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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 oil-based paints, batteries, auto fluids, expired medications, CFLs, mercury, pesticides, cleaners, computers, televisions, aerosols and more. As always, paper shredding will be available.

Jobless rate numbers fall

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 well.

Novi wants solutions at 10 Mile, Napier

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

While waiting for more long-term 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 most-accident prone intersections in the community.

Mutch asked the council to support a proposal to have Novi'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 inter-

section'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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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

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 graduation.

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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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," he said.

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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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 community."

Norvthville resident and WDIV-TV (Channel 4) personality Chuck Gaidica, a meteorologist 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).

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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 toll-free 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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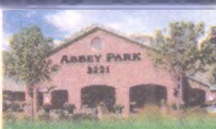
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Novi location gets new life as the Daily Post

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

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 affordable."

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

The décor 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

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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.

became a one-stop shop with gambling, food, hotels."

Bahoura said the non-smoking law eliminated smoking for everybody except casinos.

"That's a huge disadvantage to local busi-

nesses, whether you're in Detroit or suburbs," he said.

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

with his friend Randy and Randy's uncle Julian.

"There has 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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This was the first of many lessons I have learned over the



Steve Matthews
SUPER TALK

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 approxi-

mately 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 next 20 years.

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

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 useful life.

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 community:

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/.

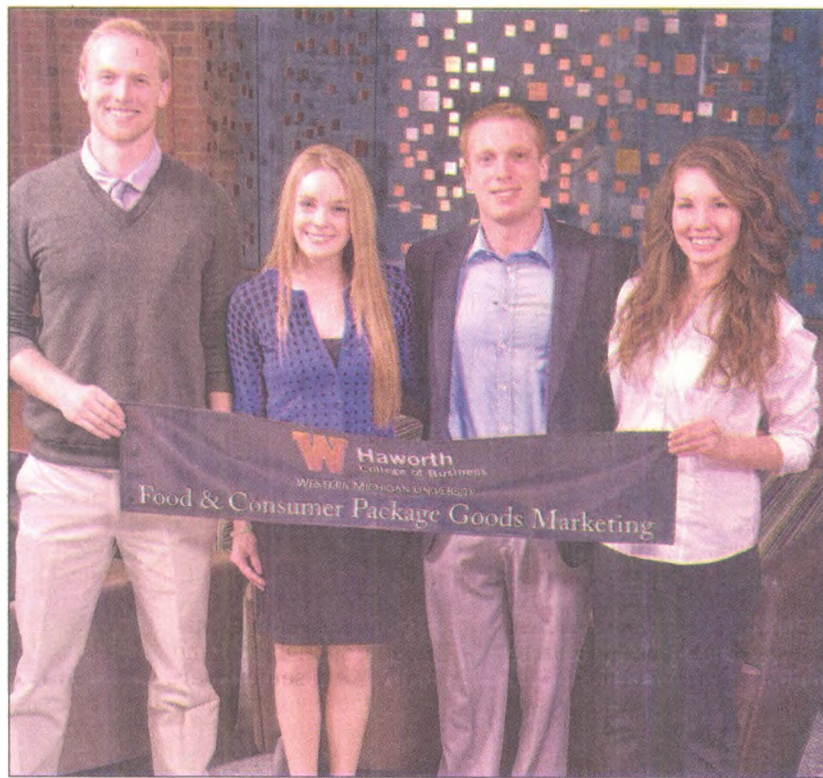
Montessori open house

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 responsibilities 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 Jim 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 full-time students who have received a grade-point average of 3.7 or higher for the semester. Part-time 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 full-time 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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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.

The city of Novi 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 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.

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.

On the Road

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 Theatre.

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 reg-

istration 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 248-349-0720.

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

Celebrate spring with an Eggstravaganza

Celebrate the spring season with the first-ever 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 the event.

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



Nash

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, with-in 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 *Detroit 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 Protection 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 time.

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 ditch.

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 cost-share agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation.

The Metro Connector Trail will connect the northern terminus of the 40-mile long I-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

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.

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 connection.

"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 patterns 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 College.

"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,



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 long-time 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 ones. She graduated in June 2013 with her master's in counseling and psychology from Moody Theological Seminary in Plymouth 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 fin-



The hands of Linda Bastien work on knitting a 10-stitch afghan.

ished a sweater for my grandson," she said. "Mostly I knit at the Assarian Cancer Center. It's very rewarding to do 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 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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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 free.

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.



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
Novi

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
Novi

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.

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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 another 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 in.

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.
Novi

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 arts.

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 them.

The Northville Educational Foundation organized this annu-

al 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 frantically 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.

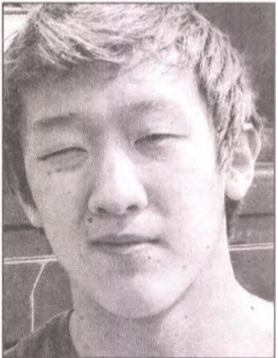
Snyder assured us there would be extended employment under this deleterious law. Why are we still 49th in job growth and the fourth highest in the unemployment rate in the nation?

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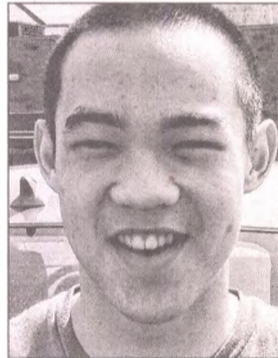
Novi schools are getting ready for spring break next week. Do you have any plans?

This question was asked of Novi High School students.



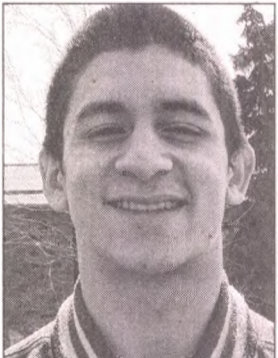
"I will probably just stay around here and enjoy the weather and some local places, maybe go into Ann Arbor."

Will Sohn
Novi High senior



"Probably visit some local colleges and have a little fun."

Nathan Louie
Novi High senior



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

Gordon Williams
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"I'm going to relax at home."

Amari Bryant
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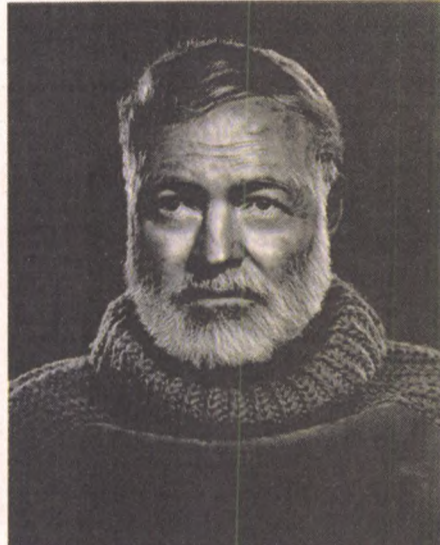
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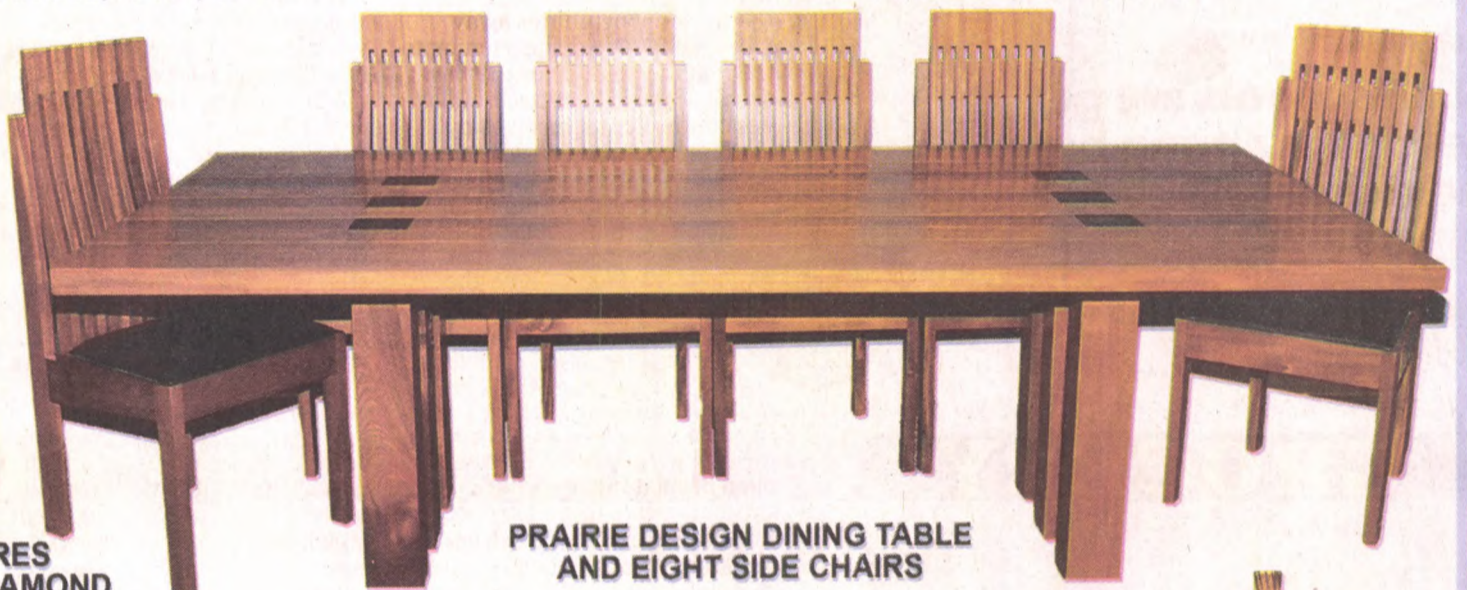
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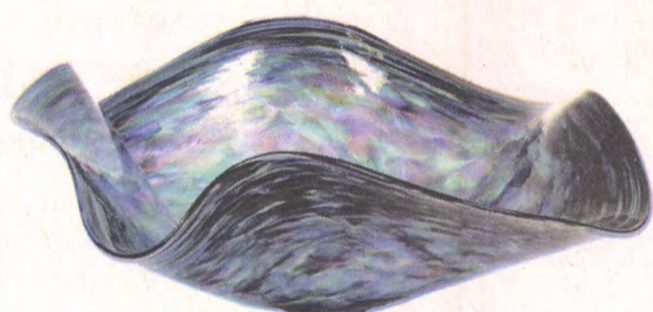
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PREVIEW: CC TRACK AND FIELD

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 long-time 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



Catholic Central track team 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 | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

younger counterparts.

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

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.
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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 now-veteran core of 10 seniors, five 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 pitcher's mound.

"He really helps us out a lot defensively in the outfield," Green said.

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

Figski 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 double-header against Dexter.

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

ON TAP

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 last year.

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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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 KLAAs 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 Northern.

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 returned 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 North-

ern and 6-4, 6-2 by Marian.

At No. 3 doubles, a new-but-experienced 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 (6-4, 7-5).

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 Groves.

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 begun its road to rebound from a 3-13 showing in the KLAAs Central and a loss in the district finals to Farmington Hills Mercy that ended last season.

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. His experience coaching with

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

“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 little.”

“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 this year.”

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.”

A strong core of Novi pitch-

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 Wildcats.

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 KLAAs 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 three-year 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 KLAAs Central 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 KLAAs 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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PREVIEW: NOVI BOYS LACROSSE

Solid core returns to defend KLAA crown

Team looking to top association again

By **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 skills.

"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 well-represented in terms of high school talent.

Detroit Catholic Central was one of the top-ranked 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 Central.

Both teams were well-represented on the all-state selections by the Michigan High School Hockey Coaches' Association.

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 honors.

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 nods.

Northville's lone all-state 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 defenseman 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 or CC.

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 all-state honorable mention honors behind a 14-6-1 record, .917 save percentage and 1.96 goals-against 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 odds.

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 wres-

ler 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 Uni-

versity. 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 University.

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer covering sports for the Northville Record and Novi News.

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 Jarzembowski.

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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Why did you choose this area for your business?

The city of Novi is a dynamic community that is an ideal location



The staff of JMG Dentistry (from left): Noura, hygienist; Heather, hygienist; Natasha, scheduling coordinator; Dr. Justin Geller; Angel, office manager; Kara, hygienist; and Stacey, dental assistant.

for a dental practice. There is a dense residential area surrounding our office which I thought was going to be the bulk of our patient base. But after being opened for 10 years, patients come from all over the metro area including Northville, Milford, Wixom, Walled Lake, Farmington Hills, Commerce, Canton, South Lyon, West Bloomfield and so many other cities. We even have some patients that come from out of state for their dental needs.

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

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Any advice for business owners?

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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 board of directors.

Bower specializes in copyright law, publishing, 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 Art Association.



Bower

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.

FTCH's Novi office growing

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

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.

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8 health-care jobs for people who don't want to be a doctor

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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.

Projected job growth between 2010-20: 29 percent (much faster than average)
Median annual pay: \$49,410

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.

Projected job growth between 2010-20: 13 percent (about as fast as average)
Median annual pay: \$46,680

3. Dental assistants

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.

Projected job growth between 2010-20: 20 percent (faster than average)
Median annual pay: \$53,250

5. Dispensing opticians

What they do: Dispensing opticians fit patients with eyeglasses and contact lenses. Opticians typically have a high-school diploma or equivalent and some form of on-the-job training. Training may include technical



instruction and sales and office management practices. Twenty-three states require opticians to be licensed. Depending on the state, opticians may also need to pass a state written exam, a state practical exam and/or certification exams.

Projected job growth between 2010-20: 29 percent (much faster than average)
Median annual pay: \$32,940

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 special-

ly 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.

Projected job growth between 2010-20: 32 percent (much faster than average)
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OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR
Milford Presbyterian Church
16 hrs/wk.
Milfordpc.org/office-admin

RECEPTIONIST
Caretel Inns of Brighton, a constantly growing skilled nursing/assisted living facility, is seeking a Part-time Receptionist. Must be friendly, energetic person, and enjoys working with elderly. Must have exc. written, verbal and computer skills. Please visit our beautiful facility to fill out an application: 1014 E. Grand River Ave, Brighton, MI 48116. You can also email us a resume: hrcaretel@brighton@gmail.com

Help Wanted - Dental
DENTAL ASSISTANT
EXPERIENCED
with outgoing personality for progressive, modern, fast paced dental practice in Novi. Contact Cyndi or Becky at: 248-465-6310

ORTHOTREATMENT COORDINATOR
Wayne County
Great pay, benefits, FT hours. Ortho experience and success in previous sales position required.
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Help Wanted - Medical
RESIDENT CARE ASSOCIATES
Exp'd. Immediate Opening at Beautiful Assisted Living Facility in Westland. Benefits available. Please fax resume to: (248) 350-9083

Help Wanted - Medical
MANYCREST
A TRINITY SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY
Mancryest Manor has immediate job openings available. At Mancryest, we cultivate wellness for mind, body and spirit. If it is your calling to work with our residents, please join our team!
Mancryest Manor
15475 Middlebelt Road
Livonia, Michigan

CENAS
Full/Part-Time for Afternoons/Midnights and Part-Time CENAS for Midnights. CENA's assist Elders with daily living functions such as dental care, feeding, bathing, dressing/undressing, nail care, hair care, and shaving according to expressed preference.

Nurse RN Managers/
LPN Managers
Full-Time for Days/Afternoons & Part Time for Midnights. The primary purpose of your position is to provide direct nursing care to the residents, and to supervise the day-to-day nursing activities performed by nursing shift staff.

Environmental Support Assistants
Contingent, Full/Part-Time. Ensure assigned work areas are maintained in a clean, safe, comfortable, sanitary and attractive manner. Ensure established infection control & universal precautions practices are maintained when performing duties.

Community Life Assistant
Contingent Will assist in the planning, implementation, & evaluation of recreational, social, intellectual, emotional and spiritual programs, in accordance with the resident's assessment & care plan.
Please apply online at TrinitySeniorSanctuary.org
Click the Careers Link
Search for Current Job Openings and Select Mancryest Manor under the Community options.

MEDICAL RECEPTIONISTS
MEDICAL ASSISTANTS
Part/full time. Belleville. Fax 734-697-0374 smkgcmm@gmail.com

Help Wanted - Medical
DIRECT CARE STAFF
No experience needed, paid training available! All shifts available Working with developmentally disabled adults in their homes. Must have a valid drivers license, w/clean record, high school diploma or GED.
Starting \$3.75/hour
Monday-Friday
Call between 9am-5pm
Livingston County area
Kristie at: 517-518-8284

MEDICAL ASSISTANT
25-30 hrs/wk. Exc. Salary and Health Benefits.
RECEPTIONIST
Experience Preferred
Full-Time, Exc. Salary and Health Benefits
For West Bloomfield-Albany Office. Cover Letter, Resume & References to: miallery@comcast.net

MEDICAL BILLING SPECIALIST
Needed with 2 yrs. minimum experience in coding & billing. Immediate Start.
Livonia area
Resume only: skb35is@yahoo.com

Medical Receptionist
An Ann Arbor area medical office committed to the highest standard of care is seeking a full time Medical Receptionist. Excellent pay & benefits for individual with experience. Must have medical insurance knowledge and strong computer skills.
Email or Fax Resume to: a2derm@aol.com (734) 996-8767

MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST:
For general surgeon / family practice. Job requires ability to multi-task, scheduling, filing, answering phones, data entry, insurance verification, etc. Must be reliable & compassionate.
Fax resume to: 248-889-2696

MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST
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RN or LPN
Nurses-Weekends
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Food - Beverage
COOKS
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Experience preferred
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OPEN 1:30-4 | 4344 Hillside Drive, Ann Arbor - Lovely well-maintained two story boasts beautiful views of a wooded commons. \$234,900
Glenda Gerbstadt (734) 389-7759



OPEN 1-4 | 3801 Cornwall, Berkley Opportunity knocking!! St. John Woods brick and stone ranch with excellent curb appeal. \$199,900
Jack Bertioia (248) 639-4988



OPEN 1-3 | 2427 Thomas Ave., Berkley Cute brick charmer, walking distance to downtown Berkley and Catalpa Oaks Park. Well maintained. \$134,900
Diane Shires (248) 817-4569



OPEN 1-4 | 1212 Edgewood, Birmingham - Newly remodeled walk to town beauty! Open floor plan and granite kitchen. \$385,000
Janet Burger (248) 817-4557



OPEN 1-4 | 1303 Cole Street, Birmingham - Location! Walk to Downtown and the Rail District from this charming bungalow. \$192,000
Joanna Drukker (248) 639-4903



OPEN 1-3 | 775 Brookwood Walk, Bloomfield - Beautiful, four bedroom, two and a half bath traditional home with three-car garage. \$489,000
Wendi Miller (248) 639-4907



OPEN 12-2 | 6809 Adams, Bloomfield Hills - Welcome home! Well maintained open ranch, great for entertaining with in-ground pool. \$169,000
Jeffery Alasina (248) 639-4958



OPEN 1-4 | 725 Half Moon Road, Bloomfield Village - Handsome Georgian Colonial in much-loved area. 3,227 square feet. \$725,000
Rosalee Hill (248) 365-7138



OPEN 2-4 | 101 W Glass, Brandon Township - Beautiful lakefront setting on private spring fed Bald Eagle Lake. Desirable all sports lake. \$189,900
Margie Kelly (248) 639-4465



OPEN 1-4 | 509 Franklin, Brighton First floor master suite and laundry, with a modern floor plan and a short walk downtown! \$200,000
Tracy Slintak (248) 639-7951



OPEN 10:30-1:30pm | 586 Sheffield, Canton - Three bedroom condo with first floor master. Updated kitchen and finished basement. \$224,900
Jessica Tremonti (313) 486-5246



OPEN 1-4 | 37253 Glenbrook, Clinton Township - Mint condition, many updates. Newer kitchen, refinished cabinets, freshly painted. \$99,800
Nancy Shelby (313) 214-2317



SALE PENDING | Strawberry Circle, Commerce - This former model home is move-in ready! Located on a cul-de-sac, backing to a park. \$409,000
Kori Adams (248) 639-4914



OPEN 2-4 | 188 Kerby, Grosse Pointe Farms - Charming four bedroom updated Tudor with original detail. Newer roof. \$439,000
Dori Daskas (313) 208-7922



OPEN 2-4 | 44 Regal, Grosse Pointe Shores - Great curb appeal in this spacious Colonial with three-car garage. Large foyer. \$525,000
Laila Abud (313) 214-2320



OPEN 2-4 | 2002 Roslyn, Grosse Pointe Woods - Magnificent Quad-level home. Five bedrooms, possible 6th bedroom. Three baths. \$159,900
James Addison (313) 214-2305



OPEN 2-4 | 19115 Woodland, Harper Woods - So many updates, every detail has been attended to. Spacious open updated kitchen \$48,000
Marsha King (313) 214-2295



OPEN 2-4 | 18980 Roscommon, Harper Woods - Beautiful clean two bedroom gem. Everything has been pretty much done. \$27,900
Deborah Kelly (313) 214-2247



OPEN 1-4 | 38563 Lakeshore, Harrison Township - Magnificent home on Metro Beach's protected back bay, minutes from Lake St. Clair. \$929,000
Carol Paton (586) 554-2385



OPEN 2-4 | 37958 Seaway, Harrison Township - Meticulously kept Tri-level featuring 120' canal space with a covered boat hoist. \$429,900
Matt Mannino (313) 214-2288



OPEN 1-4 | 39439 E. Archer, Harrison Township - The waterfront home you've waited for! This great home is totally renovated! \$299,000
Mark Dziedzic (586) 554-2307



OPEN 1-4 | 39363 Canterbury Dr., Harrison Township - Great room ranch, model-like new. Wildlife area in back of home. \$258,000 Hosted by
Misty Weisenberger (586) 782-7945



OPEN 1-4 | 28768 Ashland, Harrison Township - Open floor plan makes entertaining easy. Relax in your master bedroom with fireplace. \$244,900
Christine Obaro (586) 522-4450



OPEN 1-4 | 167 Mark Dr., Harrison Township - Beautiful three bedroom completely updated condominium with full basement. \$74,900
Don Glomb (586) 554-2388



OPEN 1-4 | 3851 Red Root Road, Lake Orion - A beautiful home, very clean with neutral decor throughout. Recent updates. \$378,000
Nancy Ritter (248) 365-7114



OPEN 1-3 | 19 Lana Court, Mt. Clemens - Detached site condo with three bedrooms & two baths provides freedom plus privacy. \$114,900
Rhonda Gleffe (248) 817-4588



OPEN 1-4 | 59203 N. Bradford, New Haven - Move in ready! Newer construction three bedrooms, 2.5 bath Colonial on corner lot. \$135,000
Bridget Robidoux (586) 690-4696



OPEN 1-4 | 40655 Paisley Circle, Novi Move-in ready four bedroom, three and a half bath gracious brick Colonial with finished basement. \$379,900
Kendra McConnell Hurd (248) 639-4924



OPEN 1-4 | 21353 Equestrian Trail, Novi - Timeless and classic. This private Colonial is tucked away on almost 5 acres of land! \$1,047,500
Tracy Wick (248) 513-8538



OPEN 1-4 | 22463 Norfolk Court, Novi - Home was custom built for a closed head injury patient the house is wheelchair accessible. \$499,900
Holly Hurd (734) 666-3968



OPEN 12-3 | 41832 Canterbury Drive, Unit 48, Novi - Great condo living! Spacious with partially finished living area in lower level! \$171,000
Kent Tyrrell (734) 403-4881



OPEN 1-4 | 1456 Oakmont Court, Lake Orion - Most popular layout in Marina Pointe. Newly refinished hardwood floors thru-out \$350,000
Hosted by Nan Denis 248-639-7954



OPEN 12-2 | 2551 Bull Run, Oxford Township - Beautiful country living with city benefits. Lots of space 2400 sq. ft. plus finished basement. \$250,000
Michelle Schinke (248) 365-7146



OPEN 1-4 | 13508 Westbrook, Plymouth - Stunning! Entertain at your own resort! Two-story great room has full length gas fireplace. \$575,000
Chris Patrick (734) 389-7698



OPEN 2-5 | 962 Hartsough, Plymouth Very close to downtown Plymouth. 3 bedroom potential for 4th. Open plan. Gorgeous updated kitchen. \$524,900
Jessica Tremonti (313) 486-5246



OPEN 1-4 | 4806 Goodison Place Drive, Rochester - Prestigious Address of Oakland Township and beautiful 5 bedroom home! \$624,990
Leslie Doran (248) 365-7135



OPEN 1-4 | 2192 Rochelle Park Dr., Rochester Hills - Beautiful, immaculate condo! Open kitchen, all appliances, updated half bath. \$193,000
Nancy Ritter (248) 365-7114



OPEN 1-3 | 3118 N. Connecticut Ave, Royal Oak - Very clean and updated three bedroom bungalow in highly desirable Red Run area. \$186,000
Justyna Slabosz (248) 365-7107



OPEN 1-4 | 4354 Arden Place, Royal Oak - Great location, close to Beaumont Hospital, restaurants, shops and events on Woodward. \$239,000
Marianne Prokop (248) 365-7132



OPEN 1-4 | 46759 Vineyard, Shelby Township - Look No Further! This gorgeous home is loaded with updates. Refinished hardwoods. \$149,900
Becky Livernois (248) 817-4554



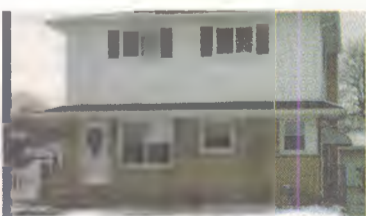
OPEN 1-3 | 13680 Windmoor, South Lyon - Charmer! Welcome to this beautiful, updated home with an inviting open floor plan. \$249,900
Jan Carey (734) 389-7737



OPEN 2-4 | 1011 Troon, St. Clair - Love the charm of a Victorian but hate the maintenance? Try this newer, lovely Colonial! \$399,900
Laila Abud (313) 214-2320



OPEN 2-4 | 20900 Bayside, St. Clair Shores - Kitchen updated 8 yrs. ago. Backyard is perfect for summer entertaining with large deck. \$160,000
Nick Howard (248) 918-0547



OPEN 2-4 | 30113 Taylor, St. Clair Shores - Four bedrooms, 2 on first floor, 2 on second floor. Some hardwood floors, updated kitchen. \$129,000
Dori Daskas (313) 208-7922



OPEN 1-4 | 19913 Edmunton, St. Clair Shores - Beautiful home. Hardwood floors, glass block windows. Lav in the partially finished basement. \$149,900
Jim Hedrick (586) 229-1248



OPEN 1-3 | 1491 Glenwood Drive, Sylvan Lake - Lovely Contemporary with easy flowing floor plan. Beautiful entrance deck. \$294,900
Wendi Miller (248) 639-4907



OPEN 1-4 | 2358 Pontiac Drive, Sylvan Lake - Completely remodeled Contemporary Shaker. Steps away from the beaches and parks. \$225,000
Cindy Hannah (248) 230-4764



OPEN 1-4 | 1842 Delta Drive, Troy Outstanding Colonial has \$70,000 in recent updates. Lives beautifully. Troy schools. Finished basement. \$339,000
Patrick Carolan (248) 365-7129



OPEN 2-4 | 31317 Hayes, Warren Beautiful Ranch with update kitchen and bath. New stainless steel appliances. Hardwood floors. \$111,000
Kay Rinke (313) 486-9143



OPEN 2-4 | 391 Waterfall Ridge, Waterford - Lovely home in the popular lake community of Waterford. Open floor plan. \$196,000
Mary Frances McCaleb (248) 639-4947