inside and out to watch live sports on 29 50-inch televisions.

Bahoura said that Epic and the Posts were more dance nightclubs/bars, while his place is more of a restaurant/bar/grill. However, he does plan to have disc jockeys spinning tunes on the patio a couple of nights a week.

"Not like a nightclub, though," he said. "As long as the music is toned down and controlled.'

His former nightclub near Cobo Center was 12,000 square feet, so he's used to a big space. The inside area seats 190; the

"It's bar food, but it's upscale. It looks like a fine-dining presentation of bar food ... and it's affordable."

**IVID BAHOURA** owner, Daily Post Restaurant & Bar

greenhouse/patio accommodates another 200.

### **From Motown** to Novi

"After so long in the city of Detroit, downtown wasn't what it used to be,' he said. "The casinos took a lot of business from local businesses and they



The Daily Post has an abundance of big-screen TVs and a lot of Detroit sports memorabilia on the walls.

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became a one-stop shop with gambling, food, ho-

Bahoura said the nonsmoking law eliminated smoking for everybody

"That's a huge disadvantage to local businesses, whether you're in Detroit or suburbs," he

Bahoura's family has roots in the grocery and hotel industries. He's confident he can make his new Novi operation suc-

cessful and has teamed up



A cheeseburger and fries from the kitchen of the Daily Post.



Hot-sauce glazed firecracker shrimp from the Daily Post.



Daily Post Restaurant & Bar is located in downtown

with his friend Randy and Randy's uncle Julian.

"There has a been a lot of turnover," he said of the locale. "If you look at the economy when it took a downturn in 2007, it affected the Fountain Walk area, too. Just now, Fountain Walk is thriving again with The Tilted Kilt. This downtown area should pick up pretty nicely with the proper people."

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# Vote yes May 6 to help maintain and sustain

y wife was in our bedroom looking up at the ceiling.

I was in the attic with my foot sticking through the ceil-

She asked me, "Are you OK?"

"Yes," I replied. "I guess you found where the leak was," she added help-

fully.
"I guess I did," came my

This was many years ago. My wife and I were living in Lubbock, Texas – the hub of the plains. A mysterious spot had appeared on our bedroom ceiling. I ventured into the attic to see what I could discover. My foot slipped off the rafter, because it was wet, and right through our bedroom ceiling. After extracting myself from the ceiling, I discovered that our roof had a leak.

This was the first of many lessons I have learned over the

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years about the importance of maintaining your property. Roofs, driveways and heating and cooling units, to name just a few of the critical items in a home, not only need regular maintenance, they also need to be replaced when they reach the end of their life cycle. Failure to do that can have some pretty dramatic consequences.

This same principle - maintaining the infrastructure to sustain excellence - also applies to our school district. I am fortunate that I do not have to maintain my home to safely accommodate 6,400 individuals five days a week as our schools do. Our school district has almost 1.5 million square feet of building space and approximately 300 acres of land in our school district.

Over the years, because our community has done such a wonderful job of maintaining and adding to our buildings, many do not realize the age of some of our schools. We have built new schools or added on to them in every decade since 1958 and, with proper upgrades, preventative maintenance and replacement of end-of-life equipment, our community and our students will enjoy our schools for the

In order to continue maintaining our buildings and sustaining the excellence of our school district the Board of Education has placed on the May 6 ballot a bond proposal. This proposal would generate approximately \$70 million without raising the tax rate in our community. It would allow the district to begin replacement projects that would help

next 20 years.

us sustain the excellence of our facilities and classrooms for years to come.

The time to replace roofs and maintain parking lots is before significant issues arise. In the fall of 2013, we had a comprehensive facilities review completed by an outside consultant. The results of this comprehensive review are available on our school district website. While we have maintained our buildings well over the years, there comes a time when roofs, parking lots, heating and cooling units, windows and building exteriors reach the end of their life. This bond proposal would allow us to address these critical issues.

In addition, we have identified the need to replace our older buses. Our 26 buses travel approximately 2,400 miles a day transporting our students back and forth to school. That adds up to more than 400,000 miles a year. Since I have been in the district, 100 percent of our buses have always passed our mandated safety inspections. Still, they wear out. This bond proposal would allow us to replace buses that have reached the end of their life cycle.

The May 6 bond proposal asks voters to approve a levy that does not increase our tax rate. The money generated from this proposal would allow us to maintain our buildings and replace buses. It would also replace technology that has reached the end of its use-

I would ask you to vote yes for the May 6 bond proposal. This no tax rate increase would allow our school district to maintain and sustain the excellence in our school district.

Steve Matthews is superintendent of Novi Community Schools. He can be reached at 248-449-1204 or smatthews@novi.k12.mi.us.

### **NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS**

### **School district** schedules bond information meetings

The Novi Community School District is asking voters to consider a \$70.9 million bond proposal May 6. The bond proposal results in no increase in the current millage rate. The bond focuses on sustaining the district's capital assets to provide the highest quality educational experience for its students.

The community is invited to meetings where information about the proposed bond will be discussed. All meetings listed are open to the commu-

April 14, 7 p.m., Novi High School-Fine Arts Wing, Band Boosters meeting

April 16, 6:30 p.m., Novi High School-Room 160, Athletic Boosters meeting

April 21, 6:30 p.m., Novi Public Library, Coffee with the Superintendent

April 22, 7 p.m., Village

Oaks Elementary School, Media Center

April 23, 10:15 a.m., Novi Public Library, Coffee with the

Superintendent
April 23, 7 p.m., Novi Middle School, Media Center
April 29, time and location to be determined.

Details of the proposed bond are available online by visiting novi.k12.mi.us/ district/bond/.

### Montessori open house

Novi Northville Montessori Center (23835 Novi Road) will hold an open house 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 27, and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 7.

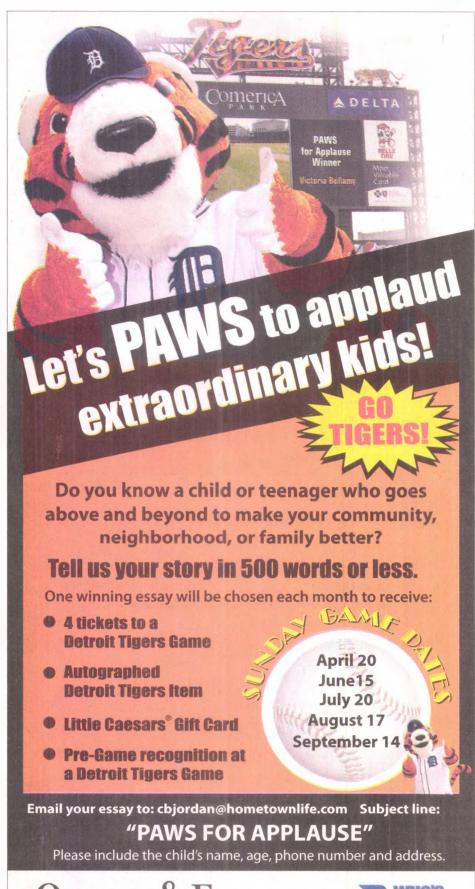
The open houses give parents an opportunity to meet the staff, visit the school and learn about the classes and programs offered. NNMC offers five full days from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; three full days on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; and five half days.

For more information, call 248-348-3033.

## Winning team



A team of Western Michigan University students, including Novi's Hanna Downs (second from left) won the 2014 National Grocers Association University Case Competition, earning the top spot for creating a locally focused marketing strategy for an independent grocer in Ohio. Downs' team also included Daniel Tyranski of West Bloomfield, Douglas Wheelright of Comstock and Jessica Roerig of Caledonia. The competition, designed to further the professional development of students, brought together food and retail marketing students from 10 universities during an annual industry conference Feb. 8-12 in Las Vegas. Fourteen students represented WMU, with a team of seniors taking home the top prize of \$8,000, which will support scholarships and programming.



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# Fular named school district's Support Person of the Year

Monday morning at the Maintenance Department of Novi Schools, Jim Fular was recognized as the 2014 Support Person of the Year and Oakland Schools' Betty Campion Nominee.

Fular has been a valued serviceman and a skilled grounds maintenance worker for the Novi Community School District since 1996. He earned his bachelor's degree in landscape architecture from Michigan State University in 1991 and has been perfecting his craft ever since. He is responsible for 290 acres across the district, covering nine campuses, two football fields, a soccer stadium, baseball and softball fields, multiple tennis courts and playgrounds, along with shared re-sponsibilities with the city of Novi.

Fular is a leader by example and takes great pride in his work. His outstanding work attracts attention to the district on a regular basis and is the envy of many residents, athletic

directors and local businesses. It is not uncommon for Director of Maintenance Mike Dragoo to receive phone calls inquiring about the landscaping company used by NCSD.

"I have a great grounds department because of the knowledge, leadership and hard work of Jim Fular," Dragoo said.

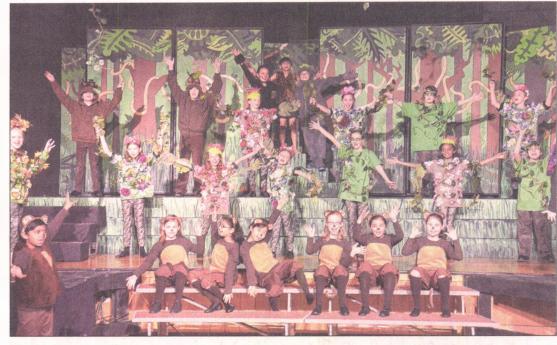
Fular's care and dedication to detail has earned the district several Beautification Awards presented by the city of Novi.

Fular is extremely conscientious and determined to remain current in his practice and is flexible to change. He takes the initiative to learn about new techniques, products and materials, as he will be tasked with the care of a new artificial turf going in at the high school stadium this summer. His relentless nurturing and grooming, management of equipment, and snow plowing at 2 a.m. to ensure the safety of the staff and students, is to be commended.



Novi Schools Support Employee of the Year Jum Fular (center) shakes hands with board member Dennis O'Conner as Superintendent Steve Matthews rounds up more people for a photo. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# Jungle Book



Hickory Woods Elementary in Novi presented its annual musical March 13-15, performing "The Jungle Book." The cast is composed of fourth- and fifth-grade students.

### **ON CAMPUS**

### University of Findlay

The dean's list for fall semester, including students who have attained a grade-point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale, includes Morgan Watkins of Novi.

### Northwood University

Melanie Bunio, a sophomore from Novi, has been named to the president's list for fall semester

Named to the dean's list for fall semester are four students from Novi: Jessica Cingel, senior; Allison Hoomaian, senior; Erin Hoomaian, junior; and Alexander King, sophomore.

### **Spring Arbor** University

**Christopher Bellamy** from Novi was granted a degree during commencement exercises Nov. 23, 2013. Bellamy received a bachelor of science in finance.

Novi students Anna Moses, sophomore, and Emily Kirk, senior, were named to the fall 2013 academic honors list,

which recognizes fulltime students who have received a grade-point average of 3.7 or higher for the semester. Parttime students must receive a 3.7 GPA for the semester and carry a cumulative 3.7 GPA.

### **Olivet Nazarene** University

**Brandon Juodikis** of Novi was named to the dean's list during the fall 2013 semester. To qualify, a student must have been enrolled as a fulltime undergraduate student and must have attained a semester grade-point average of 3.50 or higher.

### Virginia Tech

Novi resident Derek Richard received a bachelor of science degree summa cum laude in computer science from the College of Engineering at the fall commencement ceremony held Dec. 20, 2013, in Cassell Coliseum.

### Saginaw Valley **State University**

Sifa Lubangula of Novi was among 511 graduates who earned degrees Dec. 13, 2013. Lubangula graduated with a bachelor of science degree.

Three Novi students -Colleen McClure, Scott Stanford and Andrea Stinar - were named to the dean's list. To be eligible, a student must take at least 12 credit

hours and carry a semester grade-point average of 3.4 or better.

Jordyn Truax of Novi was named to the president's list for the fall 2013 semester. To be eligible, a student must take at least 12 credit hours and earn a 4.0 grade-point average.

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### Mingle with Marilyn Friday, April 25 1:30 p.m.

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Moms and their sons enjoy dancing at the "Surf's Up" event. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# Mothers, sons take to dance floor



The mother-son dance was sold out.

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Parks, Recreation and
Cultural Services Department, in partnership
with Paradise Park, hosted a mother-son dance
the evening of March 21
at the Novi Civic Center.
Participants were

Participants were encouraged to dress in tropical attire to celebrate the "Surf's Up" theme. Mothers (or significant female in a child's life) and sons shook and shimmied as Night and Day Productions played today's hits along with some summertime favorites. Refreshments were served, including a giant chocolate fountain with foods to dip into the gooey goodness, snow cones and popcorn. At the conclusion of the night, 800 balloons fell from the ceiling.

from the ceiling.

Each couple received a free photo from PortraitEFX. In addition to dancing and refreshments, the evening included a bounce house and fun giveaways, plus each child received a special gift upon departure.



Beth Elliston and son Cooper, 5, hit the dance floor.



Stacey Stover and her son Luke, 5, avail themselves to the chocolate tower.

### **CITY BRIEFS**

### **Pistol safety class**

The Novi Police Department will be offering a civilian pistol safety class from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 5, at the Novi Police Department Training Center, 45125 10 Mile. The course fulfills both the classroom and shooting requirements to obtain a Michigan Concealed Pistol License.

Registration forms are available online at cityofnovi.org and at the Novi Police Department. Completed registration forms and the \$200 course fee (cash or money order), may be returned to the Novi Police Department. Class size is limited and all participants are subject to a criminal background check.

After lunch, participants will move to the Novi Firearms Training Center to complete the course. Students must bring their own equipment, including a personal handgun, 100 rounds of ammunition, safety glasses, shooter's earmuffs or ear plugs, a pen or pencil, a baseball cap and wear loose comfortable clothing to participate in the course. Participants must be 21 years old and do not have to be a Novi resident to attend.

For more information, visit cityofnovi.org or contact Sgt. Michael Warren at mwarren@cityofnovi.org or 248-921-9843.

Enjoy taking day trips, but not the planning and driving part? Mark your calendars for Wednesday, April 30, and join tour guides and local experts Kathy Crawford and Margi Karp-Opperer as they lead an informative and enjoyable day trip to Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester - including a special docent tour, luncheon and a play at Meadow Brook Thea-

This cultural and entertaining day will depart from the Novi Civic Center at 9 a.m. and return approximately 5 p.m.. The cost of the trip is \$87, which covers deluxe transportation, lunch and admission to The Andrews Brothers show. Availability is limited and registration can be done by calling the Novi Library Administration Office at 248-869-7204.

The day will start with a guided tour of the historic estate built by one of the automotive aristocracy's most remarkable women. Lunch will follow in the elegant dining room and before traveling to Meadow Brook Theatre to see the play The Andrews Brothers.

For more information about the On the Road event, visit www.novilibrary.org or call

To learn more about what's happening in Novi, visit www.cityofnovi.org.

### Celebrate spring with an Eggstravaganza

Celebrate the spring season with the firstever Eggstravaganza at Michigan State University Tollgate Farm Center (28115 Meadowbrook Road, Novi) from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 12.

The event, presented in partnership with MSU and State Farm Insurance, will feature a petting farm, a kid craft area sponsored by Macaroni Kid and Rosebrook Child Development Center, egg hunts separated by age, hayrides, refreshments, and an opportunity to take pictures with the bunny.

The event is designed for kids 3-12 years of age. The price, \$8 for residents and \$10 for nonresidents, is for the participating child; there is no charge for parents to enjoy and take pictures. Due to the unseasonably cold and wet weather, parking information will be shared prior to the event. A complete schedule of events will be available on-site the day of

Registration is available now at www.cityofnovi.org or at the Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services office located inside the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile. The deadline to register is Thursday, April 10. No on-site registration will be taken. For more information, call 248-347-0400.

To learn about more upcoming family-fun activities, visit cityofnovi.org.

### Heart and soul of women



February was the month of the little red dress. The American Heart Association, along with national sponsorship from Macy's, just celebrated its 10th year of the Go Red for Women Campaign. And Go Red they did, when 600-plus women – and a few good men – attended the Detroit Go Red For Women Luncheon at the MGM Grand Detroit that raised more than \$600,000. Comedian Rosie O'Donnell was the keynote speaker who spoke, firsthand, of heart disease, the leading cause of death among women. Shown are Southfield resident Bridget Hurd (left), a member of the Go Red for Women Executive Leadership Committee, and Novi resident Lisa Harrison. JULIE YOLLES



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# Nash: Study Detroit water system options

By Joanne Maliszewski Staff Writer

Oakland Water Resources Commissioner Jim Nash of Farmington Hills is anticipating a county commission vote on an estimated \$3 million study of alternatives to using the Detroit Water & Sewerage Department - including a proposal to lease the system to Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

Officials in each county are balking at Detroit **Emergency Manager** Kevyn Orr's lease proposal, based on an annual price tag as high as \$50 million just for the lease for 40 years. The system, Nash said, is also in dire need for infrastructure repairs and maintenance.

"This is just not satisfactory," Nash said, referring to the costs. "That's a high value for that system.

### **County board**

A resolution calling for the study has already been presented to the

county board's Planning and Building Committee.

According to the

resolution. "the Board authorizes the retention, in a manner consistent with the Oakland County Purchasing Policies established by the Board of Commissioners, of such technical, financial, legal and other experts as may be necessary to assist in the examination of alternatives to the continued, monopolistic use of the DWSD (Detroit Water &

Sewerage Department)." The study, if approved by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, would seek alternatives to leasing the system, including breaking away from Detroit, Nash said.

'It took months and months to get information from them (DWSD)," Nash said, adding that audited reports were requested and finally

after five months of requests, county officials were provided unaudited reports.

'They are constantly trying to force us into making a deal," Nash told the Farmington Hills City Council last month.

For Detroit, a lease to a regional authority including Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties - would generate money to use on other services. Detroit's water system is a nonprofit service and cannot under the current structure legally raise money.

'That's my job as a receiver, as a fiduciary, to look at all opportunities so I'll be able to say to creditors, 'We pursued every effort we could to find as much value, within reason, that we could to pay off creditors while leaving the city with the resources that it needs to go forward and resolve many of the operational and structural issues that it has," Orr told the De-

troit Free Press. But that's not sitting

well with Oakland County. The resolution calls DWSD "an aged, monopolistic system that is admittedly significantly over-staffed, is carrying some \$5.5 billion in bond debt, is facing billions in unfunded pension and health care liabilities and, due to a combination of prior poor management, corruption and intentional deferred maintenance and upkeep, requires an estimated, additional \$2.5 to \$5 billion in revenues to support critical infrastructure maintenance and capital improvements over the next 10 years ..."

Privatizing the system is also an option on Orr's DWSD plate, but the department would lose its tax-exempt status and the ability to apply for federal funding, a move not available to private contractors.

### 'Excruciating'

Nash called his 10 months in office as the county's water resources commissioner "excruci-

ating" because of trying to work with the Detroit department and Orr. "Ever since Orr took over, it has been adversarial.'

County talks with Orr are now stalled. "You can't blame the department for what is going on with the emergency manager," Nash said. "I think Sue McCormick (DWSD director) has done a great job.'

While Detroit owns the water system's mains, the suburbs own most of the sewer infrastructure, Nash said.

But Nash and officials in Wayne and Macomb counties are concerned about the some 55-percent delinquency rate the Detroit system has in overdue payments, including Hamtramck, which stopped paying the city for service.

The proposed study Nash is hoping for will take a logical approach to the issue, including dollars, as well as the need for infrastructure repairs to Detroit's water

system. The problem, Nash said, is getting the required information from Orr. "There are weaknesses in (Detroit's) finances and the infrastructure. There has not been enough maintenance of the system."

Any decision that will be made will have to involve the state's Department of Environmental Quality, which answers to the federal **Environmental Protec**tion Agency. "Everything would have to be permitted," Nash said. And

that's a lot of money. The bottom line, Nash said, is no deal will be made without audited reports on the system, which Orr reportedly said will be made available soon.

"You can't make a deal if you can't see the data,' Farmington Hills Councilman Ken Massey said.

Nash added, "If it's not a good deal, it's not worth having a deal. If we can take this (system) over, it would be the absolutely best decision.'

### **NOVI POLICE BRIEFS**

### **Dehumidifiers stolen**

Three portable industrial dehumidifiers were stolen from a Novi business by an unknown suspect.

The incident occurred sometime between March 10-21 at Advantage Marketing on Magellan Drive. The rental dehumidifiers were stored in trailers parked at the rear of the location. Novi police reported the locks on all three trailers were either cut or punched to gain entry.

There was no other evidence found at the scene, but a security video is still being reviewed.

### Garage door opener

A Novi homeowner had her garage door opener stolen from her van parked outside her home at the

The homeowner told Novi police that March 22 she went outside and noticed the door of the van was slightly open, as well as the garage

door. The opener was discovered missing after a check of the van, but nothing else was taken. It wasn't reported whether the van was locked or not, but no damage was reported.

### Super drunken driving

A West Bloomfield man was arrested March 21 for operating while intoxicated, high blood-alcohol content after registering 0.23 percent blood-alcohol on his preliminary breathalyzer test.

A witness to the man driving off the road into a ditch at West Pontiac Trail and West Park Drive called police for a report of a possible drunken driver. Novi police arrived to find Walled Lake police on the scene and the driver of the car in the

The driver said he did not remember exactly how he ended up in the ditch and admitted to drinking.

- By Lonnie Huhman

# Novi to pay \$260K for Metro Connector

**By Lonnie Huhman** Staff Writer

Novi will get a \$1 million-plus pathway put in at 20 percent of the cost, benefiting the city as well as all of southeast Michigan.

The final step in getting started on the actual construction of the Metro Connector Phase One pathway project has been approved, with the city of Novi agreeing to a costshare agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation.

The Metro Connector Trail will connect the northern terminus of the 40-mile long 1-275 trail to the southern terminus of the M-5 trail at 13 Mile Road via Meadowbrook.

Novi City Council members approved an agreement that specifies an estimated allocation

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of \$1,028,458 to be paid by federal grant funds and \$260,342 to be paid by the city.

Early last year, the city was awarded a federal Transportation Alternative Program grant for the construction of the Metro Connector Phase One pathway along the east side of Meadowbrook between 1-96 and 12 Mile.

Novi will hire the engineering consultant for the construction phase and will be responsible for construction inspection. The costs for design and construction engineering services are not grant-eligible and are to be paid by Novi. The award of the construction engineering services will be presented to the city council for consideration after the bid opening April 4.

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According to Novi's Department Public Services, the first phase of the Metro Connector includes a 10-foot wide pathway along the east side of Meadowbrook between the south side of 1-96 and the north side of 12 Mile. There are existing eight-foot-wide pathways along the west side of Meadowbrook between 12 Mile and 13 Mile and along the north and south side of 13 Mile that would complete the con-

"This allows us to link to regional pathways,' Councilwoman Gwen Markham said of connecting Novi to neighboring communities by pathway. "We are the last link.

Construction will likely begin in April or May and will be completed this construction season.



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Some of the knitters in the March 6 meeting of Knit 2gether held at the Novi Public Library. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# Close-knit ties

Library group's ties unlikely to unravel

> By Julie Brown Staff Writer

During her senior year of high school, Kristina Bray, 23, of Novi learned the basics of knitting from her aunt. A college friend taught her more stitches, how to get pat-terns and "something more than just the basic knitting.'

Bray was among the women at a recent gathering of the Knit 2gether Knitting Group, which meets from 10 a.m. to noon each Thursday at the Novi Public Library, on 10 Mile east of Beck

Road. "I actually wanted to knit with people I could learn from," Bray said. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in international relations from Grand Valley State University and is returning to school for a certificate program and graduate work through Walsh Col-

lege.
"The things these women do, it's amazing," Bray said while working on a green baby blanket for the Assarian Cancer Center at Providence Park Hospital in Novi. "I can learn so much from these women. I've always connected well with people who are older than me, too."

She lost her grandparents and enjoys the company of older women at Knit 2gether. "I kind of just feel relaxed and comfortable here," said Bray, who's been coming since September 2013.

Linda Potts, who's lived in Novi some 25 years, and Bev McCarter, a Novi resident since 1974, are among key women who got the group going. Novi librarian Mary Storch had suggested a library-based knitting group and put it in the newsletter.

"It's a group effort," Potts said of the library group. "It's just an accumulation of knowledge."

### **Beginnings**

The library sessions began in August 2012,

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Kristina Bray works on a piece during a March 6 meeting at the Novi Library of its Knit 2gether group. Bray began knitting seriously about six years ago.

with the group starting out small and later outgrowing its original meeting room. "We're more like a knitting sorority than a knitting club," McCarter said.

"It's just a lot of fun," Potts added. She and McCarter found a longtime but recent connection. They're both professional knitters who worked for the same designer some 30 years ago, but didn't meet each other until the Novi group

began. The late Beth Barr, an original member, discovered the Assarian Cancer Center at Providence Park needed help with knitting. Some of the women go there each Wednesday afternoon to knit for charity.

The women have also gotten seniors at Meadowbrook Commons knitting both for themselves and charity. The knitters greatly appreciate the

donated yarn they get. "We turn it into hats, mittens, toys," often displayed in a case at the Cancer Center, McCarter said. The women have a Christmas fundraising sale at the hospital and participate in a couple of others at churches.

There's a core group of knitters, McCarter said, some of them snowbirds who return in the spring.

"We want to spread our knowledge to the young ones and keep it going," Potts said. "It's imperative."

Melissa Waggy, 25, of Farmington Hills is among the young one She graduated in June 2013 with her master's in counseling and psychology from Moody Theological Seminary in Ply-

mouth and is job hunting. She's been coming to the group almost two years. Waggy learned from mother-in-law Barb Waggy of Novi, who was seated next to her knitting and chatting the

recent Thursday. Melissa lived with her future in-laws while finishing school and learned from Barb then. "And I've been knitting ever since," she said with a smile. She was working on a red blanket for the couple's living room,

which has red accents. "Everyone is really nice, welcoming, helpful if you get stuck on something," the younger Waggy said. "I feel like I learn

a lot from people. The women often go to lunch after the Thursday sessions, as many as eight to 10 joining in. Diane Gross of Novi has been attending about two

years. "I found out about it from Barb (Waggy)," Gross said. "My grandmother taught me when I was young.

Gross was working on a rose-colored sweater for herself. "I just finished a sweater for my grandson," she said. 'Mostly I knit at the As-

that, to be able to help people." Gross likes the library sessions, too. "Everyone's so nice. It's very friendly. Someone's always ready to help, so that makes it

sarian Cancer Center. It's

very rewarding to do

nice," said Gross, who usually knits for others. "I've made a lot of hats and mittens for my two grandsons," she said, adding, "It is exciting to have younger people come."

Judy Anderson of Hartland is a regular and no longer a beginner. "I've kind of gone beyond that a little, I hope," she said.

"I have a business here in Novi, so I take Thursday mornings off and come and knit," said Anderson, who owns a small tool shop and has attended Knit 2gether about a year and a half.

"I make a lot of scarves and sweaters," she said, adding she enjoys the friendship: "Oh, I love it, I love it."

You're welcome to show up at Knit 2gether **Knitting Group sessions** from 10 a.m. to noon each Thursday at the Novi library. It's a knitting group, but those who do needle crafts are also welcome.

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### **Church of** the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook

Contact: 248-349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org

**Mass Schedule** Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday: 9 a.m. Monday through Friday; 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday; 4:30 p.m.

Saturday; 6:30 p.m. Saturday

Holy days: 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appoint-

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AA: 8 p.m. Wednesdays

### Crosspointe Meadows Church

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile

Contact: 248-669-9400, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointe meadows.org.

Sunday worship: 11 a.m. Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages

Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multisensory worship experience.

### **Destiny Worship**

Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six Mile, Northville

Contact: DestinyW3C@ Gmail.com or visit www.DW3C.org.

### **Emmanuel Lutheran** Church

Location: 34567 Seven Mile,

Livonia Web: www.emmanuel-livonia.org

Contact: 248-442-8822 Sunday worship: 8 a.m., 9:30

a.m. and 11 a.m. Adult special needs worship:

Youth group: 7 p.m. Wednes-

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Women's Coffee Break Bible Study Advent Study: 10-11:30 a.m. Mondays; beginning April 14 - "God Revealed" by Fred

Men's Breakfast: 7:30 a.m. Saturday, April 5



Entertainer Joel Palmer croons "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" to Irene Wojno during the Novi Senior Center celebration Monday of the Detroit Tigers 2014 season opener. Detroit beat Kansas City, 4-3. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

### **Faith Community Presbyterian Church**

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Contact: 248-349-2345 or visit www.faithcommunity-novi.org Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

### **First Baptist Church** of Northville

Location: 217 N. Wing Contact: 248-348-1020 Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

### First Church of the Nazarene

north of Eight Mile Contact: 248-348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org

Sunday Schedule: 9:30 a.m. Classic worship service, Adult Bible Fellowship classes and Children's Sunday School; 11 a.m. Contemporary worship service with Kids Church, Teen Worship Service and Adult Bible Fellowship classes. Cafe is open from 9:15-11 a.m. Refreshments at 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m. Evening Traditional Service

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### **First Presbyterian Church of Northville**

Location: 200 E. Main Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.fpcnorthville.org Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. (for

### First Presbyterian Church

Location: 205 E. Lake St. (corner of Wells and 10 Mile), South

Contact: 248-437-2875

### **First Presbyterian** Church

**Location:** 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington

**First United Methodist Church** of Northville

Location: 777 W. Eight Mile. Northville

Contact: 248-349-1144 or www.fumcnorthville.org **Summer Sunday Worship** (Memorial Day-Labor Day): 8:30 and 10 a.m.

**Summer Sunday School** (Memorial Day-Labor Day): 8:30 a.m. - Nursery; 10 a.m. Nursery-sixth grade

Sunday Worship (September-May): 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m. Sunday School (September-May): 8 a.m. Nursery; 9:15 a.m. Nursery 12th grade; 11 a.m. Nursery-sixth grade

### **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**

Location: 41415 Nine Mile. corner of Meadowbrook Road. Novi

Contact: 248-349-0565 Sundays: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible study; 10 a.m. worship

### **Holy Cross Episcopal Church**

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Contact: 248-427-1175 or holycrossnovi@gmail.com; visit

holyCROSSnovi.org Sunday Worship: 7:45 and 10

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### **Hope Lutheran** Church

Location: 39200 W. 12 Mile (east of Haggerty), Farmington

### **Lakes Baptist** Church

Location: 309 Decker Road,

### **Livonia Church** of Christ

Location: 15431 Merriman, Livonia

Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit www.livoniachurch.net Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m

### **Legacy Church**

(formerly First Baptist Church and Orchard Hills Baptist Church)

Location: 23455 Novi Road, Novi

**Contact:** pastor Jon Hix, 248-349-5665 or visit www.legacychurch.us

**Sunday School/Small Groups** for all ages: 9:45 a.m. Worship Services: 11 a.m. Bible Study/Prayer: Wednes-

### Meadowbrook Congregational Church

day 7 p.m.

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight Mile and Nine Mile

Contact: the Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, senior minister, 248-348-7757, visit mbccc.org or email to office@mbccc.org.

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Church School: 10-11 a.m. Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m. **Merry Widows Luncheon:** 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month

Pilgrim Fellowship: 6 p.m. Sundays

### **Orchard Grove Community Church**

Location: 850 Ladd Road, Building C, Walled Lake Web: www.orchardgrove.org

Contact: Amanda Rehm at 248-926-6584 or amanda.rehm@orchardgrove.org.

### **Northville Christian** Assembly Location: 41355 Six Mile

Contact: 248-348-9030; ncalife.org

**Sundays:** 9-10 a.m. Sunday School for adults / youth / children; 9 a.m. Contemporary service in multipurpose gymnasium; 1015 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210)

Wednesday Family Night: 7 p.m.; Adult elective classes: junior and senior high ministries; children's programs, Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade); call 248-348-9031.

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Contact: Rabbi Avrohhom and Leah Susskind at 248-790-6075 or rabbi@novijewishcenter.com; www.novijewishcenter.com

### **Novi United Methodist Church**

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Contact: 248-349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Novi-United-Methodist-Church/59782031433

Sunday Worship: 9:45 a.m. **Healing Service and Holy** Communion: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month

Peace Vigil: noon, first Sunday of every month in front of the church. Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.

### **Oak Pointe Church** Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile.

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Contact: 248-912-0043 Web: www.oakpointe. org/lifegroups

Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.

**ReNew Life Group Ministries:** 7-9 p.m. Monday (groups meet Women's Life Groups Minis-

tries: 7 p.m. Tuesday; 9:30 a.m. Men's Life Groups Ministries: 6 a.m. Friday; at the church and

### **Our Saviour Apostolic Lutheran Church**

various locations

Location: 54899 Eight Mile, Northville

Contact: 248-374-2268 Children (5-10) & Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m. Bible Study: Wednesdays at 7

### **Orchard Grove Community Church**

Location: 850 Ladd Road, Walled Lake Contact: 248-926-6584; www.orchardgrove.org

### **Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic**

Church Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township Contact: 734-453-0326, Ext. 221

### **Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church**

Location: 770 Thayer, Northville Contact: 248-349-2621 or olvnorthville.org

Saturday Worship: 5 p.m. Sunday Worship: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

### **Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church**

Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth Contact: pastor Bill Burke at

734-927-0891 Wednesday Bible Study: 7

Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after

### **Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church**

Location: 54899 Eight Mile, Northville

### **Pentecostals of Novi**

Location: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Contact: 248-697-8158 or visit www.thepentecostalsofnovi.org

### Plymouth St. John's **Episcopal Church**

Location: 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth

Contact: 734-453-0190, Ext. 16, or visit www.stjohnsplymouth-

### **Praise Baptist** Church

Location: 45000 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Contact: 734-748-3898

### **Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**

Location: 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills Phone: 248-553-3380

Egg Hunt: 10 a.m. Saturday,

April 12. Please RSVP the number of children attending by calling the church office or for more information. **Holy Week** 

April 13 - Palm Sunday brunch held between Sunday worship

services at 9:30 a.m.

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# **Passages**

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### **BENNETT, RITA ANN** (NEE MILLER) Age 67, of Howell, formerly of the Milford and Hartland area, passed away on March 31, 2014. Survived by her beloved husband, Bob and their sons, Rob (Leighann) and Ryan (Danielle) Bennett; grandchildren, Taylor, Brooke, Nevaeh and Ryder. Also survived by her aunt Pat Roberts, extended famimembers and many dear friends. Funeral from Lynch &

Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, Thursday, April 3

at 11 a.m. Visitation Wednesday

4-9 p.m. Memorials may be to

the Alzheimer's Association. For

further information please con-

tact Lynch & Sons 248-684-6645 LynchFuneralDirectors.com Lynch & Sons Funeral Director

### GIBSON, CHRISTOPHER

Age 39 of Hutto, Texas formerly of South Lyon, Michigan, passed away suddenly on February 25, 2014. Christopher is survived by his father Richard; brother Michael; sister Debra and niece Trinity. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 5 at 11:00 a.m. at PHILLIPS FU-NERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon.



### MASON, ROBERT

### BRIAN Passed away March 30, 2014. He is survived by his parents, Jerry and Maureen; his loving Yesenia; beloved daughters, Trinity and Reagan; and brothers, Donald and Patrick. A

visitation was held Wednesday,

April 2nd, at Phillips Funeral

Home in South Lyon, MI. A me-

morial service will be held Thursday, April 3 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Patrick in Brighton, MI. FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION SERVICES

### **SCHRONCE JOYCE CATHERINE** age 81, passed away March 31, 2014. She is survived by her

children: Michael Schronce of Howell, David (Teri) Schronce of Plainwell, Nancy (Jeff) Marsh of South Lyon and Carla (Matt) McIntosh of Howell, siblings: Fred Wick, Marie Holman, Jim Wick, Shirley Mapes and Tom Wick, and six grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her hus-band bob and parents Fred and Agnes Wick. Services entrusted to Phillips Funeral Home, www.phillipsfuneral.com

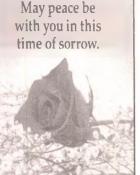
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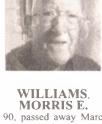
### SMITH, MORGAN A. Age 91 of Silver Spring, Maryland, formerly of South Lyon,

Michigan passed away suddenly at home March 15, 2014. He was born on June 26, 1922 in Lake Linden, Michigan to Frank and Grethe (Johnson) Smith. In the Navy during WWII he served on the submarine USS Cero. After the war he attended Michigan Tech University. He retired from Detroit Edison in 1987. He was married for 50 years to Gloria Kopp who preceded him in death. He is survived by Jacqueline McCarthy, two daughters, Karen (Marshall) Rooker and Janet (Larry) Taulbee, and two grandchildren, Richard and Laurel. He will be interred at Great Lakes National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the



family asks that a random act of kindness is done in his honor.





# Age 90, passed away March 25, 2014. He was born on July 6,

1923, in Memphis, Michigan, son

of the late James & Margaret Wil-

liams. He is survived by his beloved children: Bonnie (Ronald) Roncone, Ronald (Barbie) Williams, Carol (Gary) Davie, Carl (Kathy) Williams, Barbara (Jim) Young, Dale Williams, and Rebecca Reichenberger; 16 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one great-grandchild and his brother, Don Williams. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dolores Williams and his daughter Suzanne Williams-Kooyers. Visitation was held on Friday, March 28, from 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. with a Funeral Service on Saturday, March 29, at 1:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to Reverence Hospice, The Michigan Humane Society or New Hudson United Methodist Hudson United Meth. Church. Online guestbook at: www.phillipsfuneral.com

### **RELIGION**

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April 17 - Maundy Thursday service with Holy Communion at

April 18 - Good Friday service of darkness at 7:30 p.m.

April 20 - Easter Sunday festive celebration with Holy Communion 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.

### St. James Catholic Church

Location: 46325 10 Mile, Novi Contact: 248-347-7778

Pastor: Monsignor John Kasza Mass Schedule: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday

**Easter Celebration in Music** Resurrection

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, April

Details: Friends of the Opera of Michigan present soloists Amy Blevins, soprano; Quinto Milito, baritone: and Jeanne Marie

Contact: 248-474-0584 or visit

Saturday Worship: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday Worship: 9, 11:15 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

Contact: 248-349-3140

St. Paul's Lutheran

Location: 201 Elm St., Northville

stjohn-lutheran.com

Church

mi@mi.rr.com

Farmington Contact: 248-737-9191; Adminis-LaFramboise, piano. Free admistrativeDirector@unityfh.com sion: donations are welcome. Contact: 313-582-0997 or foto-

Hills

Unitarian

### Universalist Chi St. John Lutheran of Farmington Church

Location: 25301 Halsted, Far-Location: 23225 Gill Road, mington Hills Farmington Hills

Contact: www.uufarmington.org

Youth Interfaith Journey: 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays

**Unity of Farmington** 

Location: 32500 W. 13 Mile,

**Details:** This religious education program is open to the public and currently enrolling new students. Classes are grouped into grades K-five, six-eight and nine-12 with age-specific education materials for all.

Contact: Jennifer Teed at 248-478-7272 or dre@uufarmington.org

**Lifelong Learning Forum:** 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays

**Details:** Six weeks exploring different topics like religion, philosophy, science, health, social and political issues. No advance registration necessary; a \$5 donation is suggested. Drop in and pick the class that interests you most at the Unitarian Universalist Church.

Contact: 248-478-7272 or uufarmington.org/uucf/relifespan

**Multigenerational Services:** 6:45 p.m. Fridays

**Details:** Family members of all ages can gather for drumming, chanting, and meditation followed by a brief participatory worship service which could include stories, songs and sharing. A religious education activity will follow, such as an art project, music, dance, game or theater. The evening will close with a light snack and a short time to socialize, ending at 8:30

### **Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville (behind the shopping center at the corner of Six Mile and Haggerty)

Web: www.wardchurch.org Contact: 248-374-7400

Sunday Worship: 8 a.m. Liturgical in the Chapel; 9:30 a.m. Contemporary in the Sanctuary; 11 a.m. Traditional in the Sanctuary; 11a.m. Post-Contemporary in Knox Hall

**Sunday Groups and Classes:** Nursery, Children's and Middle School programs available on Sunday mornings. High School Sunday night at 6:30 p.m. Sunday Morning Adult Life Classes also available.

FX: A Family Experience: An interactive family production where participants ignite conversations in the home on important topics to help kids and their parents follow God

together. First Sunday of the month at 9:30 a.m. In Knox Hall, September-May.

Service Broadcasts: Live at http://live.wardchurch.org at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays for live interactive video web-streaming. Also, the Traditional Service is broadcast every week on WRDT-AM 560 at 11 a.m.

Be A Money Smarty: Ward will once again be donating the facility and joining with Michigan Money Smart Week to host a free financial education event at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 6, in Room C317-319. There will be expert lightning-round presentations on today's hottest money topics, including credit, debt, retirement, investing, and scams. Please RSVP by Saturday, April 5, to 248-374-7400 or MoneySmartWard@gmail.com to help them get an idea of how many people are coming. Walk-ins are also welcome. Visit www.wardchurch.org for more information, maps and directions.

# Your Invitation to

# Brighton

### **HOLY SPIRIT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL**

www.hsrcc.net at the corner of Winans Lake & Musch Rd. 810-231-9199
Fr. John Rocus, Pastor
Weekend Liturgies Saturday 4:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 a.m se visit our Shroud of Turin Display and Book & Gift Shop

**Walled Lake** 

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**COMMUNITY CHURCH** 

1850 S. Commerce Rd. Walled Lake, MI 48390

Sunday Services: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Wednesday Evening: 7 p.m. All Ages

Rev. Kenneth Warren - 586-531-2021 www.cpccnow.com

Whitmore Lake

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

10774 Nine Mile Road Rev. M. Lee Taylor • 449-2582

Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

Worship, 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.

Highland

Sunday Worship: 9:30 & 11 a.m.

### Milford

### CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Preschool, Pre-K & Kdg. - Mo. Synod 620 General Motors Rd., Milford Church office: (248) 684-0895

Sunday Services: 8:30 am & 11am Bible Study & Sunday School @ 9:45 an Rev. Martin Dressler

### FIRST BAPTIST OF MILFORD

VISITORS WELCOME! 133 Detroit St., Milford • 248-684-5695
Pastor Steve Swayze unday School (all ages) 9:45 a.m. . Sunday Worship - 11 a.n ng Adults Dinner/Bible Study, Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 6:45-8:15 p.m. Awana, 3 yrs old thru 6th grade and Youth Group for 7th grade and older Website: milfordbagtist.org

**MILFORD PRESBYTERIAN** CHURCH Pastor Bryant Anderson 238 N. Main Street, Milford MI (248) 684-2805 www.milfordpc.org Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m. y School age 3 thru 5th grade @ 10 a.m. Youth Group 10 am - Grades 6-12

A heritage of area worship since 1836

### Milford United

**Methodist Church** 1200 Atlantic St., Milford, MI 48381 Sunday Worship: 8:30 am and 10:30 am, 6 pm Children's Church: 10:30 am Groups for Children, Youth and Adults

248-684-2798 0-0000179401 milfordumc.net

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Contemporary Worship Service: Sunday 9:15 am & 11:15 am

### **HIGHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** 248.887.1311 • www.my

1250 South Hill Rd. (248) 685-3560 www.o

### Kids Church: 9:30 & 11 a.m. MS & HS Youth: 11 a.m. MS Youth Night Wednesday 6:30-8 p.m. Grief Share Monday 6:30 p.m

Adventureland Children's Program: Sunday 9:15 am & 11:15 am The Rock (Middle School) Wednesdays 6:30-8 pm, Sundays 9:15 am The 707 (High School) Sundays 6:30-8:30 pm Women, Men and Life Groups: Various Schedules

# **New Hudson**

### **NEW HUDSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

730 Grand River Avenue e New Hudson MI 4816 (248) 437-6212 • Gerald S. Hunter, Pastru unday School & Bible Class -9:30 a.m Worship-10:30 a.m. www.newhudonsumc.org

### **NEW HOPE - A Unitarian**

Universalist Congregation 7855 Grand River Ave., New Hudson, MI 48165 Phone 248-474-9108

unday Celebration of Life Service 10:30 a.m. Rev. Suzanne Paul, Minister

Website: http://www.newhopeuu.org

### **WEST HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH**

16 S. Hickory Ridge Rd., Milford, MI 48380 248-887-1218 Sunday Worship 9 am & 11:15 am

Wed. Kids-8:30 pm/Adults-6:45 pm Also Small Groups / Ministry Teams

### Freedom Life Church

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Freedom Cor 3:7 1208 E. Commerce, Milford Worship: Sun 11am, Wed 7pm We are here through Christ Jesus to provide Freedom to those who are hurting, diseased, addicted

0000179469 and depressed

### **Northville**

First Presbyterian ( Church of Northville www.fpcnorthville.org 200 E. MAIN ST. AT HUTTON Worship, 9:30 am Sunday School for all ages, 10:30 am 248-349-0911

### **NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN**

Experience Life Each Week Sunday Worship - 9:00 am & 10:15 am Sunday School and Children's Programs www.ncalife.org 248 • 348 • 9030

### **OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH**

133 Orchard Dr., Northville VEEKEND LITURGIES Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday, 7:30, 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. Church 349-2621, School 349-3610 Religious Education 349-2559 Rev. Denis Theroux, Pastor

### (248) 349-1144 Unitea 777 West 8 Mile Roa (8 Mile and Taft Road NORTHVILLE Northville, Michiga orship Times: September - May 8:00, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.

Memorial Day - Labor Day 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Rev. Marsha M. Wooley, Lead Pastor www.fumcnorthville.org

### **Sunday Worship Services**

8 a.m. | 9:30 a.m. | 11 a.m sic styles from classic to www.wardchurch.org

### Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Fellowship/Coffee 11:00 a.m. Worship Service esday Bible Study (Colossians) at

BERRY Pastor Andy Whitten

BRIGHTMOOR 40800 W. 13 Mile Road, Novi on the corner of M-5 & W 13 Sundays 9:15a & 11:15a www.brightmoorcc.org something for the entire family

### **FAITH COMMUNITY** PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

44400 W. 10 Mile., Novi, 248-349-2345 1/2 mile west of Novi Rd. www.faithcommunity-novi.org WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10 AM

"Children, Youth and Adult Minist

### **MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

21355 Meadowbrook Rd. in Novi at 8 1/2 Mile 248-348-7757 • www.mbcc.org Sunday Worship 10 a.m. Rev. Arthur Ritter, Senior Ministe

ST. JAMES ROMAN **CATHOLIC CHURCH** 

NOVI 46325 10 Mile Rd. • Novi, MI 48374 Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 8, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m. Msgr John Kasza, Pastor

Parish Office: 347-7778

205 E. Lake (10 Mile) 248.437.2875 Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m. Children's Church for Grades K thru 5th Nursery Care Provided Mid-Week Study Thursday 7:00 p.m. Rev. Michael Horlocker, Pastol www.fpcsssuttriyon.org

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Church of Christ 1860 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon, MI 48178 248-437-3585 • www.southlyoncoc.org

9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Praise and Worship Wednesday Midweek Ministries 7 p.m Troy Singleton, Minister

### Fellowship Evangelical **Presbyterian Church**

22200 Pontiac Trail (S of 9 Mile) Sunday Worship @ 9:30 am Sunday School @ 11 am Wednesday mid-week programs Rev. David Brown, Pastor 248-437-2222 www.fellowshipepc.org

first united methodist church south Iyon, mi (248) 437-0760 Worship: 8:15 am, 11 am & 6:30 pm Sunday School: 9:40 am Rev. Sondra Willobee, Lead Pastor

southlyonfirstumc.org

### Shepherd's Way Lutheran Church, ELCA 59255 10 Mile Rd. South Lyon MI 48178 Sunday Worship 9:00 AM Education Hour 10:15 AM Rev. Bart Muller, Pastor 248-573-7320

w.shepherdswaysouthlyon.org

**SOLID ROCK BIBLE CHURCH** Loving God and Loving People 22183 Pontiac Trail • 248-486-4400

(In Brookdale Shopping Center behind Powerhouse Gym) SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:00 A.M. Reed Heckmann, Pastor/Teacher www.solidrocksouthlyon.com

### **HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH**

turday: 4:30 p.m. (English) & 6:30 p.m. (Spanis Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Fr. Bob LaCroix, Pastor Fr. Beto Espinoza, Associate rish Office: 349-8847 • www.holyfamilynovi.

HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL

40700 W. Ten Mile Rd. • 248-427-1175 Sunday Worship 7:45 am & 10 am Healing Service Wednesday 11:45 am Rev. Ann Webber, Rector

### **OAK POINTE CHURCH**

holycrossnovi@gmail.com

50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi Saturday Worship 5:15 p.m., Sunday 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Casual, contemporary service Phone (248) 912-0043 www.oakpointe.org

# **NOVI UNITED METHODIST**

CHURCH 41671 W. Ten Mile Road . Novi, MI 48375 Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m. Rev. Jime M. Sirett, Plant's 248-349-2652 www.umcnovi.com oving God, loving each other and living our core valu

# South Lyon

**BIBLE BELIEVERS CHURCH** Gathering in Jesus Name 52909 10 Mile Rd • South Lyon, MI 48178 Sunday 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Mike Ragan, Pastor

ld fashioned preaching

734-347-1983 pastor cell

### **CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN**

Pastor Terry Nelson

437-8810 • 486-4335

Griswold Rd. at 10 Mile Worship: 10 a.m.; Sunday School: 10 a.m. Adult Bible Study: 9 a.m.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF **SOUTH LYON**

60820 Marjorie Arın St., South Lyon 48178 Phone: 248-437-2983 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m. Senior Pastor, Rob Freshour / Assoc, Pastor, Randy We Website: www.fbcsouthivon.com Email: fbcsouthlyon@sbcglobal.net

### **IMMANUEL LUTHERAN**

Wisconsin Synod . Reynold Sweet Pkwy. at Liberty St.

Sunday Service 10:00 a.m. All Classes 9:00 Pastor Scott Miller, (248) 437-1651

### **CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH**

248-486-0400 www.ecrossroads.net **Sunday Services:** 8:45, 10 & 11:30 am

### Livonia

FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Services held at: Saint Andrews Episcopal Church 16360 Hubbard Road - Livonia South of Six Mile Road klult Sunday School 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.; Worship 10:30 a.m.? Childrens Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Dr. James N. McGuire . Nursery Provid

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**OUR VIEWS** 

# Free college is idea worth pursuing

Before we assess its viability, let's take a moment to appreciate the premise of the pay-it-forward tuition plan - the chance to attend college for

The idea bears a resonance that is nearly deafening — to students burdened with the soaring cost of college tuition and student-loan debt and parents who often share that liability.



Nothing is free, of course. But a plan introduced in the Michigan Legislature proposes to change the way students and parents pay for college education in a way that could be considered revolutionary. Its author, state Rep. David

Knezek, D-Dearborn Heights, wants students to attend college without paying its costs until they graduate. They must agree to pay part of their postgraduate income to a special fund that covers

college costs for other students.

The formula would be five years for each year they attend college. University grads would pay 4 percent of their income for 20 years. Community college grads would pay 2 percent for 10 years.

"The goal is to remove every financial barrier to higher education," Knezek said.

If his idea works, it could deliver a tremendous measure of relief to students and their families. College cost increases since 2000 have consistently surpassed the inflation rate. The average student's debt load was \$29,400 in 2012.

At least 20 states are exploring pay-it-forward, but Michigan would be the first to give it a try. The pilot plan would set up a \$2 million fund for 200 students, whose annual household income is below \$250,000.

A leading challenge, though, is buy-in. A graduate who lands a job with a six-figure income might pass on the program because he or she would repay far more than a graduate who earns significantly less.

If it's approved, the pilot program would have

to work out such problems.

But its appeal is difficult to overstate. With it, the cost of a college would receive tangible relief.

### **COMMUNITY VOICES**

### Novi schools are getting ready for spring break next week. Do you have any plans?

This question was asked of Novi High School students.



"I will probably just stay around here and enjoy the weather and some local places, maybe go into Ann Arbor.'

Will Sohn



"To stay around here and hang out with friends, maybe go to downtown Plymouth and some movies."

> **Gordon Williams** Novi High junior



"Probably visit some

little fun."

local colleges and have a

**Nathan Louie** 

Novi High senior

"I'm going to relax at home."

**Amari Bryant** 

Novi High freshman

Cal Stone, **Community Editor** Susan Rosiek, **Executive Editor** 

**Grace Perry,** Director of Advertising

### **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

### Comeback kid?

So why are they calling Gov. Snyder the comeback kid? Is it because he comes back on so many issues? Take the Emergency Manager Law, for example. In 2012 the people voted that law out. Then, right after the election, Snyder made it comeback and made the new law not subject to voter referendum.

How about when he cut over a billion dollars from our schools, and now he has come back saying he will increase school funding (not as much as he cut it. though). Also, he raised taxes in 2011, and now he has come back calling for a tax cut for some, saying people (that he raised taxes on) are hurting.

What about the new bridge to Canada? He said it wouldn't cost Michigan taxpayers anything, but no one seems to know who is paying for the new bridge plaza. Why can't he get the Legislature (his party) to put up at least some of the money? Don't they know his business buddies need this bridge, not to mention the jobs? Well, I guess he will come back to that.

And who could forget our roads? Last year Snyder said he needed a billion dollars to fix our roads. But again, he could not lead the Legislature to agree on where to get the money. Now the roads are even worse. But don't worry, I am sure he will come back on the minor issue of who will have their taxes raised.

This guy has failed as governor, and we can no longer wait for him to come back and try again to lead

**Chuck Tindall** 

### **Employ Michigan** residents

I was surprised to learn about Michigan requesting visas to lure immigrants to Detroit. I thought this idea to lure immigrants to Detroit can help our struggling economy and create more jobs was interesting. However, I could not help but ask myself, "Why not employ Michigan residents?"

Currently, we have numerous unemployed individuals here in the state and Gov. Snyder wants to bring immigrants in to take the work opportunities away from them? It is disheartening to me that the companies that lay off all of these qualified employees contradict themselves by claiming that they do not have

enough "skilled workers"? Clearly, there are plenty of qualified workers, many of whom are overqualified, that reside in Michigan. Nevertheless, companies are not willing to pay such qualified individuals a fair wage. I can see the advantages of welcoming immigrants into this depressed economy that are already established business owners who want to relocate or open branch facilities here. Yes, this can create more job opportunities for those who are unemployed. Nonetheless, I believe that we should make it our No. 1 priority to assist and employ Michiganders.

**Lindsey Compo** 

### Spend surplus on roads

Unless you've spent the past few months in hibernation, you know the roads in Michigan are a disgrace. Actually, some of them rival what you might expect to find in a Third World country, and the worst is yet to come. We haven't really had our spring thaw that causes potholes to appear almost like magic over night.

Fortunately, part of the solution is near at hand. I say take every penny of the nearly \$1 billion surplus fund the state now has and pour it into fixing our roads. Quit the silly pandering in Lansing to do the politically correct thing, and do the right thing - fix the roads

Now, I think we all realize that a billion dollars is a lot of money, but I'm sure even that amount isn't enough to get the job done. We are going to need a new infusion of money and to get that extra money; we're going to have to take a hard look at our current method of funding. It seems obvious that we have to either raise the current gasoline tax or create a new source of revenue to foot the bill. As much as I hate to say it, I think we have to consider a raise in the state sales tax. I know some of you are saying right now that the sales tax is an unfair method of collecting road repair funds since not everyone drives in the state and those who don't use the roads shouldn't be required to help pay for them. To that, I say hogwash.

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. Letters should be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following formats. Letters must be received by 9 a.m. Monday for Thursday's print edition.

Web: www.hometownlife.com Mail: Letters to the Editor, 101 N. Lafayette St., South Lyon, MI

Email: cstone@hometown-

Blog: You may also let your opinions be heard with your own blog at www.hometownlife.com.

I haven't had a child in the public school system in over 30 years, and I'm quite certain that I will never have another one. And to my knowledge, not one person in my family has ever set foot on any campus of the Oakland County Community College and probably never will. As a matter of fact, over half the taxes I pay each year go to education funding at the city, county or state level. If you happen to question the fairness of paying for schools you don't use, you are reminded in short order that good schools are necessary for a good community. You know what? They're right. But so are good roads, and I doubt that there are very few people who don't benefit in one way or an-other from well-maintained roads. Nearly everything we use, buy or sale is in some way delivered over our public road system, and we either benefit or are penalized by the condition there

So, what do you say, Gov. Snyder and all of you reps in Lansing? What say you quit playing games and trying to make political hay with that surplus money and put it where it'll do the most good. And let's get moving - believe it or not, the spring thaw is on the way.

**Dave Shingler** Novi

### **All People Matter**

March was national social work month. This year's theme is All People Matter. It makes me proud to be a social worker.

All People Matter is the core value of my profession. My training has taught me to challenge oppression and help individuals and families realize their full potential. Often there is a stigma attached to the title of "social worker." People associate it with professionals who must take children-at-risk away from their families. Actually, social workers serve as experts in many important areas such as: employee assistance programs, gerontology, addiction rehabilitation, community development, legislation and social policy, education, poverty, food access, mental health and LGBT rights. Professionals must abide by a strict code of ethics or they lose their license.

Jane Addams, Sen. Debbie Stabenow and former Congressman Ron Dellums are all social workers. Across the globe we not only believe that all people have dignity and deserve respect, we work to make it so. American social work profession has a commitment to improving conditions and quality of life opportunities for everyone. "Social work is the profession that does the front line work when other professions stand back,' said Dr. Maxine Thomas, director of the Michigan chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

We do this work because all people matter.

Colleen Crossey, M.S.W.

### Northville celebrates arts

Creative arts needs in all 10 Northville public schools were the focus of the Northville Educational Foundation's 2014 A Night for Northville. More than \$20,000 was raised at the March 1 event. Funds will completely fund or enhance funding for vocal, visual and instrumental

Some of the 210 attendees also funded the purchase of 97 specific items from 10 Giving Trees (one tree per school). Arts teachers from each school listed specific needs with prices. This pinpoint approach allowed patrons to support precise components of arts programs at schools of particular interest to

The Northville Educational Foundation organized this annual fundraiser and extends a special note of gratitude to sponsors and hosts: Northville Sports Den, Brick's Restaurant, Northville Square, Timberlane Dance, The Knickerbocker Group of Raymond James, Great Harvest Bread Company, Northville Art House and hosts Susan and Chuck Gaidica.

The NEF would also like to recognize and thank A Night for Northville committee members: Katy Baetz-Matthews, Tracy Bins, Judy Cavanaugh, Kim Cooke, Paul Donnelly, George Fekaris, Suzanne Geer, Mark Krempski, David W. Moore, Jennifer Pearson, Mary Kay Pryce, Beth Richert, Joan Potter Thomas and Judy Wollack. Their passion, creativity and hard work helped make this event a tremendous success.

**Northville Educational Foundation** 

### **HB 4486 would save lives**

According to a parent who recently contacted me, "We're at the 'tipping point' because enough people have died" of

heroin overdoses.

I thought that more than enough had died when we lost our son, Casey, to a heroin overdose at the age of 23 on Aug. 19, 2002. As a parent who never wants anyone to forget that Casey was here and that he mattered, I was compelled to do something to make a difference for other families who were in crisis with the disease of addiction. So, on July 13, 2004, The Matthew Casey Wethington Act for Substance Abuse Intervention (KRS 222.430 - 222.438) became effective for the state of Kentucky

Ironically, the model we used for our legislation was the same for the Garofolis of Livonia -The Marchman Act. As a result of "Casey's Law," we know there are individuals living in recovery who otherwise might not be. In the almost 12 years since Casey's passing, there have been family members from states all across the country who have reached out to ask how similar legislation could be initiated where they live.

Recently, a mom from Michigan made such a request, a request made before Mark Garofoli died. Thank you, Mark and Carol, for giving voice to a disease that has been historically and tragically surrounded by shame, stigma and discrimination. It is unthinkable to suggest that anything good can come from losing a loved one to heroin addiction. However, the "good" in this instance may very well be that the mom who is desperately trying to save her loved one's life may soon have the opportunity to use HB 4486 to do exactly that.

This is only one mom franti-cally and furiously seeking help and hope. With the passage of this legislation, the number of Michigan families who could be spared the devastating loss of the Garofolis is untold. Brain scans clearly demonstrate the damaging results of addiction. Intervention is a means of interrupting drug use until the brain heals. Like Casey's Law, HB 4486 could prove to be an incredible intervention tool, a tool too late for some and right on time for many others. Michigan will not be setting a precedent but joining the ranks of other states that recognize the value of involuntary treatment and could be an encouragement to others.

**Charlotte Wethington** Casey's mom Recovery Advocate for Transitions Inc.

### Where are jobs?

Gov. Rick Snyder recently released his budget numbers. Working people, and those who wished they could be working, are painfully aware that Michigan remains 49th in projected job growth and fourth highest in unemployment in the nation, according to Bridge Magazine.

Late last year, I was in Lansing with thousands of citizens; we begged Snyder not to sign the "Right To Work For Less" law. He signed this offensive law, sealing the fate of millions of working folks in Michigan. He then gave billions in tax breaks to businesses paid for by higher taxes on working people and senior citizens.

Snyder assured us there would be extended employment under this deleterious law. Why are we still 49th in job growth and the fourth highest in the unemployment rate in the nation?

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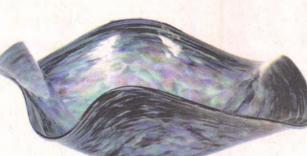
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PREVIEW: CC TRACK AND FIELD

# Shamrocks overflowing with athletes

# Squad will focus on staying healthy, earning state-qualifying marks

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

It isn't easy to identify just what athletes are going to be the top performers when there are more than 100 of them.

That's one of the problems that longtime Detroit Catholic Central track and field coach Tony Magni has this season. With so many athletes on his squad -more than some Class D high schools have in all of their grades combined -Magni knows that gems are bound to rise from unexpected places.

That doesn't mean there aren't standouts that are expected to compete from the very first starting gun. J.P. Mulcahy is expected to be a force this season in several distance events, while Ike Marchie has come in with improved numbers on his hurdle times. In the field events, the Shamrocks will be relying on Shane Campau to lead the throwing corps.

"We have over 100 members on our team," Magni said. "(We are) working on keeping them injury-free because we have to double and triple some of the varsity runners."

The Shamrocks' goal is the same as always - compete in the Catholic High School League and qualify as many athletes as possible to the state finals.

Last year, the Shamrocks finished 4-1 in dual meets and second in the CHSL meet.

The squad this year will be led by 12 senior captains who are charged with leadership and helping teach their



younger counterparts.

Seniors this year are: Martin Anumba, Shane Campau, Connor Cartwright, Joseph Fischer, Ian Franz, Blake

member Donovan D'Amore practices the hurdles at the school's athletic facility. CC had its first home meet pushed back to the weekend due to track conditions. JOHN HEIDER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**Catholic Central** track team

Games, Evan Hunter, Nathan Lawera, Sean McGowan, Mendel Meister, John

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**PREVIEW: NOVI TRACK** 



Novi hurdler Abby Downs works out on the track. Last month, members of the track team were pressed into service with shovels as mounds of snow needed to be removed from the track before practice could begin. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# All-staters poised to power success

Returnees looking to improve squad's stock

**By Chris Jackett** 

Correspondent

The rubber on the track at Wildcat Stadium may have been the first thing to thaw out this spring, giving Novi's boys and girls track teams a chance to get outside and started on their season.

Coach Marsha Reid - now in her 14th season with the girls and fourth

Novi will visit South Lyon East at 3:45 p.m. today and then host Plymouth Salem at 3:45 p.m. Tuesday, April 15.

with the boys - has a strong core of returnees from a program that had solid performances for both genders

The girls finished last season 10th in Division 1 after taking second at

regionals, sixth in the KLAA and third in the KLAA Central Division. Although they graduated some key faces from the field events, hurdles,

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**PREVIEW: NOVI BASEBALL** 

# Veteran Novi squad ready to hit diamond

Pitching depth key to successful season

> By Chris Jackett Correspondent

With 10 starters from last year's 18-17 (10-6 KLAA Central) squad, a juniors and three underclassmen are showing a lot of promise for Novi's baseball team.

In his 15th season at the helm, coach Rick Green has a lot of upperclassmen on the roster, but also welcomes the first freshman to the varsity squad since he took over the program in 2000.

Freshman Alec Bageris is looking to make a name for himself on the varsity roster, earning the role faster than his two older siblings who have passed through before him. Green said Bageris could see time on the mound, in the outfield or even as a designated hitter.

"He's going to be a great athlete," Green said.

Another new face to the roster will be Farmington Hills Harrison transfer Craig Wilson, who is expected to start at center field when he's not taking his turn on the pitch-

er's mound. "He really helps us out a lot defensively in the outfield," Green

The newcomers will be a welcome boost to a steady lineup. Seniors Bryan Klosterman, Keaton Figurski, Tyler Whitehead, Andrew Turek and Jared Casaccia and junior Michael Mitchell are all expected to produce for the Wildcats.

Figurski led Novi by hitting .467 last year with 38 RBI, while Klosterman hit .409 with 33 RBI, Casaccia 295 and Mitchell .455 before an

injury cut his season short. "We've got some good kids with some varsity experience," Green said. "Michael Mitchell was hitting .455 before he got hurt. A lot of seniors got hurt and it was killing us."

Turek, the squad's captain, will showcase his fielding as the shortstop behind Whitehead, the team's steadiest pitching option. Whitehead – who will play baseball at Hope College – went 4-2 last year with a 3.97 earned-run average.

"Tyler can throw the ball anywhere from 82-84 mph," Green said. "The biggest question mark still is

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### **ON TAP**

Novi (18-17 in 2013) will start its season at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 12, with a doubleheader against Dexter.

# Wildcats feature young singles, veteran doubles

**By Chris Jackett** Correspondent

In his 30th year at the helm, Novi girls tennis coach Jim Hanson returns 11 starters from last season.

After finishing tied for 12th in Division 1 and landing second at regionals, the KLAA tournament and the Central Division - all behind Northville - the Wildcats' young singles lineup is back at it.

"It's been a real brutal spring so far," Hanson said. "I'm carrying 14 kids on varsity this year. We have 11 kids that played on the team last year. We're trying to come up with the best lineup we can come up with. Nothing's set in stone; it never is. We have some experience, there's no doubt about that.'

However, the girls got off to a rough start last weekend at the Birmingham Marian quad meet at the Sports Club of West Bloomfield, where the team finished third to Division 2 powerhouses Marian and **Grand Rapids Forest Hills** Northern.

"It was good to be able to play some of the schools," Hanson said. "Competition was very good. Last year, Marian won Division 2 and Forest Hills Northern finished third in Division 2 and they had a lot of kids back. Overall, the kids played well, but when you play schools of this caliber and you get your opportunities, you have to take advantage of them and too many times we didn't."

Junior Erin Day started her season at No. 1 singles with a 6-1, 6-2 victory over Birmingham Groves, but dropped a 6-0, 6-0 decision to Northern and 6-0, 6-2 loss to Marian.

Sophomore Youna Lee returns to No. 2 singles, but started her season with a 6-1, 6-1 loss to Marian before feeling ill and leaving the flight to sophomore Carolyn Zhang, who dropped a 6-1, 6-1 decision to Groves and 6-0, 6-0 decision to Northern.

At No. 3 singles, freshman Jessica Lypka made her debut with a 6-2, 6-1 victory over Northern before dropping a tough 3-6, 6-2, 6-1 loss to Marian and claiming a 6-2, 6-0 victory over Groves.

"Jessica played well at times throughout the day and took her (Marian) opponent to three sets," Hanson said. "She played a smart game throughout the day."

Sophomore Allison Lollo,

who mixed it up at No. 4 singles and No. 4 doubles last year, took to the court at No. 4 singles with a 6-1, 6-2 win over Groves, but was defeated 6-0, 6-1 by both Marian and North-

Seniors Asawari Kanitkar and Amy Zhou found themselves paired at No. 1 doubles, where Zhou played last year. Kanitkar made the move up from No. 3 doubles. The duo claimed a 6-1, 6-0 victory over Groves in between losses to Marian (6-2, 6-1) and Northern (6-0, 6-1).

Last year's No. 2 doubles tandem of senior Rachel Bailey and Dina Fawaz return to the same flight, but started off the season 1-2 after a trio of tough matches. The pair earned a 6-3, 6-2 win over Groves, but were knocked off 6-4, 6-3 by Northern and 6-4, 6-2 by Marian.

At No. 3 doubles, a new-butexperienced pairing teams former No. 4 doubles senior Harika Bollineni with former No. 3 singles junior Dhivya Sridar. The new team had a strong showing, picking up a 6-2, 6-2 win over Groves before dropping two tight decisions to Marian (6-4, 6-0) and Northern

No. 4 doubles traded off players in its matches. Junior Sam Martin and freshman Teja Mogasala dropped a 6-2, 6-0 decision to Marian and 6-2, 6-3 decision to Northern, while Zhang and junior Shakila Khan picked up a 6-4, 7-6(8) win over

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former staff writer covering Novi High School sports for the Novi News.

# New coach leads 'Cats forward

Softball team has strong core of veterans, youth

> **By Chris Jackett** Correspondent

Under the rule of first-year head coach Bruce Lenington, the Novi softball team may be on the path toward a resurgence of relevance.

After finishing .500 or below for the past five seasons and sometimes struggling to field both a varsity and junior varsity squad, the team has already began its road to rebound from a 3-13 showing in the KLAA Central and a loss in the district finals to Farmington Hills Mercy that ended last

Since Lenington left a successful eight-year stint as both the athletic director and softball coach at Southfield-Lathrup, where he led the Chargers to five conference titles, he has spent the past four months getting the Wildcats in form.

the Michigan Lookouts travel league the past eight years has also given Lenington a glimpse of what to expect in the KLAA.

"I didn't know very much about Novi softball before I applied for the position, but I've been very pleased with the work ethic of this kids," he said. "We've got good talent here. Hopefully, the new philosophy will spark them a lit-

"I coach a lot of these kids and see a lot of them through the summer. I have high expectations for any kids that I coach, but I expect us to be competing for a division title

With 14 players in Novi's lineup and eight returning from last season, the new coach likes what he sees.

"We have a really good young nucleus that I think is really going to help us for the next few years," Lenington said. "We've got kind of a new philosophy offensively. We've got a good balance of speed and a good balance of power. It's hard for me to pick one or two kids because they all look good in the cage.

ers is expected to include freshman Allyson Cummings, seniors Mallory Daschke and Natalie Tarrant and sophomore Madison Budde.

"Allyson Cummings will be one of our go-to pitchers and will swing in the middle of the order for us," Lenington said. "When healthy, I think Cummings will assume that (starting ace) role. Mallory Daschke will probably be in that mix. Natalie Tarrant and Madison Budde will also be getting a lot of time in the circle.

Senior first baseman Laura Oakley, junior shortstop Jenna Lowney, junior third baseman Casey Lawler, sophomore catcher Nicole Ireland and sophomore second baseman Maddy Brandenstein are all expected to combine with Cummings and Daschke to provide offense for the Wild-

Others expected to contribute are senior Lola Teran, juniors Megan Hrit, Samantha Troher and Sami Delisle and sophomore Hope Kapelanski.

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# Novi boys golfers aim again for state meet

**By Chris Jackett** Correspondent

The course at Walnut Creek may still be drying out from the wet winter, but Novi's boys golf team is ready to

hit the links.

After winning the KLAA Central Division with an 8-2 record last year, senior Garret Buckley will be leading the Wildcats back into action with some tough opposition from Northville and Livonia Stevenson. Fellow veterans in juniors Billy Ulle and Bryan Fegert and senior Michael Dickmann will join Buckley, a 2013 all-state honorable mention pick. With a trio of threeyear starters graduated, the Wildcats will look to solidify their core.

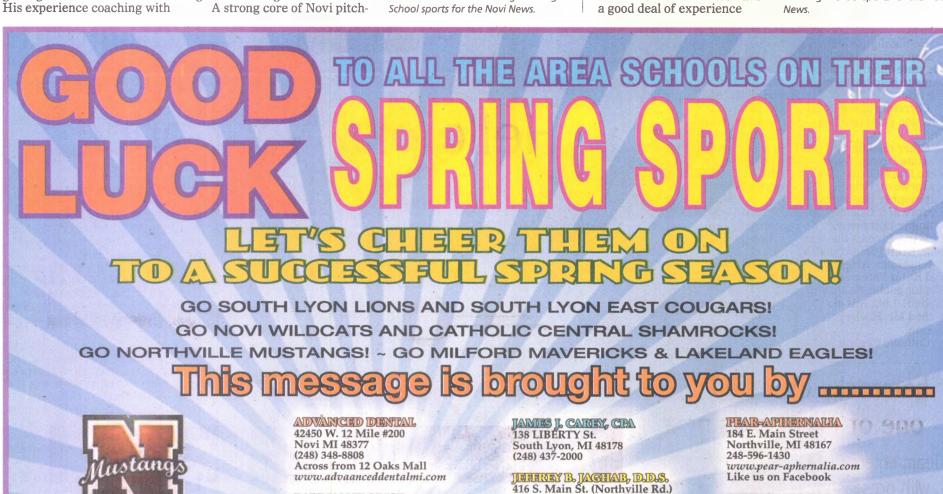
"Filling in the remaining two starters (will be key), but we do have some experienced juniors and seniors that should help," said Novi coach Brad Huss, now in his 17th season at the helm. "We have a good deal of experience

with this team and I am excited about the prospects for them performing well throughout the KLAA Central duals and the conference and association tournaments, but our ultimate goal is to qualify for states this year.

The Wildcats finished third in the Kensington Conference last year and only had one now-graduated golfer advance to the state meet. Three KLAA teams - Plymouth second, Hartland seventh, Canton 14th - were all among the 15 teams at the Division 1 state meet, while crosstown rival Detroit Catholic Central finished tied for third.

"Novi and Northville will be a good match-up in the Central and Plymouth and Canton will be tough as a (conference) crossovers," Huss said.

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# Solid core returns to defend KLAA crown

# Team looking to top association again

**Bv Chris Jackett** Correspondent

In his first season at the helm, Novi boys lacrosse coach Eric Hoffman took the Wildcats to a 12-7 (6-0 Kensington Conference) finish and KLAA championship.

Despite losing all-state honorable mention goaltender

Mitch Adams and defensive captain Scott Schramm, Novi returns two all-state defenders in seniors Travis Sparling and Tommy McMaster.

Leading goal scorer Lucas Buck is gone, but seniors Chris Kennedy and Mark Ghannam return on the attack, while seniors Keith Pravato and Alex Caprara return to the

midfield corps. Hoffman said Caprara is one of the best faceoff specialists in the state, which will mesh well with Sparling's takeaway abilities and McMaster's ground ball

"Our team is full of talent and, if we put everything together, we are going to be hard to stop," Hoffman said. "Our defense is our strength, but our offense will not disappoint. We have a good mixture of seniors and juniors at all posi-

tions. I can't really say there is a weak part of the team.'

The Wildcats (0-2) got off to a tough start last week on the road, losing 10-1 to Troy (2-2) March 26 and 7-6 to Notre Dame Prep (2-2) March 29.

"We are putting in a new offensive philosophy and it will take some time to get all of the players on the same page; knowing the offense inside and out," Hoffman said. With two of their toughest

non-league foes already in the

books, Troy Athens and league rivals Brighton, Northville and South Lyon are the biggest threats left on Novi's schedule.

Although a younger program, Novi's girls lacrosse team is looking to rebound from a 6-11 finish in its second season. Its biggest hurdles will be South Lyon Unified, Troy and Plymouth Salem.

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# Local schools produce all-state icers

Catholic Central's Cerretani on Dream Team

**By Sam Eggleston** Correspondent

When it comes to hockey, the Northville and Novi area is wellrepresented in terms of

high school talent. Detroit Catholic Central was one of the topranked teams in the state from start to finish and proved why with a 5-1 victory over Brighton for the Division 1 state championship. Northville was also considered one of the state's best squads, earning rankings throughout the year before bowing out of the postseason to Catholic

Both teams were wellrepresented on the allstate selections by the Michigan High School Hockey Coaches' Associ-

Leading the pack was Catholic Central's standout defenseman Carter Cerretani, who was selected to the 2013-14 Dream Team.

Cerretani was a dynamic player as senior on the offensive side of the game, too, scoring 10 goals and picking up 22 assists.

He highlighted the season with two goals in the state championship game to help his team to the title.

Cerretani also earned Division 1 all-state hon-

Other members of the all-state Dream Team were Danny Bosio (senior forward, Brighton), Christopher Brown (senior forward, Cranbrook), Dominic Lutz (senior forward, Livonia Stevenson), Brett Pietila (senior defenseman, Brighton) and Kyler Patenaude (senior goalie, Rochester Untied). Lutz was also named Mr. Hockey this season

Catholic Central had

four other skaters earn various all-state recognitions, while Northville had four skaters earn

Northville's lone allstate first team selection was junior goalie Chance Boutin, who went 9-2-1 as he picked up 284 saves and allowed just 19 goals with a .933 save percentage. He finished the year with four shutouts.

First team selections for Catholic Central were forwards Ryan Burnett and Mitchell Ossowski, along with Cerretani on defense. Burnett, a junior, finished with 16 goals and 18 assists, while Ossowski, a junior, finished with 13 goals and 20 assists.

Earning second team honors for Northville were junior forward Alec Morgan and senior de-fenseman Alex Shuart. Morgan finished with 16 goals and 24 assists, while Shuart picked up four goals and 19 assists.

Honorable mention was given to Northville junior forward Jack Meacham (14 goals, 23 assists) and Catholic Central senior defenseman Lucas Turner (four goals, 13 assists).

As a Division 2 school for hockey, Novi players are in a different selection pool than Northville

Novi forward Brad Hofelich made all-state first team, while forward Ryan Baxter and defenseman Mike O'Reilly were all-state second team. Goaltender Austin Petty also earned allstate honorable mention honors behind a 14-6-1 record, .917 save percentage and 1.96 goalsagainst average.

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# CC produces plenty of college-bound athletes

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

According to the website www.scholarshipstats.com, only 7.6 percent of male high school athletes and 8 percent of female high school athletes earn themselves a chance to play college sports.

Think about that for a minute - out of the approximately 7.5 million high school athletes to participate in various sports, about 585,000 of them go on to compete in all of the combined collegiate levels.

Those aren't great

Only the most excep-

tional athletes get to take their game to the next level and Detroit Catholic Central both is blessed with some of them.

This winter, CC had 15 athletes ink their names on the dotted lines. Catholic Central's lineup includes outstanding wrestlers, soccer stars, lacrosse players, golfers and football standouts. Sean Stanners will play lacrosse for Seton Hill, while Ben Senkowski will continue his lacrosse career at University of Detroit Mercy, as will teammate Sean Birney. Joe Williams will play

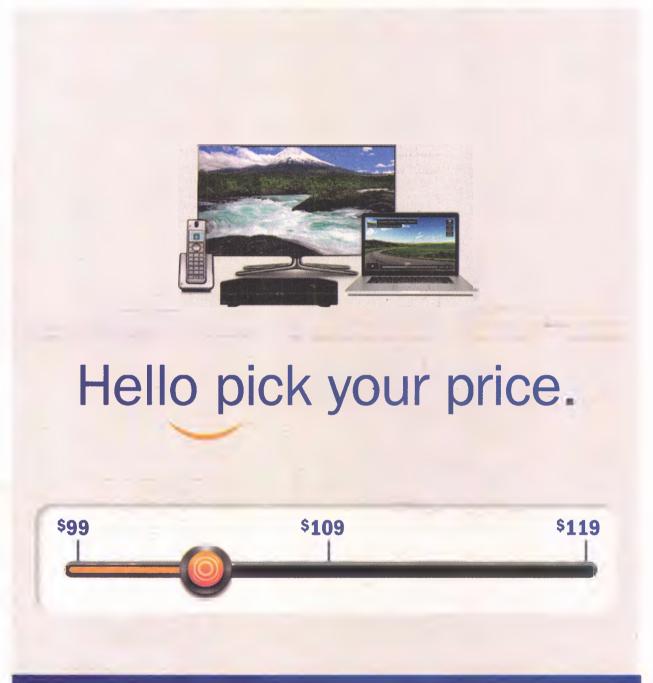
lacrosse at Hope College. State champion wrestler Malik Amine will continue a family tradition by becoming the third member of his family to compete for the University of Michigan, while state champ Drew Garcia will wrestle for Cornell University. Nick Bennett will take his wrestling state championship to the University of Nebraska. Logan Marcicki will also compete in the Big Ten, though he'll be wrestling for Indiana.

Playing football for Ferris State University will be Daniel Collins and Chris Okoye, while teammate Nelson Schrader will play for Grand Valley State University. Dylan Roney will play football and serve the country when he joins the ranks of the U.S. Naval Academy, while Alex Galiyas will play for the University of Pittsburgh.

Standout football player Zach Bock won't be playing the American version of the game, but will be instead playing "real" football - soccer at Western Michigan University.

Daniel Ault will play golf for Oakland Univer-

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# Shamrocks expected to be one of Michigan's best

Team enters 2014 with preseason top-five ranking

> **By Sam Eggleston** Correspondent

It's really no surprise that the Michigan high school lacrosse coaches association has seen it fit to vote Detroit Catholic Central into the preseason top five for Division 1 schools.

The team, coached by Dave Wilson, returns 11 seniors, including last year's leading scorer, attackman Jack Van Ackerman.

CC, which went 12-7 last year, isn't resting on its laurels, however. In fact, it's not resting on anything it has accomplished or done in the past at all.

"We are completely retooling mentally and physically to create a new attitude and culture in our program," Wilson said. "The focus is on the here and now and what we are doing to have the best season possible."

Wilson noted that this year's progress has been stunted due to the inclement weather, but recognized this is a problem all of the teams in

the state are having.

The Shamrocks will be looking to their 11 seniors to lead the way. Sean Birney, who is committed to play at University of Detroit Mercy next season, and defenseman Connor Cooper are expected to be two major contributors. Joining them will be all-state specialist Connor Hilton, who will split time on faceoffs with junior Zachary Crawford, and up-and-coming sophomore Alex Jarzembow-

The Shamrocks are also shaking up their lineup a little. Senior long-stickman Steven Katofiasc will be leaving his position in the midfield and will take up a spot on defense instead, leaving the final spot open in a battle between junior Wyatt Engle and

senior Matt Molchan. Catholic Central does have a good problem with three outstanding goalies. Senior Joey Williams is expected to take on the lion's share, but junior Micky Williams and sophomore Jon Phillips have shown promise as well.

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# 'Cats return six starters from semifinal squad

**By Chris Jackett** Correspondent

Coming off a loss in the Division 1 state semifinals last season, Novi's girls soccer team is returning six starters, plus two others who had prior time with the team before missing their junior season.

In his 14th season at the helm, Novi coach Brian O'Leary is looking for the team's sixth state title since 2005. After finishing 18-3-2 (9-0-1 KLAA Central) a year ago, he is looking to his returning starters to steer the ship.

Senior midfielders Kendall Kramer and Taylor Pavlika will return at the center spot, while senior Karissa Koomen, junior Amanda Minissale and sophomore Katrina Koomen will anchor the defense. Sophomore Chloe Allen will return up top for Novi's offense. The 'Cats also have two girls returning from the 2012 squad.

'Also back are senior defender Jacqui Kozlowski, who missed last season with an injury, and senior midfielder Gabby DeLeon, who played club soccer last year," O'Leary said.

DeLeon saw time at forward two years ago and Pavlika and senior midfielder Jessie Parvana have experience up top, as well. Newcomers sophomore Jessica Halmaghi and freshman Bailey Baumbick - as well as junior Bri Abidin, moving up from junior varsity – are expected to fill the primary forward roles.

"We are probably going to be playing with two forwards, so four is plenty," O'Leary said. Our biggest challenge will be replacing the 30 goals and 15 assists that Erin Dircks had last year.

We don't have a player that will put up those numbers, so we will have to do it by committee."

Faces that weren't on the roster last season are expected to help make up for the loss of all-state players Kaylin Hoomaian (Central Michigan) and Natalie Krygier (Connecticut) as well as goalkeeper Jade Antolec (Concordia), all who moved on to compete at the collegiate level.

DeLeon and Kozlowski will help strengthen the team's core, while freshman Bethany Kopel will take over goalkeeping duties, hoping her strong

club play transitions well against older high school opposition.

'So far, through the first week, she has looked very good in goal," O'Leary said of his new goal-

Returning from last year's defensive reserves are sophomore Bella Schultz and seniors Rachel Russ, Natalie Greenhalgh and Meg Bruce, while sophomore Megan Riley, junior Chrisina MacMillan and senior Jessie Parvana return to help out the midfield. Stepping up from JV alongside Abidin are four more juniors in defend-

ers Allie McDowell and Meaghan Wheat and midfielders Devon Powers and Megha Ramap-

O'Leary expects the Wildcats' schedule to again be one of the toughest in the state, from Northville and Salem down to the other conference and non-conference foes that include Canton, Plymouth, Rochester Adams, Rochester Hills Stoney Creek, Okemos and Saline.

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# Whalers' Nedeljkovic wows scouts

**By Tim Smith** Staff Writer

By day, Alex Nedeljkovic walks around the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park with a wide smile and friendly demeanor, like many other students who attend the sprawling

But by night, when the 18-year-old Plymouth Whalers goaltender dons his hockey gear, the smile is gone.

He replaces that with almost ferocious focus, staring down opponents and the many pucks that are sent his way.

Nedeljkovic had to do that a lot during the 2013-14 Ontario Hockey League season, turning aside more than 2,000 shots while backstopping the young Whalers to eighth place in the Western Conference. Plymouth's season ended this week with a first-round playoff series loss to Guelph.

"It's been tough, but it's a good challenge," said Nedeljkovic, a Cleveland-area native in his second season with Plymouth. "It's a challenge that I like and a challenge coming into the season I knew was going to happen.

'One way or the other, whether I was going to like it or not, it was going to happen. I had to somehow find a way to get over that and just come every night ready to play and ready to battle and give our team a chance to win."

### On their radar

National Hockey League scouts also have filled their notebooks with positive reviews after flocking to Compuware Arena to watch the 6-foot "Ned" dominate on so many nights.

sult, in Central Scouting's mid-season rankings, Nedeljkovic was deemed the top-rated Canadian Hockey League goalie in the 2014 NHL Entry Draft (to take place in June). The CHL includes 54 teams that are part of the OHL, Western Hockey League and Quebec Major Junior Hockey League.

In 61 games, he faced 2,207 shots and made 2,042 saves (.925) while giving up just 2.88 goals per contest. On a team hard-pressed to score (the Whalers ranked 19th out of 20 teams with 187 goals), his acrobatics were good for a record of 26-27-0-7.



Alex Nedeljkovic successfully keeps another puck out of the net. RENA LAVERTY | PLYMOUTH WHALERS

"It's just a pretty good hon-or," Nedeljkovic said. "There's a lot of goalies in the league and throughout Canada, so there's 40 goalies every night dressing in the league, so it's a pretty big honor to be No. 1ranked in the Ontario Hockey League and CHL.

"I just kind of use that as motivation for the draft, keep working harder."

Whalers goalie coach Stan Matwijiw has no doubts about that. He also expects to hear Ned's name called at some point during the draft in Philadelphia.

"Honestly, at his age, I've never coached anybody that's been as talented as him," said Matwijiw, who through his Bandits Goalie School (which he founded in 1999) has also worked with a number of professional goalies, including former Detroit Red Wing Chris Osgood. "That's the bottom line, end of story. He's that good, fundamentally.

lis maturity is his years. He's extremely coachable. So yeah, he's got it all going."

### **Big dreams**

Nedeljkovic also is setting some big-time goals for the future. He doesn't just want to be drafted by an NHL team and make it, he intends to win the Vezina Trophy as the league's best goaltender. That's like a high school business student planning on running a corporation someday.

"Yeah, that's one of my goals is to someday win a Vezina Trophy," Nedeljkovic said. "That's something I definitely

use as motivation to get me through practices and through workouts and things like that to keep getting better and to keep pushing myself."

Whalers captain and fifthyear defenseman Nick Malysa shook his head when talking about how good Nedeljkovic has been all season.

"It's relaxing," Malysa said. "If you make a mistake, you know he's going to be back there and stop the puck; that's just a relief off your shoul-

According to Matwijiw, who started working with Nedeljkovic in 2011-12 (the then-10thgrader played Midget Major with Belle Tire that year), his protege has plenty of physical attributes.

But he also brings an almost unparalleled work ethic and attention to detail.

During Whalers games, Matwijiw is up in the press box with his iPad, logging every save, puck-handling decision, ally points of that I want to point out to him, good or bad, that we get a chance to look over."

After games, Matwijiw and Nedeljkovic huddle next to each other in the locker room, poring over that night's report.

There are plenty of times when the pupil pretty much knows what the teacher is going to say. He is that astute about his position.

"He's a sponge, he takes everything in," Malysa said. "He wants to learn every day, he works hard and that's just a testament to him and how great he's been raised and how much he wants it."

### **TRACK**

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distance runs and two members of the all-state 1,600meter relay team, the Wildcats still have a strong nucleus intact. Senior Kerri McMahan returns as the state and regional champion in the high jump, as well as a vital 400 and 1,600 relay piece. Senior Taylor Pavlika returns her all-state shot put and discus abilities, while Hannah Lonergan's role on the 1,600 relay team and Abby Downs' 100 hurdle and long jumps will all be important. Hurdler Jenny Chang is also looking to make an impact after missing last year due to injury.

'(I'm) excited to see some young talent on the girls side in the area of distance and mid-distance and most of the boys key players are returning," Reid said.

The boys took 24th in Divi-

sion 1 after winning the Kensington Conference title and finishing fourth in the KLAA and second in the Central Division.

Despite losing a key pole vaulter, much of the core returns. All-state long jumper Ali Taha is also a key anchor in the 800 and 1,600 relays, while Jordan Love was a regional champion in the 100 and 200, the latter of which he earned all-state status. Senior Brian Barnes will be a key distance runner in the 800-, 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs, while senior Marshall Sayles is looking to make an impact in the shot put and discus.

Northville is expected to challenge the Wildcats' for a division title, along with Salem for the girls and Livonia Stevenson for the boys.

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Novi sprinters and hurdlers run around the track. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF

### **SHAMROCKS**

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Juniors this year are: An-Beau Bushart, August Butzke, Connor Canavan, Brian Clark, Nicholas Cobb, Donovan D'Amore, Duggan Dolowy, Ryan Doyle, Spencer Doyle, Griffen Galardi, Benjamin George, Carmin Gutekunst, Devyn Johnston, Nicholas Karabajakian, Sean Kelley, Brett Manoogian, Michael Misiak, Keith Melong, Timothy O'Dea, Denzel Reboya, Benjamin Phillips, Brennan Schilling, Anthony Schluentz, Tyler Schluentz, Parker Schmitt, Tommy Soblesky, Eric Solarz, Dominic Terhaar, Ben Worth and Lance Yassay. Sophomores are: David Bullock, Evan Connolly, Aaron Edillo, Avery Felty, Matthew Fosdick, Brent Freeman, Kyle Giusti, Brenden Hein, Matthew Higgins, Bailey Hobson, Zachary Huber, Sean Hyaduck, Alex Iaquinto, Shane Joyce, Andrew Kennedy, Steven Kieliszewski, Cole Kwasniewicz,

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### **NOVI SPRING SCHEDULE**

### **GIRLS SOCCER** All games 7 p.m. unless noted 4/3 @ South Lyon 4/15 South Lyon East

4/16 @ Northville 4/19 12 p.m. Okemos 4/22 Saline 4/24 Rochester Hills Stoney Creek 4/29 Plymouth Salem 5/1 @ Livonia Stevenson 5/2 5:30 p.m. @ Plymouth 5/6 South Lyon 5/8 @ South Lyon East 5/10 1 p.m. @ Rochester Adams 5/13 Northville 5/15 @ Plymouth Salem 5/19 @ KLAA Crossover 5/21 @ KLAA Crossover

### **GIRLS TENNIS**

All meets 4 p.m. unless noted 4/3 South Lyon East 4/15 Plymouth Salem 4/16 @ Livonia Stevenson 4/17 South Lyon 4/19 8 a.m. @ Ann Arbor Pioneer Tournament 4/22 3:30 p.m. @ Ann Arbor Huron 4/23 3:30 p.m. Bloomfield Hills 4/24 3:30 p.m. Saline 4/26 8 a.m. @ Brighton Quad (Birmingham Groves, Ann Arbor Skyline) 4/28 Rochester 4/29 KLAA Crossover 5/1 @ KLAA Crossover 5/6 @ KLAA Crossovei 5/7 @ Grosse Pointe South 5/10 8 a.m. @ KLAA Conference Meet 5/16 9 a.m. Regionals (@ Novi) 5/31 TBD States (@ Midland)

### **BASEBALL**

All games 4 p.m. unless noted 4/12 11 a.m. Dexter (Doubleheader) 4/14 Plymouth
4/16 South Lyon East (Doubleheader)
4/18 Milford (Doubleheader)
4/19 11 a.m. @ Troy Athens (Doubleheader)
4/21 Northville (Doubleheader) 4/22 Walled Lake Central (Doubleheader) 4/25 @ Livonia Franklin 4/26 11 a.m. Ypsilanti 4/26 1 p.m. Ypsilanti Llncoln 4/28 Livonia Churchill 4/30 Livonia Stevenson (Doubleheader) 5/2 Walled Lake Northern (Doubleheader)

### 5/5 @ Westland John Glenn 5/7 @ Plymouth Salem (Doubleheader) 5/9 Vicksburg (Doubleheader) 5/10 10 a.m. Tournament (Grosse Pointe North, Roches-5/12 Wayne Memorial 5/14 South Lyon (Doubleheader) 5/16 4:30 p.m. Lake Orion

5/17 11 a.m. White Lake Lakeland 5/17 1 p.m. Allen Park 5/19 @ KLAA Crossover 5/21 @ KLAA Crossove 5/24 10 a.m. TBA 5/24 12 p.m. Marysville

### **SOFTBALL**

All games 4 p.m. unless noted 4/14 Plymouth 4/16 South Lyon East (Doubleheader) 4/17 4:30 p.m. @ Birmingham Seaholm (Doubleheader) 4/21 Northville (Doubleheader) 4/25 @ Livonia Franklin 4/26 TBD Tournament (Walled Lake Northern, Rochester Adams, Fenton) 4/28 Livonia Churchill 4/30 Livonia Stevenson (Doubleheader) 5/5 @ Westland John Glenn

5/17-18 TBD (Waterford Kettering @ Canton Tourna-

5/7 @ Plymouth Salem (Doubleheader) 5/8 @ Farmington (Doubleheader) 5/10 10 a.m. @ North Farmington Tournament 5/12 Wayne Memorial 5/14 South Lyon (Doubleheader)

### 5/19 @ KLAA Crossover 5/21 @ KLAA Crossovei 5/23 Beverly Hills Groves **BOYS GOLF**

All meets 3 p.m. unless noted 4/21 12 p.m. @ Birmingham Seaholm Tournament (@ Birmingham CC) 4/26 9 a.m. @ Pinckney Tournament (@ Timber Trace 4/28 12 p.m. @ Birmingham Seaholm Tournament (@ Red Run CC) 4/29 South Lyon (@ Walnut Creek) 5/1 @ Plymouth Salem (@ Fox Hills GC) 5/2 9:30 a.m. @ Plymouth Salem (@ Fox Hills GC) 5/3 8:30 a.m. @ Northville (@ Huron Meadows Metro Park) 5/5 12:30 p.m. @ Birmingham Seaholm Tournament (@

5/8 @ Northville (@ Tanglewood GC) 5/1210:30 a.m. @ Milford Tournament (@ Prestwick CC) 5/13 South Lyon East (@ Walnut Creek)

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Orchard Lake GC) 5/6 @ Livonia Stevenson (@ Fox Creek GC)

5/14 TBD @ Oakland County Championships (@ Pontiac CC) 5/15 KLAA Crossover (@ Walnut Creek) 5/20 @ KLAA Crossover 5/22 KLAA Crossover (@ Walnut Creek) 5/26 @ KLAA Crossover 5/27 @ KLAA Championship (@ Lakeland Golf & CC)

### **BOYS AND GIRLS TRACK**

4/15 3:45 p.m. Plymouth Salem 4/18 3:30 p.m. @ Whitmore Lake 4/19 10 a.m. @ Milford Invitational 4/24 3:45 p.m. @ South Lyon East 4/26 9 a.m. @ Waterford Mott 4/29 3:45 p.m. Northville 5/2 TBD @ Sterling Heights Invitational 5/6 3:45 p.m. @ South Lyon 5/10 TBD @ KLAA Crossover 5/20 TBD @ KLAA Crossover 5/23 TBD @ Oakland County Championships (@ Water-/24 TBD @ Oakland County Championships Finals (@

### **BOYS LACROSSE**

All games 7 p.m. unless noted 4/3 Farmington Hills Harrison 4/14 Northville 4/16 @ Waterford Mott 4/19 1 p.m. @ Farmington Unified 4/25 Royal Oak 4/28 @ Plymouth 4/30 @ South Lyon 5/2 Walled Lake Western 5/5 8 p.m. @ Plymouth Salem 5/10 12 p.m. Troy Athens 5/12 @ KLAA Crossover 5/15 TBD @ Regionals

### **GIRLS LACROSSE**

All games 7 p.m. unless noted 4/3 @ Waterford Mott 4/14 @ Plymouth Salem 4/16 Canton 4/19 4 p.m. Troy 4/21 Farmington Unified 4/23 Farmington Hills Harrison 4/28 Plymouth 4/30 Northville 5/1 South Lyon 5/5 Plymouth Salem 5/7 @ Canton 5/8 @ South Lyon 5/12 KLAA Crossover

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Alexander LaForest, Brandon

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pitching. We've got Whitehead and then.

Green said Wilson had some limited experience at Harrison last year, while junior Adam Tobias' fastball and senior Blair Myers' relief abilities will also come into play. From there, sophomore Scott Beaton, seniors Mark Czapski and Charlie Richter and juniors Mike Ninkovich and Brendan Wexler could all get a look on the mound, although Wexler is expected to handle the pri-

mary catching duties. "Our team's coming together," Green said. "We've got a lot of depth. I think we're going to be able to field the ball pretty well. We're going to be very good defensively and we're going to be able to hit very well."

Second and third base duties will be split between Figurski, Beaton and junior Brian Baxter.

"We're going to be solid in the infield with Beaton and

Baxter at second," Green said. Along with Wilson, the outfield could include Tobias,

Klosterman, Figurski, Casaccia, Mitchell, senior Andrew Stefan and speedy sophomore Spencer VanKirk. With the overall athleticism of his team, Green said

he feels fortunate that so many of his players can field well in so many different positions. It will allow the Wildcats to compete for the division title with Livonia Stevenson and Northville.

"The league is going to be very balanced this year, I believe, with Northville being strong again, as well as Livonia Stevenson," Green said.

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### **NEWSMAKERS**

### **Bower appointed** to ArtServe board

ArtServe Michigan, a statewide nonprofit arts and cultural advocacy organization, elected Matthew Bower, attorney at Varnum LLP law firm in Novi, to the

directors. Bower specializes in copyright law, publishing,

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licensing, entertainment, trademark, Internet law, right of publicity and other areas of intellectual property. In addition to his work as a member of ArtServe Michigan's Lawyers for the Creative Economy Advisory Committee. Bower is a past chair of the Arts, Communications, Entertainment and Sports Section law section of the State Bar of Michigan and a member of the board of directors for the Michigan Youth

### FTCH's Novi office growing

Art Association.

Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Inc., announced the following people have joined the Novi team. FTCH has seen rapid growth in the southeast Michigan regional office, with more than 60 staff members, providing architecture and engineering services.

Kristen M. Walker, P.E., joined FTCH as a civil engineer. She is a graduate of Wayne State University, where she earned both her BS and MS in civil engineering. Her experience is with traffic engineering analysis, traffic studies, intersection improvements and pedestrian and bicycle safety action plans.

Katerina Kollar, P.E., LEED AP, joined FTCH as a senior civil engineer. She graduated from Slovak Technical University with a BS in civil engineering and an MS in civil/environmental engineering from Wayne State University. She brings over 16 years of experience in planning, engineering and management.

Bryan D. Turczynski, P.E., is a senior civil engineer. He received his BS in civil engineering from Michigan State University. He has over 13 years of experience and is a certified office technician, storm water management operator and also holds many MDOT certifications.

Jeremy J. Schrot, P.E., joined the firm as a civil engineer. He is a graduate of Michigan Technological University, where he received BS in civil engineering. He holds certifications in storm water management, soil erosion and sedimentation control, MDOT office technician and MDOT field manager.

Christine Price joined FTCH as a civil engineering technician and holds an AS in architecture and construction from Worcester Industrial Technical Institute/Central New England College.

Mukund P. Patel, P.E., joined FTCH as a senior bridge design engineer, bringing over 24 years of experience with bridge engineering and construction. He has a BS in civil engineering from Gujarat University.

Tia L. Klein, P.E., joined FTCH as a senior civil engineer in the Macomb office. She is a graduate of Wayne State University, where she earned a BS in materials science and engineering. She has 16 years of transportation experience and will be integral in expanding FTCH's southeast Michigan business.

# **New to Town Center**



Management of Novi Town Center announced that Shoe Carnival, a leading retailer of value-priced brand name and private label shoes and accessories, is now open. The store is located at 43151 Crescent Boulevard in the center. In addition, Charles Schwab, a national financial services firm, has already opened new offices at Novi Town Center at 43251 Crescent Boulevard. "As a well-known place for women's, men's and boy's shoes and accessories, Shoe Carnival is a great complement to our current selection of fashion stores." NTC general manager Jim Clear said. "With their many financial services for the individual investor, Charles Schwab offers our visitors a convenient opportunity to learn more ways to maximize their personal funds." CAL STONE

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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 Ten Mile Rd, Novi during regular business hours which are Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. These comments should be directed to Tom Walsh and must be received prior to April 18th, 2014.

Tom Walsh (248) 347-0415

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Metro Detroit Realtors are pleased to see area home prices coming back up. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

# **GOOD NEWS: METRO DETROIT** HOME PRICES SEE AN UPSWING

**By Julie Brown** 

Gary J. Reggish, broker/owner of Remerica United Realty of Novi, wasn't too surprised by a recent report on metro Detroit home prices rebounding

"Good things are happening in Michigan," said Livonia resident Reggish. "It's all of metro Detroit."

Some housing markets are seeing jumps of 20 percent or more in median list prices, according to the website real-

Median list prices are up 7.57 percent over the last year, according to a report from realtor.com, which reflects October data for 146 metro markets.

"Monthly prices fell slightly in October (down 0.25 percent month-overmonth), but remained resilient against the usual seasonal patterns of stabilizing inventory," realtor.com noted in its re-

Detroit has seen the largest year-over-year increase, with median asking prices rising 44 percent in the past year, according to a November 2013 report. Eighty-five percent of the 146 markets that realtor.com tracks reported year-over-year

Realtor.com recently highlighted some of the hottest markets to buy, based on the largest year-over-year median list price gains from February 2013-14. These are the cities that top that list:

1 Stockton, Calif., +38.9 percent yearover-year gain, median home price:

2 **Las Vegas,** +26.9 percent, median home price: \$177,500

3 Reno, Nev., +26.8 percent, median

home price: \$259,900

4 **Detroit**, +26.3 percent, median home price: \$119,900

5 Riverside-San Bernardino, Calif., +24.6 percent, median home price: \$292,800

6 Orange County, Calif., +23.7 per-

cent, median home price: \$599,900

7 Fresno, Calif., +21.2 percent, median home price: \$229,000 Source: "Top 10 Markets for Increasing Median Home Prices," realtor.com®

(March 21, 2014) "We're resilient," said Reggish of Detroiters. "We were the first to lead the country out of this crisis."

Reggish now sees many more metro

Detroiters returning to work, as well as a shortage of homes in inventory. "We're just in an awesome, awesome market right now. Every home is selling," he He sees fewer bank-owned homes,

more private property sales in his work. "They're selling for top dollar. Every house is selling and selling quickly," Reggish said. Even bank-owned homes in rougher shape and needing more work, if priced correctly, are selling.

Interest rates are low, and he encourages seller clients not to wait too long to put a home on the market.

"What we're experiencing now is a true real estate correction," he said. Prices will at some point level off as the market corrects.

Reggish joked that only the oft-quoted "polar vortex" kept few home shoppers at home. "We haven't missed a beat during these winter months," he said. His work includes a "nice blend" of

customers, from young buyers to empty nesters moving often to condos. There isn't just one sector, "which is what we

Reggish anticipates the federal government will raise interest rates on mortgages, and work with the industry to avoid another real estate bubble. "We are definitely near stabilization," he said.

He finds it's too early to say just what interest rates will be, but anticipates gradual climbing. Even 1 percent will make a big difference in the monthly payment for a \$200,000 home, he said.

"I am not surprised at all," the 15-year

Realtor concluded of the recent report. "I have never been more proud of the state I

live in. We are survivors."

Sharing the views of Reggish is Duane
Marsh, CEO of the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors, which is completing a move from Farmington to Southfield for its offices.

"The metro area of southeast Michigan continues to show great strength in the housing market," said Wixom resi-dent Marsh. "We anticipate that going forward for the next period of time.'

Marsh and GMAR members and leadship have noticed local home prices on the upswing. "We've been seeing that all over the area," Marsh added.

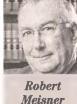
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# install: Check with lawyer first

Q: I live in a subdivision and our homeowner association owns the clubhouse. They are thinking of installing and providing free WiFi in the clubhouse. The board is wondering if they

should require that users agree to a terms and conditions policy. Do you think that is necessary and what do you think about the idea of providing free WiFi?



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A: The board, if the board is in control of the clubhouse because the association owns it, has the right to run the clubhouse in a reasonably prudent fashion. Providing WiFi is not, in my judgment, unreasonable, but it is important that those persons who agree to use the WiFi must comply with its terms and conditions and that there should be a terms and conditions policy just like the use of any other WiFi when you go into a hotel or other place of accommodation where WiFi is provided. You are best advised to tell the board that they need to get a policy drafted by a lawyer who understands the obligations imposed by the use of the WiFi.

Q: We are getting our tax assessment notice and I am wondering whether it is worthwhile to pursue the matter as the increase was only several thousand dollars. What do you think?

A: There will always be a time limit and procedural requirement for you to follow in regard to tax appeals. The resulting increase may or may not be justifiable, and you should talk to a Realtor about the tax assessment and whether it is in excess of what it should be even though the median average of homes in the metropolitan Detroit area has increased approximately 17 percent over the last year or so. Each person must make their own evaluation with whatever assistance they can obtain in determining whether a tax appeal is appropriate. However, it doesn't hurt to learn about the procedure for appealing your assessment so that in the future, should it become necessary again to appeal, you are able to do so and the tax assessor is aware of your presence.

the author of " Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling and Operating a Condominium." It is available for \$24.95, plus \$5.55 for tax, shipping and handling. " Condo Living 2" is available in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes, Amazon.com, and barnesandnoble.com. He is also the author of " Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. It is available for \$9.95, plus \$2.20 for tax, shipping and handling. Call 248-644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 11-15, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

DEVEKTA HITTO
19661 Beverly Rd
18208 Buckingham Ave
16253 Kirkshire Ave
20675 W 13 Mile Rd
BIRMINGHAM
852 Bird Ave
369 E Southlawn Blvd
1930 Washington Blvd
1387 Webster St
680 Willits St
35300 Woodward Ave #
507
1159 Worthington Rd
<b>BLOOMFIELD HILLS</b>
1194 Rolling Hills Dr
3731 Lane Lake Rd
6984 Woodbank Dr
<b>BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP</b>
3665 Bradford Ct
75 Devon Rd
755 E Fox Hills Dr
3681 Forest Hill Dr
1979 Golf Ridge Dr

2276 Pine St

2517 Rambling Way

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e week	6380 Sunningdale Dr
Dakland	883 Tartan Trl
office.	517 Westbourne Dr
lresses,	<b>COMMERCE TOWNSHIP</b>
11 (33(3)	4541 Driftwood Dr
	5600 Ford Rd
	6060 Ford Rd
\$449,000	1555 Huron Springs Ln
\$410,000	1129 Island Dr
\$77,000	4483 Lynne Ln
\$189,000	1311 Sleeth Rd
	2424 Solace Dr
\$585,000	1583 Trace Hollow Dr
\$248,000	FARMINGTON
\$335,000	33455 Alta Loma Dr
\$140,000	33705 Hamlin Ct
\$725,000	35616 Heritage Ln
\$153,000	33266 Meadowlark St
	FARMINGTON HILLS
\$357,000	29305 Bannockburn St
	34800 Bunker Hill Dr
\$116,000	29205 Chelsea Xing
\$490,000	30117 Club House Ln
\$215,000	23157 Cora Ave
	30004 De Orr St
\$315,000	37585 Dorchester Dr
\$435,000	29203 Earth Ln
\$45,000	36104 Fredericksburg Rd
\$710,000	29319 Glenbrook Dr
\$560,000	33039 Hearthstone Rd
\$610,000	39030 Lancaster Dr
\$265,000	22820 Lisa Ct

635 South Hills Rd

1,051,000	25553 Lynford St
\$370,000	21313 Ontaga St
\$390,000	27948 Quail Hollow Rd
\$366,000	36531 Quakertown Ln
	29320 Regents Pointe
\$343,000	21772 S Brandon St
\$110,000	30304 Stratford Ct
\$205,000	35689 Vicksburg St
\$350,000	29624 W 10 Mile Rd
\$290,000	31993 W 12 Mile Rd Unit
\$255,000	113
\$163,000	32641 W 13 Mile Rd
\$63,000	22778 Watt Dr
\$25,000	MILFORD
	321 Dorchester Way
\$180,000	2678 E Maple Rd
\$217,000	2822 Lone Tree Rd
\$115,000	3226 Mapleridge
\$148,000	408 Mill Pond Ln
	1292 N Milford Rd
\$170,000	750 S Duck Lake Rd
\$220,000	1924 Scenic Dr
\$347,000	1307 Yosemite Valley Dr
\$217,000	1315 Yosemite Valley Dr
\$150,000	NORTHVILLE
\$118,000	1118 Washington Cir
\$270,000	NOVI
\$101,000	23912 Broadmoor Park
\$274,000	Ln
\$290,000	22275 Chelsea Ln
\$147,000	22689 Cheshire Ct
\$230,000	44725 Ellery Ln
\$270,000	44836 Ford Way Dr

\$90,000	24624 Highlands Dr	\$222,000
\$168,000	31156 Kingswood Blvd	\$345,000
\$162,000	40440 Ladene Ln	\$231,000
\$130,000	23410 Meadowbrook Rd	\$120,000
\$110,000	23833 Meadowbrook Rd	\$196,000
\$315,000	24669 Naples Dr	\$339,000
\$234,000	24983 Portsmouth Ave	\$319,000
\$43,000	SOUTH LYON	
\$65,000	58656 Bridge House Ct	\$86,000
	52591 E Fremont Dr	\$463,000
\$145,000	52619 E Fremont Dr	\$378,000
\$37,000	61212 Greenwood Dr	\$65,000
	59163 Peters Barn Dr	\$363,000
\$255,000	58763 Swing Beam Ct	\$114,000
\$175,000	301 Wellington Dr	\$150,000
\$249,000	SOUTHFIELD	
\$265,000	27800 Arlington Dr	\$190,000
\$265,000	28201 Bell Rd	\$100,000
\$206,000	20365 Briarwood Ct	\$100,000
\$265,000	19215 Eldridge Ln	\$52,000
\$520,000	17472 Gateway Cir	\$58,000
\$292,000	16306 Harden Cir	\$130,000
\$278,000	22865 Kenwyck Dr	\$6,000
	15983 Meadowood Ave	\$110,000
\$150,000	19721 Silver Spring St	\$163,000
	29112 Wellington Rd W #	\$52,000
\$500,000	89	
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\$200,000	8030 High Point Trl	\$330,000
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\$310,000	8955 Van Gordon St	\$126,000

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 2-6, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses.

and sales prices.			
CANTON			
13044 Avon Rd	\$209,000		
45932 Bartlett Dr	\$300,000		
45671 Baywood Blvd	\$260,000		
2233 Brookhaven Rd	\$205,000		
50312 Colonial St	\$298,000		
378 Constitution St	\$265,000		
51247 Federal Blvd	\$81,000		
50216 Grant St	\$271,000		
41606 Haggerty Woods	\$164,000		
Ct			
5418 Harrow Ct	\$320,000		
468 Merrimac Rd	\$152,000		
1614 Orchard Dr	\$50,000		
7928 Oxford Dr	\$110,000		

D/REAL EST
7942 Oxford Dr
218 Patriot St
41919 Riverwood Ct
48919 Stanton Ct E
GARDEN CITY
5667 Gilman St
5917 Gilman St
117 Greenwood St
LIVONIA
36910 Ann Arbor Tri
9855 Camden St
38509 Elsie St
14244 Garden St
14244 Garden St
20649 Golf Ridge Cir
36514 Joy Rd
15583 Liverpool St
18550 Loveland St
9833 Mayfield St

14736 Melrose St

29459 Oakley St

19815 Norwich Rd

E TRA	ANSACTION:
\$60,000	19490 Saint Francis St
255,000	31206 W Chicago St
175,000	16862 Yorkshire St
395,000	NORTHVILLE
	16917 Dunswood Rd
\$90,000	18905 Edenderry St
\$67,000	19525 Maxwell St
105,000	16527 Mulberry Way
	16984 Niagara Ct
133,000	49832 Parkside Dr
148,000	39567 Village Run Dr
146,000	PLYMOUTH
105,000	9229 Ball St
166,000	500 Ford St
\$43,000	40435 Greenbriar Ln
199,000	44800 Gregory Ln
195,000	48463 Meadow Ct
235,000	51298 Plymouth Ridge D
125,000	8918 Whittlesey Lake Dr
105,000	REDFORD
283,000	9339 Beech Daly Rd
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S-WAY	NE COUNTY	
\$98,000	12074 Columbia	\$60,000
\$158,000	14151 Lucerne	\$53,000
\$289,000	15874 Macarthur	\$45,000
	20524 Norborne	\$33,000
\$335,000	14006 Royal Grand	\$85,000
\$560,000	26941 W Davison	\$47,000
\$230,000	WAYNE	
\$359,000	4011 Mildred St	\$61,000
\$560,000	WESTLAND	
\$430,000	30837 Beechnut St	\$100,000
\$285,000	34732 Blackfoot St	\$33,000
	34732 Blackfoot St	\$155,000
\$240,000	35690 Fairchild St	\$70,000
\$67,000	8494 Haller St \$189,000	
\$225,000	32328 Hazelwood St	\$75,000
\$177,000	5788 Herbert St	\$95,000
\$380,000	34461 Hiveley St	\$85,000
\$478,000	32723 Lone Pine Dr	\$75,000
\$227,000	35208 Sheridan St	\$50,000
	2289 Stieber St	\$18,000
\$83,000	27664 Trailbrooke Cir	\$50,000
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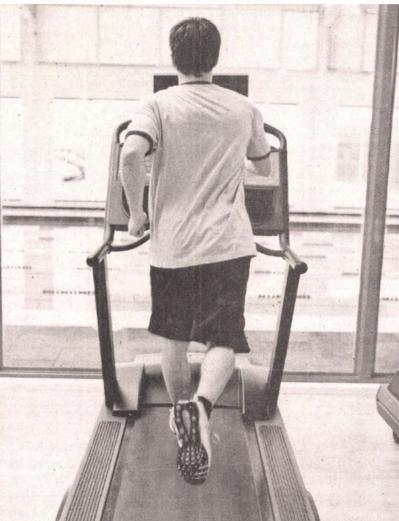
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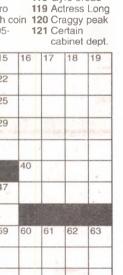
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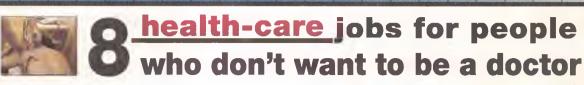




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Debra Auerbach CareerBuilder Writer

When you ask children what they want to be when they grow up, a common answer is "doctor." When those children do eventually grow up, their job dreams may have shifted, but for those who still aspire to work in health care, doctor is just one of the many career paths to take.

The population of elderly people in the U.S. is growing, and the health-care field is growing along with it. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that the health-care and social assistance sector is projected to gain more jobs than any other sector between 2010 and 2020.

If you're interested in health care and medicine, but becoming a doctor just isn't for you, consider one of these nine health-care occupation alternatives:

### 1. Cardiovascular technologists and technicians and vascular technologists\*

What they do: Cardiovascular technologists perform tests via imaging technology on the heart and vascular system to help physicians detect and diagnose heart and blood-vessel conditions in patients. Most workers who enter this field receive an associate degree. Some technologists and technicians get on-the-job training, but many employers also require professional certification.

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### 2. Clinical and medical laboratory technicians and technologists

What they do: These technicians and technologists perform various tasks in a clinical lab, such as collecting samples and performing tests to analyze body fluids, tissue and other substances. In 2010, 52 percent of medical laboratory technologists and technicians worked in hospitals.

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What they do: Dental assistants help dentists with patients in a variety of ways. Tasks include making patients comfortable before procedures, sterilizing equipment, teaching patients about proper dental hygiene and scheduling appointments. Almost all dental assistants work in dental offices.

Projected job growth between 2010-20: 31 percent (much faster than average) Median annual pay: \$33,470

### 4. Dietitians and nutritionists

What they do: As food and nutrition experts, dietitians and nutritionists advise patients on what to eat in order to lead a healthy lifestyle or reach certain weight goals. Most workers in this field have a bachelor's degree and have participated in supervised on-the-job training. Many states require dietitians and nutritionists to be licensed.

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Median annual pay: \$53.250

### 5. Dispensing opticians

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### 6. Health information and medical records technicians

What they do: The responsibilities of health information and medical records technicians include collecting and organizing health data, updating national cancer registries and coding medical bills for insurance reimbursement. The job outlook for this occupation is strong, given that more hospitals are transitioning to electronic health records.

Projected job growth between 2010-20: 21 percent (faster than average)

Median annual pay: \$32,350

### 7. Home health and personal care aides

What they do: As the elderly population grows, the need for home health and personal care aides increases. These workers specifically help elderly, disabled or ill patients who aren't able to care for themselves independently. They help with everything from bathing and dressing to light housekeeping to dispensing medication. While most aides work in a client's home, others may work in group homes or care communities.

Projected job growth between 2010-20: 70 percent (much faster than average) Median annual pay: \$20,170

### 8. Pharmacy technicians

What they do: Pharmacy technicians help licensed pharmacists dispense prescription medication. They also perform administrative tasks in pharmacies. While most technicians hold a high-school diploma or equivalent, some states require that they complete a formal training program and pass an exam. These technicians may work either full or part time in grocery or drugstore pharmacies or in hospitals.

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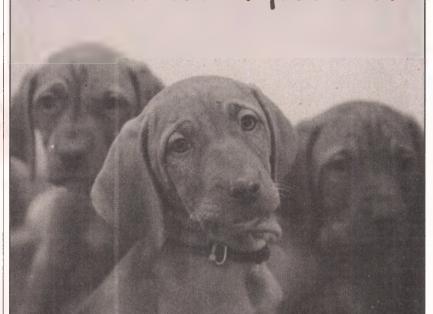
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