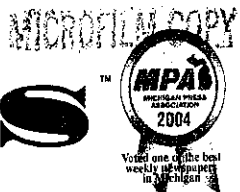




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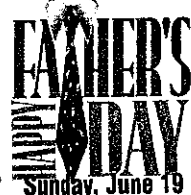
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Main Street plan faces uphill battle

■ Council questions Downtown Development Authority

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

The developer and consultants came to city hall June 6 to try again to pitch a new concept for Main Street Novi to members of

city council. But members want more information about Downtown Development Authorities before making a decision on the conceptual plan. Dave Nona, of Farmington Hills-based Triangle Development brought consultants from Downtown Management Strategies of Rochester Hills and McKenna & Associates of Northville to try to convince council about the benefits of having a DDA for the Main Street area. But several members of council,

"If this is not approved, we may have to consider other options. We may sell the property to someone who has another use for it."

Dave Nona
Triangle Development

including Laura Lorenzo, Mayor Lou Coordas, Lynne Paul and Toni Nagy, are not ready to give control of precious tax dol-

lars to a DDA board comprised of non-elected officials.

Triangle is proposing a mixed-use development of residential/retail/office on about 20 acres east of Novi Road and south of Grand River Avenue.

Plans include entry monuments along Grand River and Novi Road to draw pedestrians and motorists to the Main Street area, which would be a strong, urban grid plan.

Main Street Park would be the focal point of the project, with a

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Mission accomplished

Members of the Novi High School Class of 2005 stand and sing "America the Beautiful" during their Saturday night graduation at Compuware Arena. Be sure to see our special salute to local graduates in this week's B section.

Fate of Walled Lake's DDA unsure

■ Council wants office moved to city hall

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Walled Lake's Downtown Development Authority, an organization that has been in existence for 15 years, may be dissolved next week if city council members don't approve its budget at its June 21 meeting.

At a meeting Monday afternoon, members of the DDA board, volunteers, business owners and city officials met to discuss the organization's fate.

The crux of the matter is that the city council members have failed to approve the board's budget for the next fiscal year.

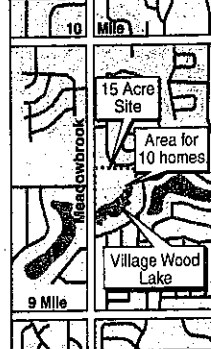
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"I'm not the one who suggested that the DDA move to city hall. I'm just the messenger," said

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Plans for 10 homes by floodplain advances

Proposed Village Wood Home Site



SOURCE: City of Novi & Basney & Smith, Inc. Map By DIANA WELLS

■ Residents oppose project; commissioners add restrictions

By Kim Kovelte
STAFF WRITER

Despite resident outcry, preliminary plans for 10 homes near a flood-prone area received Novi Planning Commission approval June 8.

William Roskelly of Livonia-based developer Basney & Smith is proposing \$400,000 homes in the 2,200-2,600 square-foot range on part of 15 acres off Meadowbrook Road between Nine and 10 Mile roads.

After nearly four hours of debate, a 5-2 decision included various conditions on wetlands and construction impact.

John Avdoulos, Victor Cassis, Andy Guttman, David Lipski and Mark Pehrson said yes, while chairwoman Lynn Kocan and Lowell Sprague voted no. Wayne Wrobel was absent.

In a separate vote, all commissioners agreed city council should aggressively pursue state grant money to turn the piece of land into a park.

Water issues

In the issue's second public hearing since April, city staff returned with details on whether a new road and buildings would bolster flood problems for residents living in nearby neighbor-

hoods. Novi City Engineer Ben Croy said rainwater runoff rates would more than double, but be directed to Village Wood Lake to the north and not the Ingersoll Drain and homes to the south.

"I'm predicting that it's actually going to reduce the flow at that point," Croy said. "It's a simple design and it's the only possible design."

"We're basing it on the best information we have." He said no sensitive areas would be filled in, preventing potential water backup issues.

Roskelly maintained that other than a request to exclude a typically required sidewalk, his plan posed no problems.

"Everything meets compli-

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Photo exhibit slated at Historical Commission event

■ Display to feature Novi events, people and places

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Those who want to take a peek at Novi's past can come to the Novi Historical Commission's open house slated for next Friday evening.

The photographic work of Betty Lewis will be the highlight of the Commission's open house from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, June 24, at the Historic Township Hall on W. 10 Mile Road west of the Novi Public Library.

The event will include music by Hugh and Mary Lou Battle of Northville. Mary Lou plays a

hammered dulcimer, while husband, Hugh, accompanies her with a variety of instruments.

"The Historical Commission is excited about celebrating the people and places that make Novi special. At this open house, we will also announce a summer-long photo competition with a hometown Novi theme," said Kathy Ueh, commission chair.

Lewis' work is also currently on display at Meadowbrook Art Center on 10 Mile Road just east of Meadowbrook Road and at the University of Michigan-Dearborn's Berkowitz Gallery on Evergreen Road. She belongs to the Brighton Art Guild, the Livonia Artists Club and the Visual Arts of Livonia club.

Lewis said she has always taken family pictures. "Years ago, I had a Brownie Holiday Camera, an old Kodak product that took square pictures," she said.

"Everybody realized that I didn't cut their heads off in photos. I seem to have a knack for composition," she said.

Lewis' late husband, Robert, eventually purchased her a more sophisticated camera about 15 years ago. She now uses a 35 mm film camera in her work.

"There are fleeting moments you can capture on film. I love taking pictures of insects, birds and flowers with a macro lens. There's an immediacy with photography that an artist can't capture easily with other mediums," she said.

Lewis has won Best of Show for both photography and painting in competitions in Livonia in 2004 and won third place in a VAL competition in 2004, as well as many honorable mentions.

She especially enjoys painting abstract pieces and has attended week-long workshops at the

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Photographer Betty Lewis will exhibit some of her pictures at the June 24 Novi Historical Commission open house. Here she's outside the historical Novi Township Hall on 10 Mile Road.

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"The only decision I have to make is, 'when the light turns green, I can go, right?'"

Anthony Tilger
Northville police officer



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Northville Police Officer Tony Tilger talks about how motorists turn right on red lights at the intersection of Eight Mile and Novi roads even though there are well-placed signs that say "no turn on red." The city is contemplating placing further signage to deter motorists from turning on red lights onto westbound Eight Mile.

New sign aims to make 8 Mile/Novi intersection safer

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

Hazardous site

Lesson learned

Within seconds of Northville patrol officer Anthony Tilger steering into his Carpenter Street vantage spot, he caught a white pickup truck violating the no-right-on-red law. Again.

The intersection of Eight Mile and Novi roads is one of the most hazardous in the city, Tilger said. Frequent violations by southbound drivers turning west is one of the reasons, he said.

"In my mind, it's very evident what you need to do at this intersection," he said. "There's a line to stand at. Simple. People just don't do it."

The Northville City Council and Wayne County Division of Roads are teaming up to try to make the intersection safer for pedestrians and motorists with installation of a lighted sign telling them when to advance.

It will be similar to the overhead sign at the intersection of Seven Mile and Northville roads permitting right turns while westbound Seven Mile Road drivers have a green left-turn arrow.

"Anything that can be done to make it less hazardous is a good thing," Tilger said. "You can see the people... all of a sudden, wham, someone comes over the crest of that hill at 50 (mph)."

Where Novi Road ends at Eight Mile, one lane turns east while the majority of traffic turns west from two lanes.

Drivers regularly creep past the stop line beyond the no-turn-on-red sign on the right shoulder, Tilger said.

"I could just about write a picket sign, 'No right turn on red,'" he said. "A lot of what police are supposed to do is educate people, not write tickets."

"I've even had judges comment on the complexity of this intersection, why it's like this," said Tilger, who has patrolled Northville 22 years. "I've noticed over the years I've been here, people are in such a hurry anymore."

The Northville City Council voted June 6 to purchase the \$1,680 synchronized light with public improvement funds. It will be installed at county expense.

Meanwhile, Northville and Novi residents alike, once signaled to the roadside, say they know the signs prohibiting a turn on red are there, Tilger said. But a stop doesn't always translate into a ticket.

"They say, 'I wasn't thinking' or 'I wasn't paying attention,'" he said. "A lot of what police are supposed to do is educate people, not write tickets."

"You know I drive through that intersection all the time," he told Tilger. "As soon as I saw your overheads, I knew what I did wrong."

"I turned right on red."

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NOVI ROAD REPORT

- Westbound I-96 Off-Ramp to Novi Road**
The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is widening and rehabilitating the exit ramp from westbound I-96 to Novi Road. The \$1 million project began on June 1 and will conclude before June 25. MDOT has an incentive established for this project. MDOT will pay the contractor an early completion incentive of \$5,000 per day, for each calendar day that the contractor finishes before the end of 25 calendar days the project allows, up to a maximum amount of \$50,000. The detour route includes northbound M-5 and 12 Mile Road. The Beck Road and I-96 interchange remains open north of I-96, providing access to Twelve Mile Road.
- Meadowbrook Road Bridge (between Nine and 10 Mile roads)**
Concrete box beam bids were due June 10, with the purchase award for the beams scheduled for the June 20 City Council meeting. The beams will be fabricated and delivered directly to the site for acceptance by the bridge construction contractor. This separate procurement will shorten the overall project schedule. Bridge construction bids are due June 30, with the contract award scheduled for the city council meeting on July 11. Demolition of the existing bridge is scheduled to start July 19, and construction is estimated to last approximately four weeks. The estimated early completion date to reopen the road is Aug. 18. The Novi Police Department continues safety patrols throughout the area.
- Novi Road / Post Office Signalization**
Road improvements/widening are complete. The new traffic signal will be installed and activated in a few weeks when traffic control equipment is delivered and configured.
- Novi Road / 10 Mile Road Intersection**
The Road Commission for Oakland County reports that the intersection remains open throughout construction, with project completion scheduled in mid-July. Please continue to patronize community businesses at this intersection.
- I-96 / Beck Road Interchange**
MDOT is working on the southern approaches, including on Beck Road and the eastbound exit and entrance ramps for this interchange. Completion of the new single-point urban interchange is scheduled for November.
- Nine Mile Road Rehabilitation (Novi Road to Meadowbrook)**
The city of Novi will reconstruct this roadway in late summer/early fall with traffic being maintained. The project includes Rosel Drive. Public Information Meetings regarding the project are scheduled for Thursday, June 16, at 3 and 7 p.m. in the Police Department Training Center, located at 45125 W. 10 Mile Road.

For the most current road construction information, log on to the City's website at www.ci.novi.mi.us To join the City's Road Construction Update Notification List, e-mail kanoltsch@ci.novi.mi.us or call the Community Relations Office at (248) 735-5628.

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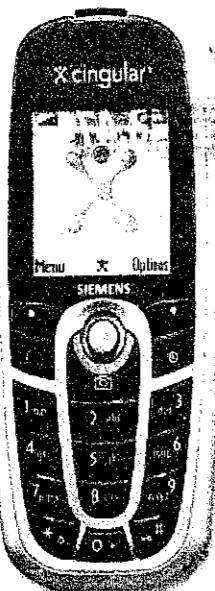
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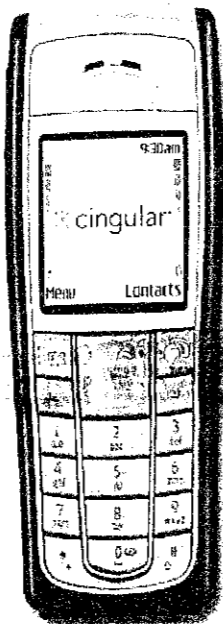
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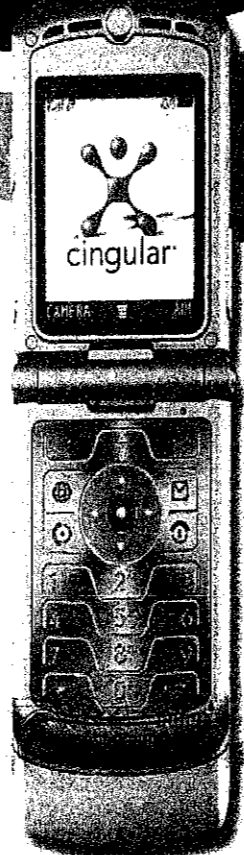
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POLICE REPORT

Youths arrested for drinking

An 18-year-old man from Dearborn, 19-year-old man from Brighton, 19-year-old man from Novi and 21-year-old man from Novi were arrested for liquor violations at 1:36 a.m. May 24 on Llewellyn Road near Eight Mile and Meadowbrook.

Officers were dispatched to the residence in reference to a disturbance. Upon arriving at the home, police heard loud music and voices coming from the back yard.

Police went to the back and saw six men in the yard sitting around a table. There were several empty beer bottles on the table. All of the individuals appeared to be under 21 and smelled of intoxicants.

The three underage men were arrested for minor in possession of alcohol by consumption. The 21-year-old was arrested for having an open house party.

The three underage men registered blood alcohol levels of .064, .003 and .085, respectively.

Head-butting at the park

Police were dispatched to the Community Sports Park at 51000 Eight Mile Road in reference to

an assault and battery involving a referee and coach that allegedly took place between 9:50 a.m. and 10 a.m. May 7.

When police spoke with the head referee during the Jaguar Soccer Tournament, he said that one of his referees had been head-butted by a coach for the Huron Valley Storm under-age-10 team during the game between the Storm and the Livonia Meteors.

Just before the end of the game, around 10 a.m., the referee tried to intervene when the coach became verbally abusive to a 14-year-old female referee for an off-side call. The coach then went over to the referee and allegedly chest-thumped and then head-butted him in the upper lip. The coach was then escorted off the property and banned from the tournament.

The coach of the Livonia Meteors told police he would be reporting the incident to his supervisors, and that the referee who was allegedly head-butted wanted to press charges against the man.

The case will be presented to the city prosecutor for review.

Man ejected from car in chase

Larry Watson, 28, of Detroit was arrested May 3 in front of Magistrate Andra Richardson in 52-1 District Court in Novi for fleeing and eluding police and driving on a suspended license following an incident that began at 11:34 p.m. May 2 at 10 Mile and Beck roads.

Police were dispatched to the area for a possible operating while intoxicated driver who had run a red light.

The vehicle led police on a chase, approaching speeds of up to 60 mph in a 30 mph zone. The suspect eventually lost control in downtown Farmington, becoming air born and striking a large street light while in the air, resting on the front lawn of a building on the northwest corner of Grand River Avenue and Farmington Road. The vehicle flipped in mid air, and the driver was ejected through the windshield.

The driver was finally subdued after police used pepper spray and handcuffed the man. The man was then transported to Botsford Osteopathic Hospital in Farmington Hills.

The fleeing and eluding charge is a felony punishable by five years in jail and/or a \$5,000 fine with suspension of his driver's license.

The operating on a suspended license charge is a misdemeanor punishable by 93 days in jail and/or a \$500 fine.

Minor in possession

A 19-year-old Farmington Hills Man was arrested for minor in possession of alcohol by consumption at 2:17 a.m. June 9 at I-96 and Novi Road.

An officer was stopped at a traffic signal on eastbound 14 Mile Road at Novi Road when he noticed that a red Dodge pickup behind him slowed to about 10 mph, turning right on southbound Novi Road without stopping for the light.

Upon following the vehicle, the officer noticed that the license plate registration tag was missing. The driver was eventually pulled over at the entrance to Red Lobster Restaurant on Novi Road.

The officer could smell beer coming from the inside of the truck and observed several cases of beer and loose bottles of Bud

Light rolling about in the truck bed.

The driver told the officer that she had not been drinking or smoking narcotics. However, she said that her passengers had been drinking at her mom's house and that they were smoking, so that she may have a "contact buzz."

The driver, a 20-year-old Farmington Hills resident, mentioned that she had not been smoking narcotics because she was trying to become a police officer.

A breath test showed the man's blood alcohol level at .095 percent. A search of the vehicle did not produce marijuana or other illegal substance.

Turn on a 'no turn'

A 23-year-old Novi man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 1:53 a.m. June 8 at 12 Mile and Dixon roads.

An officer on patrol saw the man driving north on Novi Road make an illegal left turn onto westbound 12 Mile Road. This intersection is a divided roadway for 12 Mile Road with a posting above the intersection indicating "no turns."

cars coming from the vehicle, and the man admitted to drinking four beers with the last drink about one hour earlier.

The driver also told police, "I should not be driving now."

A breath test revealed a blood alcohol level of .20 percent.

Problems at Petland

The manager at Petland at 27200 Novi Road reported a possible embezzlement to police at 1:46 p.m. June 8 that she believed occurred between 10 a.m. June 1 and 9 a.m. June 8.

The woman said that the store cash register was about \$380 short over a period of three nights. The woman stated that a couple of employees claimed to have money taken from their purses from the back room about two to three weeks ago.

The woman said that she had one possible suspect who was working on all of the nights the money was taken from the register and that the employee had only been working there for one month.

Compiled by Pam Fleming

Chase ends with crash

By Lisa Roose-Church
DAILY PRESS & FORGUS

A 20-year-old Wixom man is facing felony charges after leading police on a chase through two counties early Friday morning that ended after he crashed into a Brighton state trooper's cruiser in Livingston County.

A sergeant at the Brighton post said no troopers were injured in the chase or car accident.

However, the Wixom man was taken to University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor for non-life-threatening injuries, including broken bones and a possible punctured lung, said Deputy Chief David Molloy of the Novi Police Department. Police declined to identify the man.

The incident began at about 1:10 a.m., when uniformed Novi police officers saw the man's silver Pontiac Sunbird traveling westbound on Interstate 96 near Novi Road in Oakland County. Molloy said a check of the license plate indicated that the plate was actually registered to a 1990 Buick.

"The officers tried to do a traffic stop, and the (man's) vehicle slowed and pulled over," Molloy explained. "As the officer exited his vehicle, the (man's) vehicle took off westbound on I-96."

The man led police into Livingston County, where troopers from the Brighton post of the Michigan State Police used stop sticks to deflate his vehicle's tires in an effort to get him to stop. Although the stop sticks deflated

one tire, the suspect continued to flee.

He crossed the median and began traveling eastbound on I-96, state police said. Near the Lake Chenung ramp, the suspect "intentionally collided with a pursuing MSP cruiser," state police said.

The driver lost control of the Sunbird and rolled in the median, state police said. He was ejected from the vehicle.

Molloy said police released the man pending issuance of warrants because of the severity of his injuries. Molloy said his office will seek felony fleeing and eluding charges through the Oakland County prosecutor's office. Additional charges could be sought in Livingston County as well.

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Council approves final site plans from Sandstone suit

Liberty Park project to have sidewalks along 12 Mile

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

City council on June 6 unanimously approved the final two of four plans for the Liberty Park subdivision, the last two projects from the Sandstone lawsuit.

In the Sandstone lawsuit, the city agreed to give Sandstone developers \$7.99 acres of park land in lieu of a \$70 million judgment against the city of Novi in the summer of 2004.

Public Land Development Corporation, which purchased the land from Sandstone, received approval for final site plan, wood-land permit and wetland permit for Phase II of Liberty Park on the south side of 12 Mile Road west of Dixon Road.

The property is on 24.32 acres out of the 87.99 acres in the consent judgment. This second phase in the three-phase, single-family detached portion of the development will include 136 units.

Phase III of the Liberty Park project includes 12.67 acres out of the 87.99 acres awarded to Sandstone developers. This third and final phase of the single-family detached portion of the development will include 56 units.

This type of development could have potentially yielded about 1,150 stacked units on the property. To eliminate further impact on Lakeshore Park and the city's man-

ual features, Public redesigned the storm water facilities to use the existing basin and wetlands. This means the developer won't need to construct two storm water basins north of the property in Lakeshore Park.

While the construction of storm water basins in this area was allowed in the Sandstone settlement agreement, the redesign to eliminate these basins will allow preservation on city property of wooded areas with hundreds of trees.

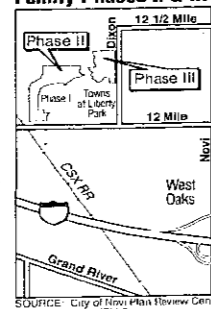
Although the consent judgment does not require sidewalks to be constructed in the development, Kevin Christiansen, land entitlement manager for Public, said the developer does plan to install sidewalks along 12 Mile Road. Sidewalks will not be constructed along Dixon Road, because the developer said this road has no relationship to the Liberty Park development.

"It is with great pride that we submit to you for the City Council's review and approval the final site plan for Liberty Park Single Family Phases II and III," Christiansen said in a letter to Mayor Lou Gordis.

"During the past year it has been our pleasure to work in cooperation and in partnership with the City of Novi in development and building what we believe is one of the premiere residential communities in the city."

Public Homes in Royal Oak has been involved in the development of Liberty Park since May. The developer worked with the city to produce a third amendment to the consent judgment, reducing the number of originally permitted residential units by more than 25 per-

Liberty Park Single Family Phases II & III



SOURCE: City of Novi Planning Department Map by DIANA WELLS

cent - from 1,130 units to 835. Plans are to have a mix of 305 single-family dwellings and a maximum of 530 multiple family units. Single-family homes will represent 36.5 percent of Liberty Park. Council approved Liberty Park Single Family Phase I in June 2004, with 113 homes and the Liberty Park Multiple Family Phase I in October 2004. This consists of 130 multiple family residential units to be named The Townes.

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Chattman Drive repairs questioned

Residents want full reconstruction

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Residents of Chattman Drive in Novi came to city hall June 6 to push for a full reconstruction of this neighborhood road north of Nine Mile Road and west of Meadowbrook Lake subdivision.

Rob Hayes, city engineer, suggested that city council approve a less costly approach to the road's repair which would involve applying new pavement over the existing drive.

This method would give residents a smoother street at about half the cost of a full repair. The road would be crowned, with gravel shoulders, so that water runs off more easily with the overlay method. At City Manager Rick Hildwig's suggestion, Hayes will present a cost analysis of the two methods - pavement overlay and full construction - to council in the near future.

Hayes just learned late Monday afternoon that the original cost by engineers, adding either a four-inch or six-inch overlay in various portions of Chattman Drive, would be about \$118,000. The full reconstruction of Chattman Drive was estimated at \$232,000.

After problems in the past with pavement overlays in the Village Oaks subdivision, city council members believe a full reconstruction would be the better option.

Mayor Lou Gordis supported a complete reconstruction of Chattman. "I think we got sold a bill of goods at Village Oaks," he said. "I've got a gut feeling about this one."

Councilman Bob Gatt said he couldn't support the less-costly overlay because he believes in the long run the full construction will pay off.

Tom Nagy also wanted to delay the road project until a tear down and full construction could take place.

"So often in the past, we've done things halfway. You get what you pay for, and I would like to see this done properly," she said.

The work on Chattman is scheduled to begin after the Meadowbrook Lake dredging and Meadowbrook Bridge reconstruction are completed. The project should be finished before school starts in September.

Hayes said engineering consultants report that a street overlay would last almost as long as the more costly full repair. They're saying 20 years with the full reconstruction of the road and about 18 years with the overlay, he said.

Lisa and Mike Barton and Annette Davu, who all live on Chattman, told council members that they want the street to be done properly, using the full reconstruction.

The residents echoed concerns of council members on the overlay method. Since the overlay would increase the height of the street, they fear water would drain into their yards and driveways.

Residents in the area are still upset about the increased traffic because of drivers cutting through the subdivision due to Meadowbrook Bridge being closed between Nine Mile and 10 Mile roads.

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Local hotels preparing for Super Bowl XL

Novi will become 'hotel central' come February '06

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Super Bowl 2006 may sound like a long way off, but it's less than a year away, and Novi hotels are already booked for the four-day event.

The fun begins on Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2006, with the game on Sunday, Feb. 5. The last time the Super Bowl was in Michigan was in 1981 at the Pontiac Silverdome.

The western suburbs of Detroit, which includes Novi, will be heavily involved, with several hotels and motels less than an hour from Detroit's Ford Field. Novi has at least 10 hotels within the city limits.

Rooms, contracted with the National Football League after Detroit received the Super Bowl bid on Nov. 1, 2000, are already well spoken for, with hotels already creating waiting lists of names that probably won't be called.

Leonard Williams, general manager, Hotel Barometre, said his hotel already has a waiting list with 30-50 people for its 153 rooms the week of Super Bowl XL. He added that room assignments, connected with the NFL, will be made in September.

The NFL Super Bowl Committee required that the host city be able to provide 17,500 rooms within an hour's drive of Ford Field. A total of 30,000-35,000 rooms will be needed.

"This means that some fans will be staying an hour away."

"The radius is Flint to the north, Toledo to the south, Ann Arbor to the west and Windsor to the east," Williams said, who said that during last year's Super Bowl festivities in Jacksonville, Fla., guests stayed as far away as Orlando, 140 miles away.

Many hotels will reserve any leftover rooms for their regular corporate guests.

"We have certain guests who come here every week, so we want to make sure we take care of them as well," Williams said.

"In Wayne, Oakland and Macomb County there are 32,000 hotel rooms, so we feel very comfortable that anyone visiting Detroit for the Super Bowl will find accommodations," said Ken Ketenbeil, vice president, communications, for the Detroit Super Bowl XL Host Committee in downtown Detroit.

There is a four-night minimum for hotel guests that week that runs from Thursday through Sunday, according to Ketenbeil, with the teams, media representatives and others arriving even earlier.

Kerri Brown, director of sales, Wyndham Garden Hotel, said it's nice that the Super Bowl is coming to the area in February because it's typically a slow time of year for the hotel business.

"The Super Bowl brings record numbers of leisure visitors and key corporate decision-makers to our area all at one time," Brown said.

"That's a great thing for Novi," Brown said she has at least seven corporate groups requesting 50-100 rooms each. The Super Bowl Host Committee estimates an economic impact of \$300 million for the host city.

"I'm sure a lot of people will be renting out their homes during Super Bowl Week like they did for the Ryder Cup last year," Brown added.

The Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel has about 20-30 people on the waiting list.

HOTEL ROOMS IN NOVI

Country Inn and Suites	100
Courtyard by Marriott	122
DoubleTree Hotel	217
Extended Stay America	125
Hotel Baronette	153
Residence Inn	107
Sheraton Detroit Novi	238
Studio Plus	86
TownPlace Suites	95
Wyndham Garden Hotel	148
Total	1,391



Novi's Wyndham Garden Hotel general manager Tom Rolands, left, and director of sales Kerri Brown take a look at some of the many room reservations they've already taken for the upcoming Super Bowl that will be played in Detroit in February 2006.

"I don't know if that waiting list will ever be met. I think they're looking for even more rooms," said Susan Sereano, director of sales and marketing, Sheraton Detroit Novi.

She said they've contracted 200 of their 238 rooms for four nights for the event with the NFL directly.

The NFL then allocates the blocks of rooms by groups that are coming to the Metro Detroit area.

Room prices are slightly higher, based on demand, she said. But hotels had to state a price at the time the contract was signed with the NFL in 1999 or 2000, which typically hotels add about a 5 to 10 percent per year increase in their agreements.

The Sheraton also has a two-year airline contract in which they take airline crews from American Airlines. "That will pretty much take up the rest of the 38 rooms," she said.

"I think we've already surpassed the 260-day mark, but I haven't counted," she said. "We're in the planning stages. When the NFL contacted our rooms, they didn't

contract any banquet or meeting space, so we're going to try to fill that, and we are contemplating selling a Super Bowl party for those who don't have tickets. We're thinking some large-screen TVs, food and beverage to generate some revenue that way."

She joked that the hotel could probably sell parking spaces for clients to sleep in their vehicles that weekend.

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Painter's mission is healing through creating

■ Teevens hosts weekly art classes at cancer center

By Kim Kovelle
STAFF WRITER

Cancer's painful realities have had close impact for Mayumi "May" Ora Teevens.

Within a few years, the Novi painter lost two close friends to leukemia and pancreatic cancer.

"They taught me about being compassionate and keeping integrity even during hard times," she said. "And, through both ordeals, artistry was her outlet.

"When I'm really down or I get so much stress, I usually paint," Teevens said. "It's more like a meditative state. Some people listen to music. I get a big canvas."

Since April 14, the Japanese-American painter has brought her healing philosophy to the Assarian Cancer Center at Providence Hospital in Novi.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Providence Hospital Assarian Cancer Center artist-in-residence May Teevens, right, works on some sketches as art room visitor Larry Sinelli works on a still life.

As the new artist-in-residence, she takes watercolors, pencils, paper and more to the center's Karen M. Sinelli Arts Studio every Thursday. There, patients and caregivers spend an hour and a half learning and talking of quietly creating.

"I just want them to feel comfortable and free to do anything they want," said Teevens. "You don't have to think about making something good. Just enjoy."

Opened in August 1999, the center's mission combines medical cancer treatment with arts from pottery to yoga, aimed at mending mind and spirits.

Survivors' artwork is often showcased.

Teevens said she learned of the center two years ago when artist Tomoko Ogawa was featured.

"I was always interested in doing art therapy," she said. "Just didn't know how to start it."

Raised on the Japanese island of Kyushu, Teevens grew up watching a creative mother arrange flowers. Drawing and painting became pastimes at a young age.

Teevens trained at a Tokyo art school and eventually the University of Michigan. She met her future mother-in-law at a community college art course.

With her art now hanging in the Novi Civic Center, local businesses and a Lansing government building, the 47-year-old mother of two teaches five days a week.

A focal point of her craft has been cranes — the Japanese symbol of happiness and healing.

"If you have a wish, you pray and make 1,000 origami cranes," she said. "It's just like a rosary."

Her classes cover any subject, from still life to the abstract. A \$5 donation covers professional materials for three classes.

Teevens said, and visitors can share experiences in a notebook.

Program coordinator Lori Taylor said Teevens has been working on a volunteer basis, bringing along artist friends skilled in ceramics and quilting.

"You never know who she's going to show up with," Taylor said. "I think May is pretty good at just being a facilitator."

One student wanted to paint portraits. Another once took her sister to the center for treatment.

Larry Sinelli of Commerce Township sketched a rooster statue and pot of faux sunflowers.

Providence earns Governor's Award for Excellence

Providence Hospital has received the prestigious 2004 Governor's Award for Excellence for Improving Care in the Hospital Setting for heart attack and heart failure and improving care in the Emergency Department Setting for heart attack and pneumonia.

MPRO, Michigan's Quality Improvement Organization, sponsors the award.

The 2004 Governor's Award recognizes Michigan hospitals that are performing quality initiatives aimed at improving outcomes in improving patient care. The clinical areas that the award measures have been designated as national health care priorities by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

Providence Hospital established a multidisciplinary team to spearhead improvement measures using proven, evidence-based practices.

"Few things affect the quality of our life and the quality of our work more than our good health," says Governor Jennifer M. Granholm.

"Every person in this great state deserves to receive quality health care from their providers, so I'm pleased to recognize hospitals and health care professionals that are making progress toward providing our citizens with accessible and affordable health care."

"Our staff at Providence is demonstrating that together we are providing the very best in medical treatment and care," says Rob Caslow, president, Providence Hospital.

The race this year will be sending out a check to Novi Youth Assistance for \$1,000 to support the local Novi community project.

Submitted by Michael Everett, Race coordinator

HEALING ARTS

• What: Mayumi "May" Ora Teevens, Novi painter and new artist-in-residence at Providence Hospital's Assarian Cancer Center, offers weekly art classes experimenting with drawing, pastels, watercolor, mixed media and collage.

• When: 1-2:30 p.m., every Thursday

• Where: Karen M. Sinelli Arts Studio, second floor, Assarian Cancer Institute at Providence Hospital, 47001 Grand River Ave., Novi

• Cost: \$5 material fee covers three classes

• Contact: (248) 465-5455 for details or to register (drop-ins welcome)

Faith Fun Run growing

CHURCH CALENDAR

• **Meadowbrook Congregational Church** invites everyone to attend a Sunday worship service at 10 a.m.

The church is located at 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight Mile and Nine Mile roads. Call (248) 348-7757.

• **The Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross** offers a worship service every Wednesday from 12:15-12:50 p.m. Come and share your lunch hour with God at a worship service that includes scripture and Holy Communion. The church invites all to worship Sundays at 7:45 and 10 a.m. Nursery care is available at 10 a.m. worship service. (The nursery is coordinated by a registered pediatric nurse.)

• **Adult Bible Study** is Sundays at 9 a.m. Worship Center for children ages 3-7, and Sunday School is at 10 a.m.

Worship Service of Communion is held at 8:30 p.m. Rice 13 (ages 11-14) and 22A (ages 14 and up) groups meet at 9 p.m. for their program and dinner. Youth Worship Service is held at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Sunday of every month; all are welcome.

The church will be offering a Spanish Mass this Sunday at 4 p.m. as its ongoing mission to "Grow in Christ, grow in size and grow in space."

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• **Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross** is located at 40700 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi. Call (248) 427-1175 or visit www.churchofholycross.com.

• **Faith Community Presbyterian Church** invites you to worship at 9 and 10:30 a.m. each Sunday. Sunday School is offered at both services for children of all ages, preschool through 12th grade and nursery care.

Faith Community houses the Novi Emergency Food Program, a food bank that has been serving the hungry of Novi, New Hudson, and Wixom for over 25 years.

All children kindergarten through fourth grade are invited to attend Vacation Bible School, 9-11:30 a.m. from June 20-24. There is no cost for this program and volunteers are always welcome. Registration forms can be downloaded at www.faithcommunity-novi.org, or be found in the church office.

The Adult Education Committee will be leading a screening and discussion of the movie "The Mission" starring Robert DeNiro at 6:30 p.m. on June 22.

The adult golf league is continuing each Monday at 5:30 p.m. at Coyote Golf Course.

Val Bogdan will be performing at Faith Community on Friday, June 24, at 7:30 p.m. There is no cost for this event, however a free-will offering will be taken with all proceeds going to support the Beaumont Hospital HOPE program. The HOPE program offers classes for

parents of autistic children.

Dr. Henderson is leading a class on world religions at 7 p.m. on Tuesday nights. The cost is \$5 in cover materials.

The on-going women's Bible study is 10 a.m. on Wednesdays and 7 p.m. on Thursdays. The church is located at 44400 W. 10 Mile Road in Novi. Call (248) 349-2343.

• **The Holy Family Church** is located at 24505 Meadowbrook Road, between Grand River Avenue and 10 Mile Road. Call (248) 349-8847 or visit www.holyfamilynovi.org.

• **Oak Pointe Church** service times will be at 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. every Sunday. Visit www.oakpointe.org or call (248) 912-0043.

• **St. James Catholic Church** is located at 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi. Call (248) 347-7778.

• **First United Methodist Church of Northville** is located at 777 W. Eight Mile Road (at Taft Road), Northville. Phone (248) 349-1144.

• **Church of the Holy Cross** is located at 40700 W. 10 Mile Road (between Meadowbrook and Haggerty roads). Visit www.churchofholycross.com for more information.

• **St. John Lutheran Church** is located at 23225 Gill Road in Farmington Hills. Summer services are at 9:15 and 11 a.m. (except for July 3 and Sept. 4, which will have a service at 9:15 a.m. only). Nursery is provided. Call (248) 474-0584 for more information.

• **Crosspoint Meadows Church** meets Sundays at Meadowbrook Elementary School. Services are at 9 and 10:30 a.m. Fresh-brewed hot coffee is available from 10-10:30 a.m. The church also has children's

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• **The Novi United Methodist**

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Hit the links for the kids

10th annual NEF golf outing June 23

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

As the school year is winding down and students are turning their attention to some fun in the sun, the Novi Educational Foundation has some similar plans, with its 10th Annual Charity Golf Classic, scheduled for Thursday, June 23, at the Links of Novi.

Though it's a social event, the golf classic raises money each year to pay for teacher grants throughout the Novi Community School District.

Teachers use the money to improve the quality of education for their students as well as to bet-

ter educate themselves," John Sheier said, chairman for the golf outing. "They use it to provide a better learning experience for all, as well as for scholarships."

Last year's golf outing was the most successful thus far, raising over \$17,000. This year's event, which is open to the Novi community, is sure to bring in the same amount or even more.

Some major prizes include cash for those who make a hole-in-one, ranging anywhere from \$10,000-\$15,000, car leases through Marty Feldman Chevrolet, Suburban Chrysler and Varsity Lincoln, and many more. Providence Hospital is also a sponsor of the outing. Contests include longest drive, putting, closest to the pin, longest putt, heat the pro and a \$500 raffle.

Team prizes include \$300 for first place, \$200 for second place and \$100 for first.

The Links of Novi is located on 10 Mile Road, west of Wixom Road. Registration and a putting contest starts at 9 a.m. and the shotgun start is promptly at 10 a.m. Lunch will be provided and the dinner and awards ceremony will begin at approximately 3 p.m.

Administrators, teachers, local businesses and parents are encouraged to participate. Event sponsorship, hole sponsorship and door prize donation opportunities are available. Sign-up forms can be obtained at the Educational Services Building on Tall Road, or by calling Bob Schram, executive director of administrative services, at (248) 449-1203.

Ramez Khuri is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by e-mail at rkhuri@hi.homecomm.net.



Photo by JOHN HEIGER

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Meadows raises \$21k for cancer patients

Students happy to participate in St. Jude's Math-A-Thon

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

In the four years that Novi Meadows Elementary has participated in the St. Jude's Math-A-Thon, the school has raised a grand total of \$86,259.37.

In fact, this school year alone, Novi's fifth- and sixth-graders have totaled a total of \$21,915.57 raised, of which 100 percent will go for research to help cancer patients.

"We started it four years ago as a service program and it has been so successful that they want us back every year," said Georgia Bingham, a sixth-grade teacher. "That's unbelievable."

A total of 371 students participated this year and the top three together raised a total of \$1,316. The top two classrooms were Keri Yuchuck's sixth grade with a total of \$1,901.65 and Lisa Erickson's

raised the most money in the school with \$462.50, followed by Dustin Moore, also a fifth-grader, with \$456. The third most amount of \$400 was raised by sixth-grader Jay Raina.

"This makes me feel good because I knew I was doing it for a good cause," Korona said. "I ended up solving all the problems. I got a lot of family sponsors and people at my dad's work."

Moore also thought it was for a really good cause. His inspiration to participate came after one of his teachers was diagnosed with breast cancer.

"The second I heard it was for kids with cancer I just knew that I had to participate in it," Moore said. "I tried really hard and was really happy that I raised the second most money."

Raina explained that he just likes to do nice things.

"It makes me feel great because I like helping out sick children," he said.

Children who raised over \$35 earned a T-shirt and a family coupon to Six Flags Theme Park. Those who raised over \$75 receive a sports bag and a T-shirt. The top winning students earn a CD player.

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computers with visually impaired adaptive software, but who couldn't afford it.

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ON CAMPUS

Novi resident Rachel Watson has been named to the dean's list at Northern Michigan University for winter 2005 semester.

Novi resident John Heming has been named to the dean's list at Wittenberg University for spring 2005 semester.

Bianca Mithel, of Novi, has been named to the dean's list at Adrian College for spring 2005 semester.

Novi residents Jenica Baty, Jennifer Chidsey, Danielle Fennelly, Elisabeth Goodard, Philip Hornshaw, Mark Levin, Lauren Lewis, Cleveland

Lozowski, Katharine Lynch, Anna Rickard, Laura Shirotski, Kelly Wasilowski and Katrina Westwick, were named to the dean's list at Central Michigan University during spring 2005 semester.

Any Harland, of Novi, was among the graduates of the University of South Carolina during spring 2005 commencement exercises.

Novi High School student Matt Renner has been awarded a \$2500 scholarship from the 7 UP Challenge at the 2005 IFCA International Career Development Conference. The conference was held April 27-

30, at the Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim, Calif.

Novi residents Erin Darlington and Vicki Speyer, were named to the dean's list at Hope College for the second semester of the 2004-05 school year.

Novi resident Celeste Greer has been named to the dean's list at Bowling Green State University for spring 2005 semester.

Michael B. Larson, of Novi, has been named to the dean's list for the spring 2005 semester at John Carroll University in Cleveland.

Courtesy photo
Congrats grads!
Twenty-seven adult education students graduated June 2. Sara Hernandez Gutierrez addressed her fellow classmates, and congratulated them for never giving up on their dreams. Gutierrez is a mother of five children, with the youngest being born in October, 2004.



**CITY OF NOVI
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
NINE MILE ROAD WATER MAIN
EXTENSION PROJECT
KENSINGTON TO ROBERTS ROAD**

The City of Novi Engineering Division will be conducting a Public Information Meeting on Wednesday, June 22, 2005, at 7:30 a.m. in the Training Center facility of the Novi Police Headquarters located at 45125 W. Ten Mile Road for the Nine Mile Road Water Main Extension Project from Kensington to Roberts Road. The purpose of this meeting is to present preliminary engineering plans for the installation of water main along Nine Mile Road within the project limits. City staff and consultants will be conducting the meeting and will be available to answer questions and address concerns.

(6-16-05 NN 220140)

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS
NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOVI, MICHIGAN**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi Community School District will receive sealed bids for the following items:

Musical Instruments

Bids will be accepted at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Tall Road, Novi, Michigan 48374-2423 until 2:00 p.m. local time, June 23, 2005. Specifications may be picked up at the Educational Services Building during normal business hours.

(6-16-05 NN 218574)

**FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT
TUP 05-037**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Greg Stelmack of Maxim Technologies is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a temporary trailer for Sam's Club located at 27300 Wixom Road. This permit is to be issued from June 24, 2005 to June 24, 2006.

A public hearing meeting to consider this request will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, June 24, 2005. The meeting is at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. Written and signed approvals or objections will be accepted into the file if received prior to the scheduled meeting. Please address all communications to Gail U. Backus at the City of Novi Building Department 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

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(6-16-05 NN 220003)

**NOTICE
CITY OF NOVI
REQUEST FOR
TEMPORARY USE PERMIT
TUP 05-038**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Tradewinds Spas is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a temporary construction trailer for Providence Park to be located at 47801 Grand River. This permit is to be issued from June 24, 2005 to June 24, 2006.

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**FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT
TUP 05-036**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that J.D. Hedmark of Mozart Homes is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a tent for a grand opening at Tall Knolls subdivision to be located at 46200 Jacob Drive. This permit is to be issued for June 26, 2005 and June 27, 2005.

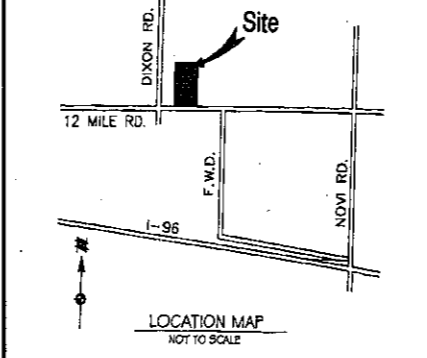
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 22, 2005 at 7:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider: **MANCHESTER PROFESSIONAL CENTRE (PKA NOVI FORUM), SITE PLAN NUMBER 04-599 FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 10, NORTH OF TWELVE MILE ROAD AND WEST OF NOVI ROAD IN THE OS-1, OFFICE SERVICE DISTRICT.** The subject property is 4.58 acres.



All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, June 22, 2005.

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION
LOWELL SPRAGUE, SECRETARY

(6-16-05 NN 220422)

Oakland Tech Center builds computers for blind children

Project expensive, but worth it to students

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

In this age of technology, it is often easy to take computers for granted. You just sit down, turn it on and start typing away. Well, that simple task isn't as easy for those who are visually impaired.

"That is why, for its annual community service project, the Oakland Technical Center in Wixom decided to build computers for blind, or almost blind, children in Oakland County."

This is the school's fifth eight-cent program in a project like this. The idea was first developed by Sharon Jennings, project coordinator.

"I developed the project for students in order to help them with their community consciousness, and at the same time, use their skills that they have learned here at school," Jennings said. "This project is computer technology. They come here and learn computer maintenance and operating systems, along with programming."

The project started out five years ago with the students building a computer for an elderly couple. Needless to say, it has grown considerably since then. This year, the students all agreed to build computers for blind, or almost blind, children.

"After contacting the Oakland School District, the school obtained names of visually impaired instructors and special educators in Oakland County who had children that were in need of

computers with visually impaired adaptive software, but who couldn't afford it.

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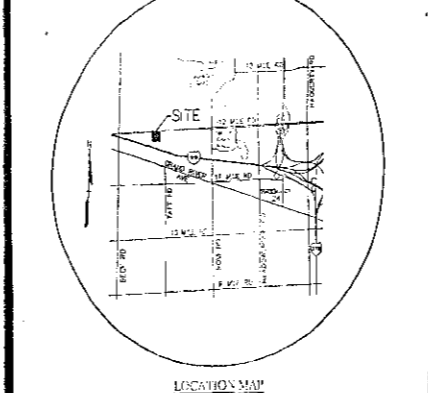
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As of late, jewelry has replaced the handbag as women's most-wanted accessory. This desirability is linked more by the need of self-expression than for carat weight. Today's woman has seized upon jewelry and brooches and bracelets in particular, as being essential to finishing their personal style. To make their personal statements, women are turning to diamonds in unprecedented numbers. Also high on the jewelry-as-personal-statement list are fashionable gold watches. There is, too, a deepening trend in turquoise jewelry, specifically cuffs, charms, and chokers. In the end, whether a woman chooses to go with brooches, bangles or beads, it is all a matter of personal choice as long as the jewelry is blindingly brilliant.

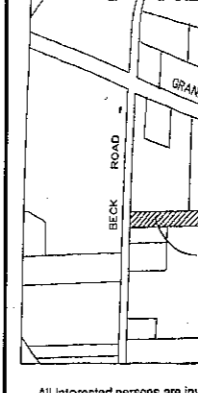
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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, June 22, 2005.

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Keys to Character

Meadows fifth- and sixth-graders act, sing and dance

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

When Novi Meadows counselor Gail Jiska came up with the school's theme, "Keys to Character," many months ago, little did she know that it was going to be the basis of a whole concert to be held on one of the last days of the school year.

Every student in the fifth and sixth grade participated in the concert, which took place last Thursday night at Novi High School. That's about 280 kids performing an hour and a half long concert.

"Keys to character" is a great theme and I love it," sixth grade vocal music teacher Susan Knight said. "We called this one extreme makeover character edition. We brought people who needed a makeover in some way and used them in the show. The sixth graders write the show with me and then we cast it and it's all acted out and choreographed. We do two of these concerts per year, one for each semester."

Novi Meadows sixth-graders were recently recognized for their efforts in raising more than \$21,000 for St. Jude's Children Hospital with their Math-A-Thon. Bryan Korona, left, and Jay Raina were awarded gifts for raising the most money in the student body - \$460 and \$400 respectively.

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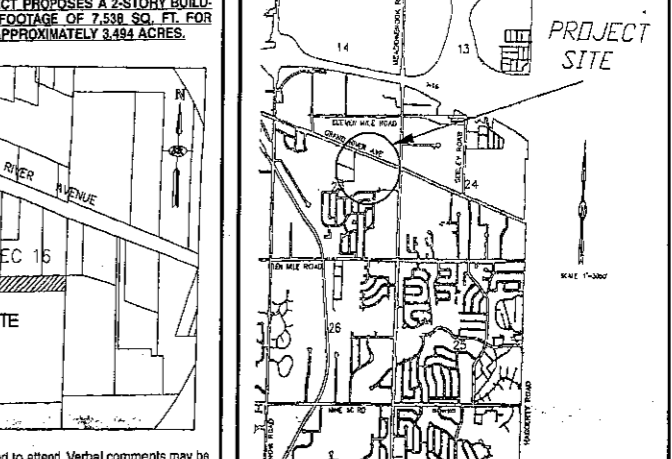
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Almost seniors

Novi juniors go above and beyond

By Courtney Ratkowiak
SPECIAL WRITER

For many high school students, summer vacation is a time for relaxation after a school year filled with standardized tests, club meetings and sporting events. However, some Novi juniors will be using this summer to enrich their educational experiences, discovering new interests and career paths through academic summer conferences.

Fraternal twins Sean and Sherrick White will be participating in the Leadership Education and Development Program in Business, a program affiliated with 10 of the country's top business schools. According to the LEAD Web site, over 1,200 applications nationwide are received for 330 seats in the program. Sean will be attending the four-week program at Northwestern's Kellogg School of Management and Sherrick will be at the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business.

Topics covered in the LEAD curriculum include marketing, finance, economics, and accounting and are supplemented by discussions with corporate executives. For the White twins, the program will be a new experience in more ways than one.

"We've never been separated for a long period of time," Sean said. "However, I'm excited for a chance to go out there and meet new people without the security of Sherrick. It'll ultimately help me get ready for college, because we probably won't be going to the same university."

After participating in a high school marketing class proved to be an enjoyable experience, Sean decided that he wanted to pursue a career in business. The boys worked with their mother, Jennie White, to find a program that would best address their interests.

"As you talk with your kids, you get a feel for what they want to achieve in life, their interests, and the field they want to be in," Jennie said. "Once you know what their goals are, you begin to research to find what (programs) are available to reach those goals."

Common challenges for par-

ents, according to Jennie, include dealing with the child's extended absence and the cost of an academic program.

"As a parent, you have to decide if it's a good investment in your child's future. If it is, then you make whatever adjustments necessary to make sure they get the opportunity to participate," Jennie said.

Rose Xie, an aspiring doctor, will be attending the National Student Leadership Conference (NSLC) for Medicine and Healthcare after receiving a nomination due to strong academic performance. The 10-day conference at the University of Maryland will include classes, speeches, and debates addressing ethical, medical, and scientific research.

"I'll be able to gain a lot of insight from doctors, researchers, people in the medical sphere who speak from experience. (NSLC) seems like it's really hands-on, so when I go to college, not everything will be completely new," Xie said.

For an academic summer camp veteran, the experience proved to be valuable both in and out of the classroom. Last summer, Liang

Qi attended the National Young Leaders Conference for Government and Politics in Washington, D.C. Throughout the conference, Qi participated in a House of Representatives simulation, working in a committee to pass bills and amend laws while interacting with members of Congress. Qi said that in addition to learning more about politics, the conference helped her discover new aspects of her personality.

"Besides piquing my interest in politics, the experience made me more outgoing, more accepting toward new ideas and people," Qi said. "My roommate was a messy person, and I didn't like that, but we had to live together. You learn to cope."

Qi said that academic camps can be beneficial for all students because of the opportunities to explore interests outside of high school.

"Summer camps provide you with a different environment," she said. "As teenagers, a lot of us tend to be limited in our thinking, keep to our comfort zone. At camps, you can expand your horizons."

Courtney Ratkowiak is a junior at Novi High School.



Courtesy photo

Fraternal twins Sean and Sherrick White will be participating in the Leadership Education and Development Program in Business this summer, a program affiliated with 10 of the country's top business schools. Both will be seniors at Novi High School this fall.

Novi Meadows finishes fourth in Sigma Contest

Student Shubhangi Arora takes first place in nation

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Once again, Novi Meadows Elementary School has taken the United States by storm by finishing fourth in nation in the Division 1 sixth grade Sigma Contest.

The competition is a series of five contests, starting in October and ending at the end of March. Students must figure out problem-

solving questions.

"Since anyone can remember, we have been in the top five in the nation in this contest," said Dr. Katherine Ellis, a teacher at Novi Meadows. "In fact, nobody in Michigan was even close to us this year."

Meadows can even boast that one of its own students, Shubhangi Arora, took first place in the nation out of 100,000 students.

"That's phenomenal," Ellis said. "Following are results for Novi Meadows students:

- Shubhangi Arora — Gold medal winner, first in the nation.
- Chaitanya Kamkar — Gold medal winner, tied for seventh in the nation.
- Spencer Kim — Silver medal

winner, tied for 36th in the nation.

- Siyi Chen — Bronze medal winner, tied for 50th in the nation.

- Jeey Clarkson — Bronze medal winner, tied for 50th in the nation.

- Allison Jones and Joan Kim both finished one point behind 50th place winners.

- Brett Giampa, Aileen Haque, Aditya Kariakar, Eshwar Sundaraju and Travis Vincent each finished two points behind 50th place winners.

Ramez Khuri is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by e-mail at rkhuri@h.bmc.com.net.



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Pictured (front) are: Brett Giampa, Allison Jones, Shubhangi Arora, who won the national first place gold medal, and Vincent Travis; (back) Joey Clarkson (bronze medal winner), Eshwar Sundaraju, Chaitanya Kamkar (seventh place-gold medal winner), Joan Kim, Siyi Chen (bronze medal winner), Aditya Kariakar and Spencer Kim (silver medal winner). Aileen Haque is not pictured.

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PEOPLE

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NAMES IN THE NEWS

Wayne State University announces that David Outpicky, Ph.D., assistant professor of pharmacological sciences department, Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (EACPHS), was awarded a research project grant from the National Cancer Institute of the National Institutes of Health. The grant is expected to provide more than \$1.3 million in support during the next five years.

The research project, titled "Gene Delivery Modulated by Redox Potential Gradients," is part of a larger research program of Dr. Outpicky and his associates, which is concerned with the design and development of smart, nano-biotechnology and their use in cancer treatment.

Outpicky, a resident of Novi, earned his doctorate in Macromolecular Chemistry from the Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry, Prague, Czech Republic. He also has done post doctorate studies in Gene Therapy at the CRC Institute for Cancer Studies, University of Birmingham in the United Kingdom.

Huron Valley Ambulance paramedic, Rob Foster, who works out of HVA's Wixom station, represented HVA on June 14 at the Michigan Association of Ambulance Service's Stars of Life event at the state capital in Lansing. The celebration recognizes and honors dedicated ambulance service personnel. The "Stars" also meet with legislators to discuss issues important to the profession. The "Stars of Life" program seeks to raise visibility for ambulance industry issues and encourage grassroots involvement in local and national ambulance service issues.

Foster was selected by HVA management from a pool of received "exceeds standards" performance appraisals in the past. "One night, Rob Foster was first to arrive on the scene of a car accident with multiple patients," tells Paul Hosal, HVA Vice President for Eastern Operations. "Using excellent triage skills, Rob gave direction to each arriving ambulance and the Wixom Fire Department while they treated the injured patients."

Foster has been with HVA for almost four years. He is a senior paramedic and one of six full-time paramedics who cover the Wixom and Milford area. He enjoys fishing, photography and working out in his house. He lives in Canton with his wife and three daughters.

IN THE SERVICE

U.S. Navy Ensign Phillip N. Suchyta, son of Mary Lee Suchyta and late Robert J. Suchyta, graduated from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., on May 27, and was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Navy.

Suchyta successfully completed four years of intensive academic, physical and professional training, resulting in a bachelor of science degree with a major in Naval Architecture.

Following graduation, Ensign Suchyta has been assigned to flight school in Pensacola, Fla., where he will begin the two-year training program to qualify as a Navy pilot. He is a 2000 graduate of Novi High School.

ENGAGEMENT



Carl and Coleen Stevens of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Tara Kathleen Stevens, to Tyson Paul Baird, son of Paul and Patricia Baird of Newaygo, Mich.

The bride-elect is a 2000 graduate of Novi High School and a 2004 graduate of Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio. She is currently employed by Magna-Intier Automotive as a PC admin/information technology tech.

The groom-elect is a 1998 graduate of Reeths-Puffer High School, Muskegon and a 2002 graduate of Kalamazoo College. He is currently employed by Synovate Motorssearch as an associate sales director.

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Seniors' stitching helps babies

Fox Run's new quilting group makes small blankets

By Kim Kovale
STAFF WRITER



Nan Pritchard, Peg Quigley and Bernita Mechan gather around a sewing machine and two baby quilts at their Fox Run home.

Stitched with care by a group of senior citizens, 12 small quilts were ready to go the morning of May 31. Even so, when the group boarded a bus at their Fox Run home to make the delivery to mothers in need, 80-year-old Nan Pritchard was determined to finish one more.

"Everything has to be very exact, or it doesn't look good," said Pritchard, who threaded needles on the bumpy ride. "You have to have lots of patience."

All 13 blankets arrived in finished form to the Oakland County Furniture Bank in Pontiac.

Made in three months, the quilts were the first project of the retirement community's new quilting group.

Flocking to scissors and sewing machines every Tuesday, a dozen ladies designed, mended, measured, snipped and stitched, crafting quilts with simple natch patterns.

Group organizer Peg Quigley, 78, said the seed was planted over dinner when she met local quilting instructor Mary Bajez, who was visiting her father at Fox Run.

"We got to talking about quilts," Quigley said. "She offered to come and be the instructor. I was sort of like the organizer and she was the skillful person."

At the group's first March meeting, Quigley found the word had spread: "They were all people I met in the diner," she laughed.

Bernita Mechan was among them. With five handmade quilts to her credit, the 80-year-old began her artistry when she retired, though sewing snagged her interest much earlier.

"I started with 4H when I was a kid," she said. "I sewed all my life. That's the first thing I thought when I started working... I wanted an electric machine."

An accountant by trade, Mechan unwound by stitching smocks and dresses for three children, meticulously focused on design and color coordinating.

Quigley distinctly recalls her first garment: a complicated, full-body slip made in seventh grade home economics class. When it was nearly done, she accidentally cut a hole in it.

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Tuesday 6/21	9 a.m. Patern Bread	9 a.m. Line Dance	10 a.m. Asian Pacific	noon Bookmobile	1:20 p.m. Lunch	12:30 p.m. Bingo love	3-4 p.m. "Drawing from photos" class
Wednesday 6/22	9 a.m. Stretch and Strength	9 a.m. Women's Golf	10 a.m. Body Recall	10:30 a.m. Quilting	11 a.m. Blood pressure	noon Taking Off Pains Sensibly class	1:20 p.m. Clugging*
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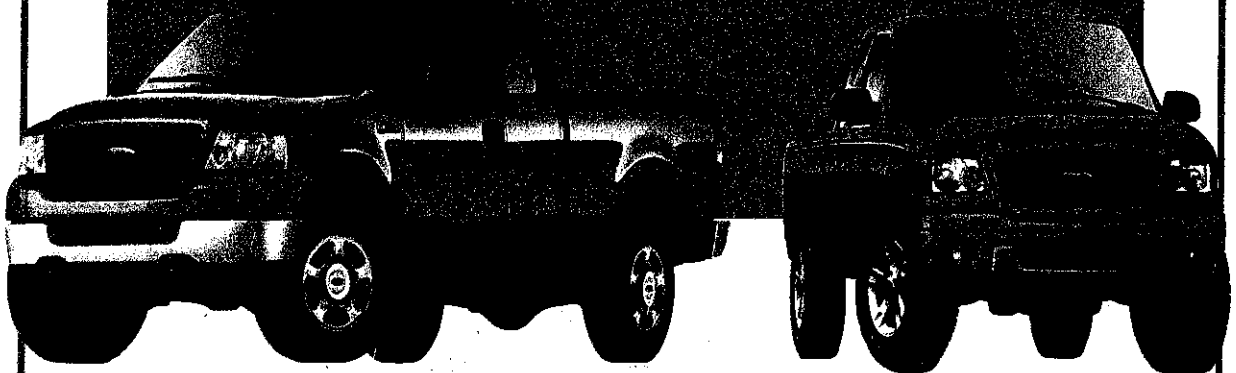
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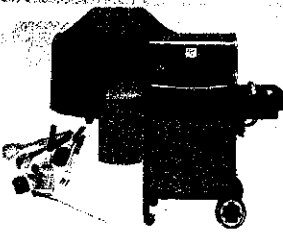
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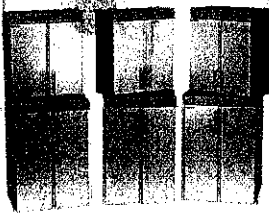
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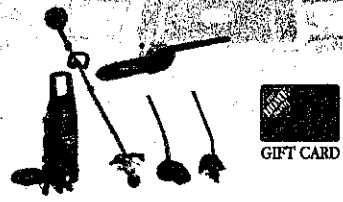
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Who's next?

The Novi Wildcats soccer team doesn't fool around when it comes to titles. That's why they have one in the KVC, the district and now the region. State finals, anyone?

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Another All-Star nod

Will Kevin Cislo ever stop being great? Probably not. The Novi graduate earned his fourth All-Star game invitation last week. He's playing in both football and baseball games this summer.

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What a streak

The Novi Wildcats baseball team has won six KVC titles in six years under the coaching of Rick Green. How about next season? Green said it isn't going to be easy.

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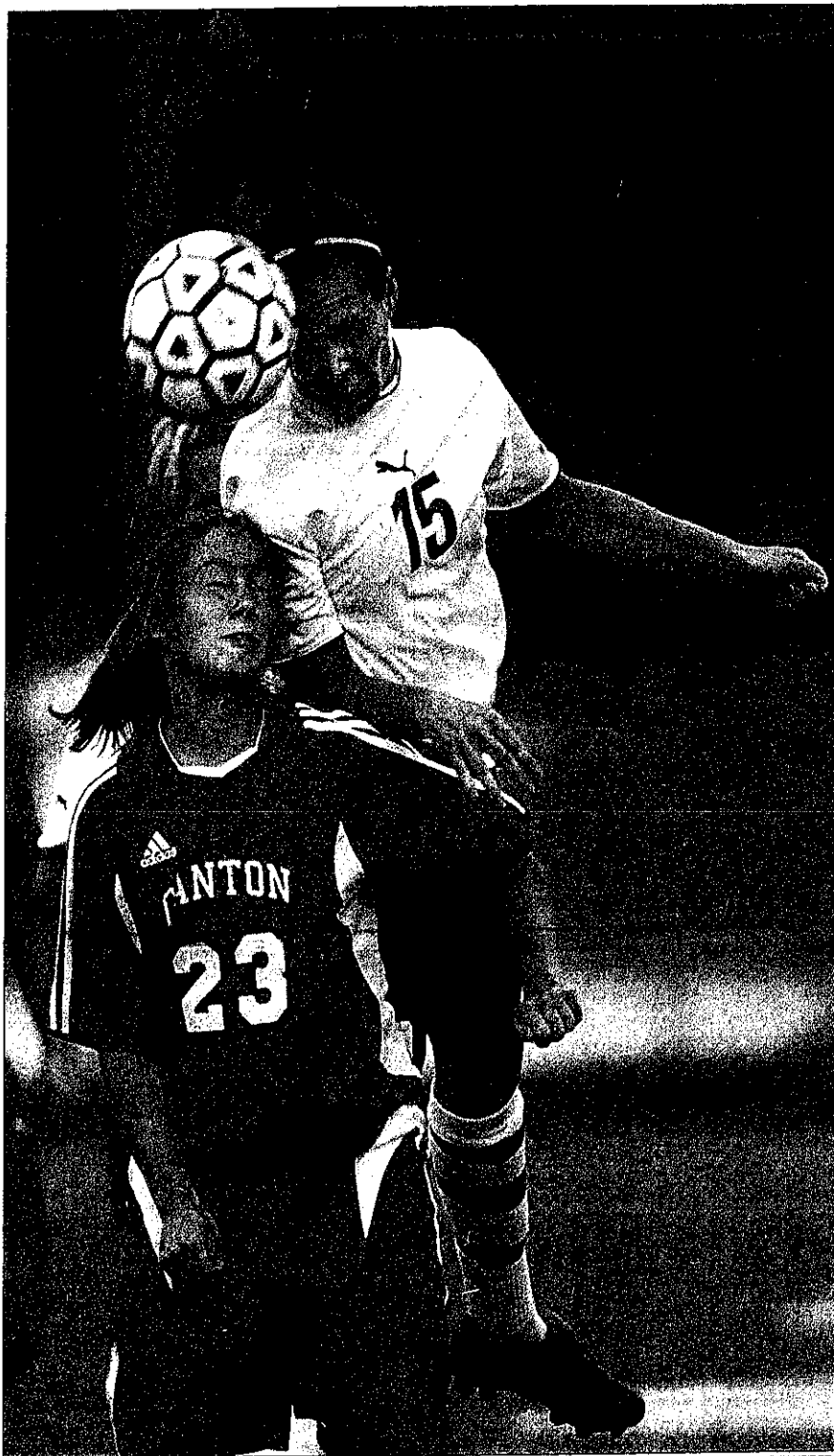


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Kristi Timar, (#15), goes above a Chief for a header during last Friday night's playoff game at Walled Lake Northern.

'Cats edge Canton for title

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The Novi Wildcats girls soccer team headed into the locker room with a 0-0 tie against the Canton Chiefs hanging over their heads.

It was their first-ever trip to the regional finals and the Chiefs — a team they had beat earlier in the year — were playing them as equals. Maybe the team's season had run its course?

Maybe not. The Wildcats followed the lead of stand-out sophomore Stephanie Crawford to a 1-0 lead over their Canton opponents to secure a berth to the state semi-finals game, scheduled for yesterday.

The winner of the contest between the Wildcats and Troy will play in the state finals game Saturday at 2:30 p.m. at Troy Athens High School.

"The subs also played a key role with the temperature at game time (being) 92 and the on-field temperature at 102."

Brian O'Leary
Novi soccer coach

One step at a time

Against Canton, the last thing on Novi's mind was who they had to play next. Instead, they were more concerned about how to topple the Chiefs.

The answer came with about six minutes left in the game.

"We possessed the ball more and out shot Canton, 18-9," said Novi coach Brian O'Leary of how his team, for the most part, controlled the game.

There was little O'Leary could do, however, than depend on his top players. They came through for him.

Kristi Timar dribbled the ball in the box for a split second before juking her defender and sprinting for the goal.

The Canton netminder came out, her eyes locked on Timar before the senior forward flicked a perfect pass to Crawford, who buried it into the back of the open net.

The bench exploded, as did the Novi faithful in the stands. Crawford hugged her teammates, roaring with joy as she

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East-West All-Stars ready for action

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

With only some minor tweaks in the schedule, the East versus West All-Star baseball and softball games are on track.

The softball game has been switched to June 22 and the baseball game moved to June 21 to help with some scheduling conflicts. Both games will be held at Milford High School at 4 p.m. on their respective days.

The teams will be well represented this as some of the best players in Livingston and Oakland counties gear up to play against each other.

The games are co-sponsored by the Northville Record and the Novi News along with sister publication the Livingston Country Daily Press & Argus.

Coaching the East softball team will be Lakeland's Joe Aisup while the baseball squad will be coached by Rick Green.

Nearly 40 baseball stars and 30 softball standouts from both counties will take the fields with their peers and, as always, it looks to be some promising competition.

The East teams — or the Oakland All-Stars — consist of players from Northville, Novi, Milford, South Lyon and Lakeland while the West teams — the Livingston All-Stars — have players from Hartland, Howell, Brighton, Pinckney and Fowlerville on the roster.

The East squads have had plenty of success over the past five games. The baseball teams, which have had such stars as Mark Sorensen, A.J. Rowe, Mike Hart, Brendan Buckley and Mitch Maier take the field, have compiled an impressive 4-1 record against their Livingston counterparts.

The East softball team, boasting such notables as Kim Zarzycski and Kim Larson on last year's squad, leads the annual series, 3-2.

Novi and Northville each have four baseball and three softball invitees for the game. Novi's Alyssa Wagner and Northville's Kristen Zawacki, Jane Kruszewski and Kim Bagian have confirmed their intentions to play for the softball team as have Richard Vandever, Billy Morrison and Zach Flavin from Novi and Tyler Laing and Rick Birdsall from Northville for the baseball game. Northville's Matt Williams and Novi's Kevin Cislo are also expected to be in attendance.

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ALL-STAR GAMES

The Sixth-Annual East-West All-Star games hosted by the Novi News are scheduled for next week.

The softball game will be played June 22 and the baseball game is slated for June 21. Both games are scheduled to be played at Milford High School at 4 p.m. on their respective dates.

The East squad is made of players from Novi, Northville, Milford, Lakeland and South Lyon while the West is made of players from Brighton, Howell, Hartland, Pinckney and Fowlerville.

By the numbers	4-1	4	3-2	5	10	40	30
	East's record over the West heading into the Sixth-Annual East-West All-Star game.	Games in a row the west has won the baseball showdown.	East's lead in the softball series over their counterparts from the West.	Novi baseball players invited to the All-Star game.	Schools represented in the annual games, hosted by the Novi News.	Baseball players from Oakland and Wayne counties expected to have invitations.	Softball players from the 19 schools that were invited to play in the annual contest.



Novi senior Billy Morrison fires a pitch against Northville.

Photos by SAM EGGLESTON

Tough act to follow in 2006

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Novi baseball coach Rick Green has a bit of a problem.

You see, he's been the head coach at Novi for six years when it comes to the varsity team. His goal every year is to win the Kensington Valley Conference title. Out of his six seasons, he's won six KVC titles.

That's a hard fact to follow. "It's been hard, but we've had some really talented kids over the years," said Green. "But our number one goal is to win the Kensington Valley Conference. Then our ultimate goal is to win the state championship."

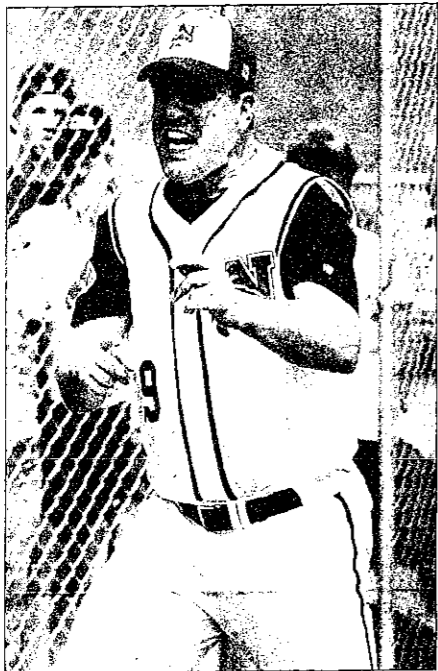
Goal number two, however, has proved elusive for the Wildcats. This year, the team was knocked out of the playoffs by rival Northville, 8-6, in the district. In fact, the district tournament has been a sticking point for the 'Cats, who have been knocked out of it 103 times in 116 seasons in a race to recall without a little heartbreak.

"They've just got our number," said Green of the Mustangs and the district. "For some reason, we've been having trouble at that point in the season. But they've been having no trouble whatsoever in the regular season. The Wildcats were expected to finish in the middle of the pack after losing a slew of talented players in 2004, but they were diligent in their efforts to once again capture the Kensington Valley Conference title.

When the snake cleared, it was the 'Cats who once again stood atop the hill. "Everybody is out to get you every year," Green said. "They said we weren't going to win the KVC this year but halfway through we were up by three games. It's a pretty big accomplishment."

Green attributed the success not to his skill as a coach, but rather to the leadership produced by his players. "The senior leadership this year was just unbelievable," he said. "Kevin Cislo was our captain and he did a great job. Zach Frasin and Billy Morrison were the assistants. We couldn't have done as well as we did without that leadership. That really helped the team come together."

When it comes to talent, the Wildcats had the luxury of boosting the three captains as their cream-of-the-crop players. From that point down, Green said his team was different than others he has coached. "I don't know if we ranked up



Novi coach Rick Green isn't happy with a call from the umpire against Northville.

there in talent this year," he said, comparing this year's team to those of the past. "We had three super stars on the team and then after that we had a bunch of guys that played hard together."

"They played together better than any team I've had. There was a lot of character on this team. We had a lot of work to do this year, but we just kept getting better as the season went along."

Green, who coached four years of junior varsity before taking the varsity helm, said coaching the kids from Novi is always a pleasure.

"All of these kids are great people," he said. "That's what I miss the most when they graduate. It doesn't matter what kind of ball player they are, they're all great people and fun kids to coach. It's always a pleasure."

Next year the Wildcats will be looking to Steve Hart, Matt Simpson and Tom Cerronia to lead the way. "They've got one goal in mind already. Making it seven in a row."

Add another all-star nod for Kevin Cislo

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

In its 24th year being played, the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches' Association East-West All-Star Game has made a mark in Novi and Northville.

The two cities will be well represented when Northville's Matt Williams and Novi's Kevin Cislo take to the field June 23 at 11 a.m. at Comerica Park. The cost is \$5 per person at the gate.

The two athletes will play on the East squad, coached by Bob Dieters of Rochester. The East will be the home team this year.

"These teams normally have some great talent and some great kids," said Mario Borrocci, the head baseball coach at Fraser High School and chairman of the MHSBCA East-West All-Star Game and the Hall of Fame. "It's amazing when they can do. It's an honor just to be nominated by their coaches and to be selected by the all-star coaches for this game."

Both Cislo and Williams said they thought it was indeed an honor. The two standouts had already earned nods to the Sixth Annual East-West All-Star Game hosted by the Northville Record and the Novi News as well as the

all-star game hosted by the Detroit Tigers in celebration of Negro League baseball.

The two players will join the ranks of such players as Steve Avery, John Smoltz and Pat Hentgen and others who have been drafted and played in Major League Baseball.

A player that will be taking to the field for the West team that isn't too shy of being drafted by the Major Leagues is Ann Arbor Pioneer's Zach Putnam, a pitcher. It's in question as to if he'll be able to play or if he'll be ineligible after signing a contract on draft day.

Even if Putnam is drafted, Borrocci said it's not so hard to make arrangements.

"When Steve Avery was drafted by Atlanta, I talked to his dad, who was an athletic director at the time," said Borrocci. "He said there was no way in the world he would sign before he could play in the all-star game. It's quite an honor for a lot of people."

"Some of these kids who are drafted, I ask them 'How many times will you get to play in Comerica Park?' What's the difference if you sign on the 23rd or the 24th?"

Though neither Williams or Cislo are expecting to get a call

on draft day both said they'll be honored by getting the chance to appear on the same soil the Tigers play on.

They'll also be playing a nine-inning game like their professional counterparts.

"It's a huge honor," said Williams, who will play at Duke University next season. "I can't wait to play there."

And neither can Cislo, who has signed with the University of Michigan to play baseball for the Wolverines. Cislo will also play punter in the East-West All-Star Football Game later this summer.

"It's been a great year," he said. "I couldn't have asked for a better way to end my high school career."

The all-stars will also have a banquet at which the inductees into the Michigan High School Baseball Hall of Fame will be presented.

In even of rain, the all-star game will most likely be played the following day, said Borrocci.

"We'll keep our fingers crossed because we've never been rained out," he said. "Knock on wood."

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U13 Novi Jaguar Boys Green Win First Place

The U13 Novi Jaguar Boys Green won First Place in the Novi Jaguar Invitational Soccer Tournament on May 8. In the semi-finals, they won 1-0 in overtime against Alliance FC Premier Black. The finals, were a thriller, as the Jaguars won 4-3 against Alliance FC Orange in the last minute of the game. The team, from left to right, includes: Front row: Doug McGinn, Andrew Lumley, Nick Lewin, Eric Weberman, Chris Slack, Coach Chris Crawford and son, Drew. Back row: Coach Brian Tinnion, Kevin Zak, David Hammond, Brandon Cameron, Craig Demshuk, Kyle Bambach, Geoff Giese, Brett Kuhn, Jordan Jabbari, Anthony Capatina, Ricky Enright, Nick Bowser, Max McHugh, and Cole Borland.

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Nothing beats a victory

It's the sweetness of victory that can never be imitated.

Stephanie Crawford knows what it feels like. The feeling as the ball meets the leather of her shoe. The way the artificial turf grips at her foot as she turns and faces the goal. The way the world slows down just a microsecond as she plants one foot and fires a goal with the other.

Not just any goal. The game-winning goal.

The field erupted following Crawford's kick last Friday night. And why not? After the heat and the physical play of Canton kept the score tied until well past the half, Crawford and the Wildcats were securing a berth to the semi-finals.

It was the team's first ever trip to a Sam Eggleston regional championship game.

Every city was from that point on was history. The first corner kick. The first 50-50 ball. The first substitution. The first shot on goal. And, yes, the first victory.

Girls will be girls. Some fixed their hair before posing for photos. Others made sure the sweat was wiped away from their brows before screaming for the television cameras.

Athletes will be athletes, too. Some hugged one another. Others wiped away tears of joy.

When all was said and done, the Novi Wildcats girls soccer team was more than a first-place ranking in the state of Michigan. They were more than one of the top teams in the country.

They were regional champions. They were one step closer to a state finals berth.

It's been a fun journey. The soccer team has made history by being the first-ever undefeated team at the high school for the sport. They earned a record-setting 17 shutouts so far in every game. They've been dominating in every facet of the game.

The substitutes even get to play and — gasp! — they're good. Novi coach Brian O'Leary has been here before. In 1998 he won a state title with the boys team. It's been seven years since that accomplishment. That's a common-law marriage in some states.

O'Leary has never let his frustrations show. Not when his team bowed out of the regional a few years back. Not when they lost to Northville in the district final last year.

He doesn't let his excitement show too much either. Some coaches look as though they're about to pop a blood vessel. O'Leary looks as though he's just concentrating on the game.

The Wildcats deserve their success this year. From top to bottom they're the best team in the state. They just have to prove it for two more games.

By this time next week, everyone will be saying they knew the 'Cats would win the state title. They didn't, but who cares?

The ones who did know Novi had the potential are the only ones who matter. It's the girls who've played the games before our very eyes, wowing us with impressive talents and pretty smiles. They shine when they have to, get angry when it needs to be done and grin their teeth and play through situations that aren't as comfortable as they'd like them to be.

Novi has denied the critics. They've embraced their supporters. A state title run? Likely. Let's hope it's the case.

I'm writing this on a Monday night with hopes and anticipation of writing an even better one this Saturday night.

I've seen state champions before. I've talked to them and I've interviewed them and I've covered their games. There's something special about this Novi squad though. Maybe it's the way they seem more like a family than a team. Maybe not.

I can't quite put my finger on it. Give me a week. A state title, hopefully, will make things a bit more clear.

Good luck, Novi. No matter what the outcome of this week's games just remember that the entire Novi community is proud of everything you've done to this point.

Everything else? It's just history.

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SWEETNESS!



Stephanie Crawford, right, celebrates her game-winning goal with Novi teammate Emily Esbrook, during last Friday night's game against Canton.

'Cats edge Canton in regional

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embraced friend and midfielder Emily Esbrook.

A little help from their friends

The forwards were the ones getting the glory, but they were well aware they couldn't have done it without their friends in the midfield.

"Our entire midfield played a great game, controlling the ball way more than Canton's midfield," O'Leary said.

"The subs also played a key role with the temperature at game time (being) 92 and the on-field temperatures at 102."

The midfield team of Esbrook, Kellie and Katie Walker and Sarah Schmitt had the job of taking on a very physical Canton midfield and standing their ground. The heat, magnified by the artificial turf, didn't help their task any.

Pia Janssens came off the bench several times to help relieve exhausted Wildcats.

"She did very well off the bench at forward and midfield," O'Leary noted.

When the ball did move past the Novi midfield, there was plenty of defense waiting for them, including the stellar play of Katie Chaklos and the strong showing of Kim Herbst in goal, who made seven saves to secure the victory.

Novi climbed to 22-0-1 on the season with the win.

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Novi Wildcats celebrate their one-goal playoff victory against Canton last Friday night.



Wildcat Pia Janssens tries to maneuver around a Canton Chief during last week's playoff game.



Novi's Jessica Barndt out of position as a Canton Chief for a ball.



ABOVE: Kristine Chaklos, her face momentarily covered by the ball, works her way towards the Canton Chiefs' goal.



RIGHT: Wildcat goalkeeper Kim Herbst shouts positioning to her teammates as the Canton Chiefs near the goal.

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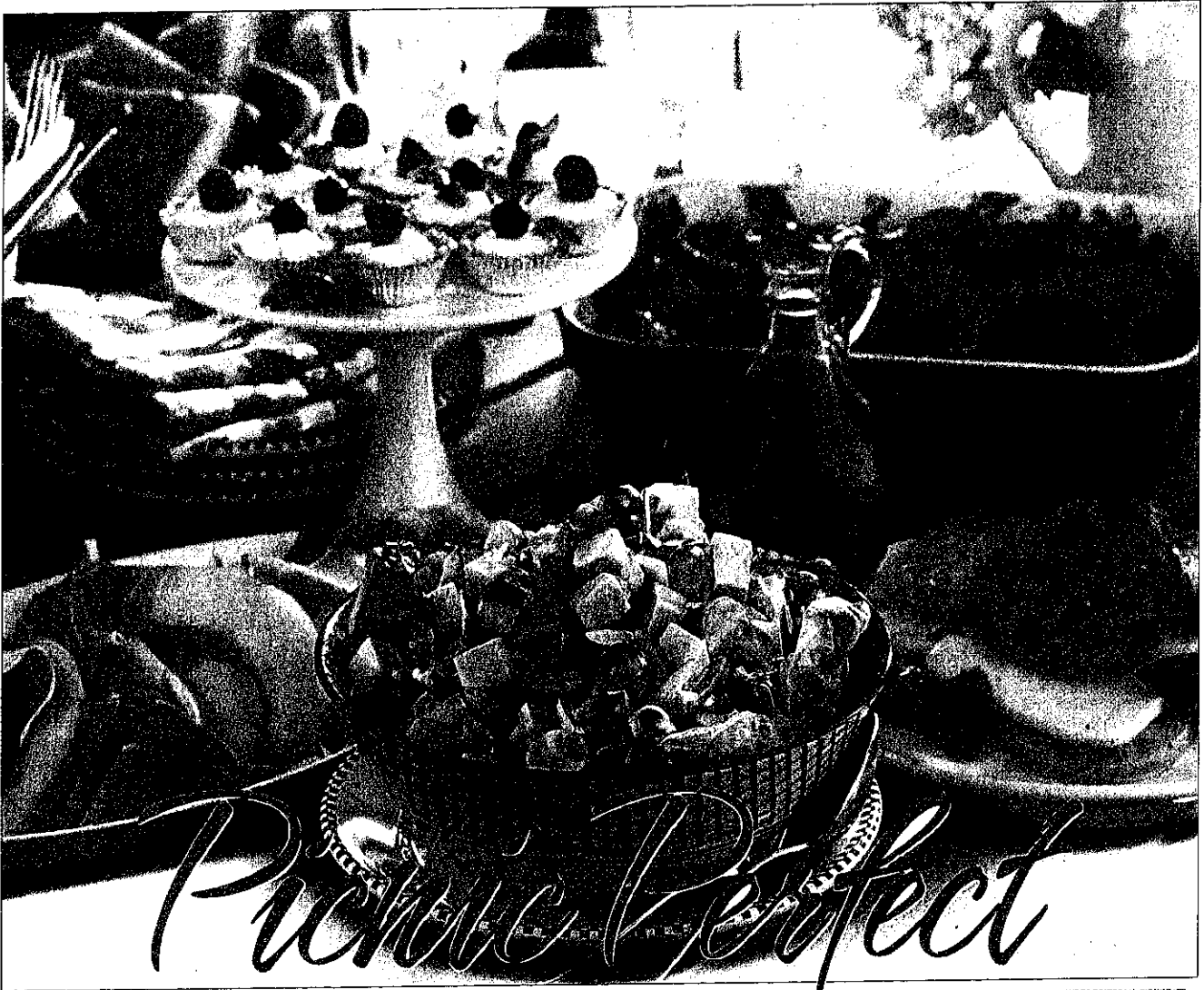
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Face it. Food tastes better served outside. This summer, outdoor eating is easier than ever with a stop at the deli counter. There you'll find a selection of items to help you produce portable food at its best, whether it's a simple meal served steps away from the kitchen on the deck or patio, or an elaborate picnic packed in a basket and then spread out at a beach or park. From seasonal salads to easy casseroles to delicious desserts, you'll find everything you need for a perfect picnic from Boar's Head. The range of flavorful meats, cheeses and condiments, when combined with other ingredients, create simple, satisfying tastes to please the entire family.

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- 1 large egg yolk

Garnish

Fresh berries

Preheat oven to 375°F.

Line 24 mini muffin cups with paper liners, or use foil cups with paper liners. Toss crumbs, sugar and butter together. Spoon 1 teaspoon crumb mixture into each paper liner and press down with finger. Place muffin pans, or paper-lined foil cups, on cookie sheet, position on center oven rack and bake until shells are crisp and golden, about 8 minutes. Cool.

Place cream cheese, sugar, sour cream, vanilla and lemon juice in food processor bowl and process until smooth, about 15 seconds, scraping once or

twice with rubber spatula to make sure mixture is completely smooth.

Place milk in small saucepan, sprinkle gelatin over it and allow to soften 3 to 4 minutes, then stir with whisk. Heat over medium heat, stirring constantly with whisk about 1 minute, until mixture begins to boil. Remove from heat.

In small bowl, beat egg yolk with whisk until frothy. Add a little milk mixture to warm eggs and prevent scrambling. Add remainder of milk to egg. Heat over medium heat, stirring constantly, just until mixture begins to simmer. Remove from heat and pour through strainer into cream cheese mixture. Process until blended.

Fill each crust-lined cup with filling. Refrigerate until set, about 2 hours. Garnish each with a berry and serve.

Yield: 24 mini cheesecakes

Bratwurst and Vidalia Onion Sauce Casserole

The smoky taste of grilled Boar's Head Bratwurst combines with the sweet and sour flavor of Boar's Head Vidalia Onion Sauce in this easy-to-make casserole, which works both as a side dish as well as a sandwich when spooned over crusty French bread. Grill six sausages, slice to bite-sized pieces, place in a heat-proof bowl and mix with one jar of Boar's Head Vidalia Onion sauce. Reheat on the grill, away from direct heat, or in the microwave.

Yield: 4 to 6 servings

Mendocino Chicken Salad

- 6 ounces Boar's Head Golden Classic Chicken Breast, or Hickory Smoked Chicken Breast, cubed
- 1 cup seedless grapes, halved
- 1/2 cup diced red onion
- 3 stalks celery, diced
- 1/4 cup fresh basil leaves, cut into thin strips
- 1 cup blanched sliced almonds
- 3/4 cup mayonnaise

In large bowl, combine chicken, grapes, red onion, celery, basil, almonds and mayonnaise. Mix well; chill and serve.

Yield: 4 servings

Prosciutto and Melon Salad

- 6 wedges fresh peeled honeydew melon, about 1 1/2 inches thick
- 6 wedges fresh peeled cantaloupe, about 1 1/2 inches thick
- Salt and pepper
- 12 thin slices of Boar's Head Prosciutto
- Extra virgin olive oil, optional
- 4 to 6 lemon wedges

Season melon with salt and pepper. On serving platter, arrange cantaloupe, melon and prosciutto slices, drizzle with extra virgin olive oil (optional) and garnish with lemon wedges.

Yield: 4 to 6 servings





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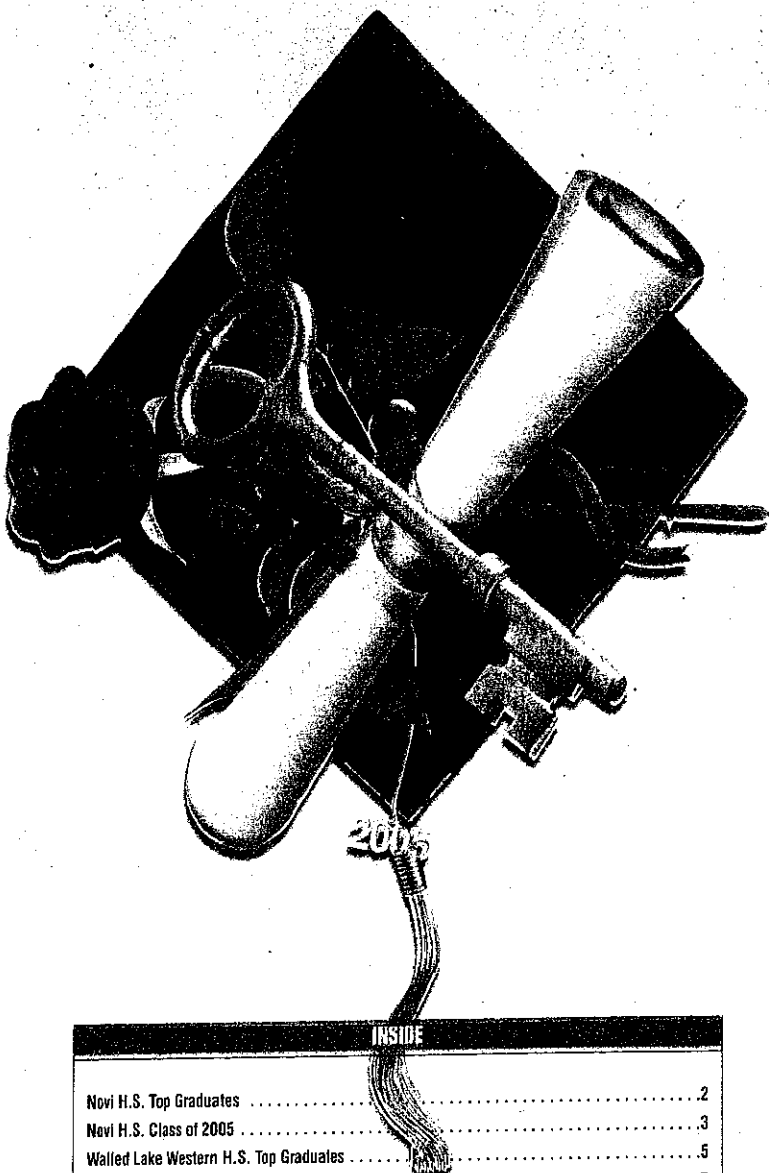
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Marybeth Miles, center, Novi High Class of 2005 treasurer, laughs as she and William Chaklos wait for their commencement ceremony to begin.

NOVI H.S. GRADUATES, CONGRATULATIONS!



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Novi High School principal John Lawrence, right, greets one of the school's newest alumni during last Saturday's commencement ceremony at the Convention Center.

NOVI HIGH SCHOOL - 2005 TOP GRADUATES



Rebecca Reichel

PARENTS: James and Mary Reichel
SIBLINGS: Sarah, 15
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend the University of Michigan
CAREER PLANS: Medicine
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:
 • Teens Aiding the Cancer Community-Treasurer
 • National Honor Society-Vice President
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 • Volleyball
 • Cross Country
ACADEMIC HONORS:
 • University of Michigan Regents Scholarship
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MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Winning Novi's first ever KVC title and second district championship in volleyball this year.
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SCORE: 1975



Paul Hou

PARENTS: Hang-Sheng Hou and Hua Lu
SIBLINGS: Jack Hou, 9
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Undergraduate and graduate study of engineering
CAREER PLANS: Undecided
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:
 • Marching Band
 • Jazz Band
 • National Honor Society
 • Science Club
 • CVS
ACADEMIC HONORS:
 • National Merit Finalist
 • Michigan Math Prize Awards Day Finalist
 • National Honor Roll member
 • High School Honor Roll member
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Going to Florida with the band
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My parents
SCORE: 1972.265



Tiffany Lin

PARENTS: Chung-Liang and Shu-Fen Lin
SIBLINGS: Robin Lin, 20
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend the University of Michigan
CAREER PLANS: Undecided
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:
 • Piano-state champion 2004
 • Varsity tennis-2 years
 • National Honor Society-President
 • Interact Club-President
 • Newspaper Feature Editor
ACADEMIC HONORS:
 • National Merit Scholarship
 • National Merit Finalist
 • Corporate Scholarship receiver
 • National Advanced Placement Scholar
 • American Chinese Association All-Around Scholarship and Leadership Winner
 • National Chemistry Olympiad-District Level Participant
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Attending the Mich. Interscholastic Press Assoc. Newspaper Conf. and receiving the Spartan award.
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My parents
SCORE: 1972.265



Christopher Britten

PARENTS: Nancy and John Britten
SIBLINGS: Adam, 15; Matt, 20
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend the University of Michigan-study political science
CAREER PLANS: Attorney
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:
 • Teen Court-President
 • Student Council-Exec. Board Vice President
 • SADD-Vice President
 • Forensics
ACADEMIC HONORS:
 • National Merit Scholarship Finalist
 • 4 year Honor Roll
 • Academic Letter
 • Forensics Impromptu Speaking-3rd in state
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Senior year homecoming float building
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My mother
SCORE: 1968.75



Caitlin O'Rourke

PARENTS: Christine and James Riley
SIBLINGS: None
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend the University of Michigan
CAREER PLANS: Undecided
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:
 • School Theatrical Productions-lead roles and crew head
 • Forensics-Captain
 • Quiz Bowl-Vice President
 • Destination Imagination
 • Drama Club
ACADEMIC HONORS:
 • National Merit Finalist
 • Academic Letter
 • First and Second Academic Bars
 • Summa Cum Laude status
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Closing night of this year's fall play-exhilarated and sad that it was my last fall show.
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My mother
SCORE: 1968.75

THE FORMULA
 Here's how we pick the Top Ten high school students. Using their official transcripts, students can choose either their SAT or ACT score, combined with their grade point average, to come up with a composite score. That's the number shown at the bottom of each student's profile.

1. GPA (Convert to 4.0 scale - 7 semesters.) Include only mathematics, English, science, social science and foreign language (round GPA to three decimals). Then multiply by 250 =
 2. Combines SAT or ACT score (choose one):
 SAT composite score: _____ divide by 16 =
 or ACT composite score: _____ multiply by 27.775 =
 3. Total score: GPA plus SAT = _____ or GPA plus ACT = _____



Cassie Jeng

PARENTS: Shaw-Fang and Bilan Jeng
SIBLINGS: Connie Jeng, 15
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend the University of Michigan-LSA Honors
CAREER PLANS: Medicine-undecided
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:
 • Science Club-President
 • Quiz Bowl-President
 • Japanese Club-Treasurer
 • Teacher Aide/Library volunteer
 • National Honor Society member
ACADEMIC HONORS:
 • Presidential Scholars Nominee
 • National Merit Scholar
 • Michigan Summer Institute 2003
 • Chemistry Olympiad-Detroit Local Section-runner up
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Science Club overnight trip to Chicago, sophomore year
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My best friends, Belinda Shih and Tiffany Lin
SCORE: 1954.765



Adam Bednarek

PARENTS: David Bednarek, Jill Bednarek
SIBLINGS: Alex, 12
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend Grove City College, Grove City, Pa., mechanical engineering
CAREER PLANS: Aerospace Engineer
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:
 • FIRST Robotics-Animation Team Leader
 • Band (Marching, Symphony, Wind Ensemble, Jazz)
 • Pit Orchestra
 • Relay for Life-Youth Team Leader; "Youth of Faith"
 • CVS
ACADEMIC HONORS:
 • National Merit Scholar
 • National Chemistry Olympiad Nominee
 • Michigan Math Prize Competition Top 200
 • Presidential Award for Academic Excellence
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Finals at the BOA Regional Marching Band Competition-2nd time
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: Mrs. Lazzar
SCORE: 1954.765



Prasanna Venugopal

PARENTS: Venugopal Shan and Vasuki Venugopal
SIBLINGS: Vishnu Venugopal, 12
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend Yale, bio-medical engineering
CAREER PLANS: Business or Bio-technology
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:
 • Varsity Tennis-Captain
 • National Honor Society-Activities Director
 • Spanish Club-Treasurer
 • Red Cross Volunteer
 Recognition
 • Boys State Representative
ACADEMIC HONORS:
 • National Merit Scholarship Winner
 • National Principal's Leadership Award Nominee
 • National Chemistry Olympiad
 • AP Scholar with Distinction
 • Michigan Math Prize Competition Finalist
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Earning the #1 Varsity Tennis Singles-Freshman Year
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My parents
SCORE: 1950



Laura Hirshfield

PARENTS: Arthur and Debra Hirshfield
SIBLINGS: Alicia, 22
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend the University of Michigan-engineering
CAREER PLANS: Industrial or chemical engineering
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:
 • Varsity pom-pom
 • SADD-President
 • Student Council-Class Secretary
 • National Honor Society
 • Freshman Mentor
ACADEMIC HONORS:
 • National Merit Commendation
 • KVC All-Conference Academic Achievement
 • Honor Roll
 • KVC Student Athlete
 • Academic Bars
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Winning Third place at pom-pom state championships senior year
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My parents
SCORE: 1944.486



James Walter

PARENTS: Randall and Pat Walter
SIBLINGS: Jessica, 25; Amy, 23; Claire, 20
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend the University of Michigan-engineering
CAREER PLANS: Engineer for the Big Three
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:
 • Quiz Bowl-Captain
 • YMCA basketball
 • Golf
 • Election worker
 • Mountain biking
ACADEMIC HONORS:
 • Novi High School Top Ten
 • Chemistry Olympiad
 • Franklin High School Top 25
 • Principals List
 • Franklin High School Triple High Honors
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: My first day, Junior year, attending Novi High School after moving from Nashville
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My brother-in-law, Robby
SCORE: 1913.236

Novi High School - Class of 2005

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Jeremy Eric Adams
Majed Mohammed Afana
Deanna G. Albanelli
Paul Michael Aldrich
Andrea Alfars
Molly Rose Alpert
Lauren Nicole Anderson
Constance R. Ansara
Timothy Michael Ansara
Meera Arghal
David Charles Armstrong
Omar Artaaga
Geoffrey Konrad Atia-Ahrens
Chelsea Brooke Attyeh
Georgiana Baciu
Jason Morgan Ballantyne
Darren Lee Barber
Shannon Victoria Barbour
Nicole Elizabeth Barnett
Jordan Patrick Barras
Stephanie Lauren Barin
Lauran Bartlett
Holly Anne Bassett
Alexander Robert Baum
Jordan Baverstas
Matthew Anthony Beals
Parker Johnson Beard
Adam David Bednarek
Kelly Adria Behr
Ashley Belmont
Richard Ryan Belt
Michael Thomas Berger
Denis Michael Berry, II
Sara Elizabeth Bielski
Kyle Francis Bishop
Keli Kathleen Black
Nicole Elizabeth Blaszczyk
Gordon Bennett Bowdell
Evan Andrew Braydon
Jenna Marie Brandemuhl
Julian LeAnn Bridges
Christopher Michael Britten
Joel Alexander Brodrick
Jeremy Brodsky
Richard Daniel Bronson
Laura Marie Brunner
Michelle Butlow
Brendan James Burr
Danielle Kristin Bugbee
Drew Alexander Bulbuk
Jenna Lee Burt
Megan Denise BuWald
Mark Andrew Byrnes
Justin Gregory Cameron
Sharon Marie Carbery
Tahlene Elizabeth Carlin
Robert Randall Carter
Melissa Marie Cascardan
Robert Eric Cash
Amanda Marie Cassidy
Sarah Marie Cateski
William David Chaklos, Jr.
Winky Cheng
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Maxim Choulga | Jacquelyn Jane Chudy
Jonathan Chupitsky
Daniel Robert Church
Kevin P. Cisio
Elizabeth Anne Clark
Laura Lee Clark
Colin Michael Cody
Kelsey Erin Collins
Kristen Laura Collins
Jessica Condon
Jeffrey S. Cook
Sean Edward Costello
Chelsea Nicole Cracraft
Eric Allen Craven
Bryan Christopher Crocker
Lauren Renee Cromer
Stephanie Marie Crocker
Chelsea Anne Crofoot
Chad Walter Cunningham
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Chelsea Dalley
Christopher M. Dalton
Brittany Helen Davis
David Justin Davis
Michael A. DeCello
Bryan Patrick DeClart
Eric Ryan Deighton
William Scott Deighton
Alejandro De La Cruz
Anthony Christian DeLiccoli
Suzanne Renee DeMarois
Cal DePotter
Chad Diaphis
Amanda Elizabeth Dixon
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Sok Yong Hong
Kymberly Renee Honoway
Eric Francis Homacek
Angela Marie Hornshaw
Paul Hou
Steven Dean Hountalas
Ardiene Brennan Hoving
Jing Peng Huang
Kendall Elizabeth Hubbard
Amol Huprikar
Namira Islam
Anastacia Michelle Jacobs
Brett Nicholas Jausst
Amanda Lynn Jensen
Cassie Jeng
Nan Jiang
Andrea Elizabeth Jirasek
Julie Ann Johnston
Brian Scott Jones
Benjamin Karalysz
Chris Althina Karanikas
Lana Rita Kasbat
Lauren Elizabeth Kava
Cynthia Ana Kazanlis
Jessica Stephanie Kim
Ji Hee Kim
Ji-Yeon Kim
Suzanna Kim
Amy Marlan King
Ashley Nicole King
Lance Christopher Kittrell
Lyndsey Nicole Kittrell
Lauren Renee Knurek
Neil John Kocan
Kathryn Elizabeth Kohls
Kathryn Frances Koss
Carla Ann Kouchary
Andrew Richard Kozar
Robert Charles Kramer
Scott Kristoff
Katelyn Marie Kujawa
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Andrew William Lakso
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Benjamin David Landry
Eric Joseph LaPointe
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Justin Alysia LaRose
Kelsey Jane Le Clear
Derrick Leonard, II
Cameron Kristofer Lewis
Megan Lily
Christina Catherine Lis
Felix Liu
Allison Catherine Lloyd
Julie Kathleen Longo
Andrew Scott Loomer
Kevin Daniel Lucas
William Christopher Poulos
Ashley Michele Powell
Lauren Preston
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Ryan J. Pritchard
Stan Proskurovsky
Jordan Paul Pustover
Kaylan Alexander Pustover
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Nathan Ouy
Jeanine Lytstara Duigley
Ashleigh Rainko
Christina Elodia Martinez
Philip Michael Martinez
Alekya Ratanja
Angela W. Raudszus
Ryan Regan
Ryan Michael Reigister
Rebecca Ann Reichert
Emily Ann Reid
Marqueaus Anahid Reizian
Emily Patricia Rica
Kathryn Kyonghie Rich
Andrea Jane Rick
Carlee Rene Rodriguez
Alyssa Rae Roland
Jennifer Christine Rowe
Kelly Ann Royston
Justin Michael Ruocco
Jennifer Lee Rudolph
Marie Emily Ruby
Paul Edward Montague
Greg Moore
Mark Daniel Moore
Anthony Joseph Mora
Carla Melissa Morabito
Billy Morrison
Eric Raymond Moruzzi
Jennifer Mu
Katherine Ann Mulvaney
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Subhatha Muthusamy
Justin K. Namm
Brandon Joseph Nims
Ryan Joseph Nussbaum
Todd Robert O'Brien
Caitlin Ashleigh O'Rourke
Audrey Oh
Matthew Olson | Spencer Edward Ornes
Amanda Rose Pavo
David Edward Paimbo
Stephanie Park
Stan Lynn Pasquerelli
Hana Patel
Radhika Patel
Colleen Elizabeth Patton
Alexander Seiji Pekalski
Matthew John Perelli
Jessica Diane Perreault
Jacqueline Marie Peruski
Benjamin William Phillips
Jessica Lynn Pierce
Jeffrey Paul Poicichio
Erik Ryan Pollard
Amanda Marie Poole
William Christopher Poulos
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Jason Sierra
Corey Thomas Simone
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Keith Alan Slawinski
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PROUD OF OUR GRADS



Ladywood High School
Aimee Campbell
Good luck with your Veterinary studies at MSU! We love you!
From All Your Family



Lakeland High School
Jessica M. Cook
We are very proud of you Jessi, and love you very much.
Dad, Mom, Dave & Dan



Midwestern Baptist Bible Seminary
Denise Barry
Denise Barry of Salem Bible Church graduated from Midwestern Baptist Seminary, Pontiac, Michigan. She received her Bachelor of Religious Education May 29, 2005.



Millford High School
Jessica Gayle Adams
Jessica, you're an exceptional student. Thank you for spoiling your parents. Best wishes at Kalamazoo College. We love you.



Millford High School
Cody Carlson
Trust God completely, knowing He knows what is best for your life.



Millford High School
Brian Kleiner
Charisma opens the doors of the world, knowledge allows them to stay open for you.
Love, Grandpa & Grandma Craig



Millford High School
Nicholas Lanzette
Nick, we are so proud of you. Remember, "I hope you dance."
Love, Mom, Dad, Larry & Bob



Millford High School
Sean McAninch
Congratulations! As you close one successful chapter, another one with new hopes and dreams is beginning. Reach for the stars!



Millford High School
Nicholas Owens
As you reach for that "Northern" star - may all your dreams come true both on and off the field.
Love Mom



Millford High School
Andrew Pawloske
Andy, we're proud of you and all you've accomplished. We're here for you today and always.
Love Mom & Dad



Millford High School
Scott Yager
Scott, we're so proud of you and your accomplishments. Good luck at Michigan Tech. We love you.
Love Mom & Dad



Millford High School
Steven White
Steven, we are so proud of the young man you have become! Congratulations on your graduation.
Love Always, Mom & Dad



Millford High School
Chris Wozniak
Way to go Chris! Way to go!
Love John & Mom



Millford High School
Daniel Zematits
Daniel, we're so proud of you! May God richly bless you in all life's endeavors.
We Love You, Dad, Mom and Althe



Northville High School
Adam Ajlouni
Adam, the world is yours! Best wishes for a bright future.
Love Mom, Dad & Jordan



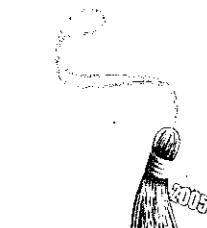
Northville High School
Kell Bowen
Congratulations Kell on your graduation. We are very proud of you!
Love Mom, Dad & Lisa



Northville High School
Megan Dielenhein
Your baby is all grown up. Good luck next year.
Love You, Mom & Dad



Northville High School
Gina Mastrofrancesco
You're a blessing, praise God! Keep your kind heart, high morals, values, drive & determination. Remember Proverbs 3:18.
Love, Parents



Northville High School
Jared Perry
Happy Graduation sweetie. Good luck at Central.
We Love You, Mommy & Daddy



Northville High School
Seth Taylor
We are so proud of you! It's time to celebrate and SLEEP IN!
Love, Mom & Dad, Seth & Taylor



Northville High School
Devon Pickarski
Congratulations to an amazing, talented, wonderful son and brother. We love you!
Dad, Mom, Kara & Kurt



Northville High School
Elizabeth Anne Spinale
Love your job and you will never have to go to work. Remember this often as you step into your future!
Love, Mom & Dad



Novi High School
Kevin Cislo
Kevin, we're so proud of you! Thanks for being such a good kid. Have a blast at U of M.
We Love You, Mom & Dad



Novi High School
Anthony Deliccolli
May the most you wish for be the least you get!
All Our Love, Dad, Mom, Brendan, Nanno & Nanna



Novi High School
Stephen Hamilton
Congratulations, we love you and are so proud. You're amazing.
Love, Mom, Dad, Richard & Alex



Novi High School
Jacob Haf
We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments. May God bless your life always.
Love, Mom & Dad



WALLED LAKE WESTERN HIGH SCHOOL



Jayshree Mahajan

PARENTS: Rekha and Madhujar Mahajan
SIBLINGS: Arjun, 13; Krishna, 11

POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor-engineering

CAREER PLANS: Chemical engineering

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- Tennis-Captain
- Cross Country-Captain
- NHS
- Forensics
- National Honor Society
- Band Ensembles

ACADEMIC HONORS:

- 4.0 Honor Roll
- Academic Letter
- Outstanding Performance in AP French
- Scholar Athlete
- Excellence in Economics

MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Walking into the wrong homeroom on the first day of school.

WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My parents

SCORE: 1882.178



Jeffrey Aspinall

PARENTS: Dave and Judy Aspinall
SIBLINGS: Jason, 25; Steven, 21

POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend the University of Michigan

CAREER PLANS: Sports Administration

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- Track-Captain
- Cross Country-Captain
- NHS
- Scholar Athlete
- Highest Honor Roll
- Outstanding Academic Excellence

ACADEMIC HONORS:

- Excellence in AP History
- Outstanding work in American Literature

MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Spring break with my friends.

WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: Mr. Formanek

SCORE: 1866.828



Eric Charnesky

PARENTS: Cynthia and Gary Charnesky
SIBLINGS: Brandon, 24; Amanda, 22

POST GRADUATION PLANS: College degree in computer information systems, then a bachelor's.

CAREER PLANS: Network administrator

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- JV Football Team-Captain
- Freshman Football Team-Captain
- Symphony Orchestra-2nd Chair
- Youth Team Leader for local food pantry
- Varsity Discus Thrower

ACADEMIC HONORS:

- Academic Varsity Letter-2nd Pin
- Academic Football Team
- Oakland County Tech Prep Cisco Competition-Individual Top Score
- Apple Award
- Honor Roll-4 years

MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Winning Symphony String Gold Medal and Symphony Orchestra Silver Medal at Hawaii International Competition

WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My brother, Brandon

SCORE: 1836.707



Akinobu Watanabe

PARENTS: Kaz Watanabe and Yoshiko Watanabe
SIBLINGS: Michi, 11; Yuri, 21

POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend the University of Chicago-biology and natural sciences

CAREER PLANS: Paleontologist, then a teacher/professor

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- Student Council-Treasurer
- National Honors Society-Vice President
- Tennis
- School Musicals
- German Club-Treasurer

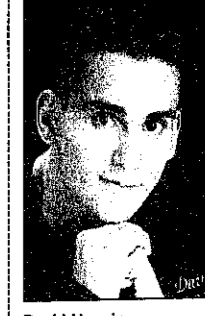
ACADEMIC HONORS:

- Scholar Athlete
- Outstanding Leadership
- Michigan Math Prize Competition-Highest score in school
- Academic pin/letter
- Outstanding work in AP Biology and American Literature

MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: The excitement of helping carry Mr. Connor on my shoulders, along with other students, the day he announced he was retiring.

WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: Mrs. Speltzer and Mr. Connor

SCORE: 1833.37



David Hermiz

PARENTS: Mark and Hanane Hermiz
SIBLINGS: Justin, 21; Christina, 16

POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend Wayne State University-MedStart Program

CAREER PLANS: Oncologist, cancer research

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- Karmans Cancer Institute-Volunteer
- Chaldean Americans Coming Together
- Students Against Destructive Decisions
- National Honor Society
- Volunteer for John Kerry Campaign

ACADEMIC HONORS:

- AP Scholar
- High Honor Roll
- Outstanding Performance in AP Biology
- Outstanding performance in AP Spanish
- Academic Excellence Award

MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: The impact of the Sept. 11 attacks occurring my freshman year; the unity the school showed was inspiring.

WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My grandfather

SCORE: 1825.870

THE FORMULA
Here's how we pick the Top Ten high school students. Using their official transcripts, students can choose either their SAT or ACT score, combined with their grade point average, to come up with a composite score. That is the number shown at the bottom of each student's profile.

1. GPA (Convert to 4.0 scale - 7 semesters.) Include only mathematics, English, science, social science and foreign language (round GPA to three decimals). Then multiply by 250 = _____

2. Combines SAT or ACT score (choose one) divided by 1.6 = _____
SAT composite score _____ divided by 1.6 = _____
or ACT composite score _____ multiply by 27.779 = _____

3. Total score: GPA plus SAT or ACT = _____



Fedor Dokshin

PARENTS: Lyudmila and Aleksandr Dokshin
SIBLINGS: Dasha, 15; Gregory, 19

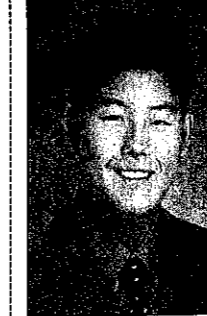
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend Cornell University

CAREER PLANS: Undecided

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- Cross Country-Captain
- Swimming
- Track and Field
- German Club
- National Honor Society
- AP Scholar with Honor
- Harvard Prize Book

SCORE: 1812.000



Jee-Yong Kim

PARENTS: Hyun-Cheol and Eun-Yul Kim
SIBLINGS: None

POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend the University of Michigan-biochemistry

CAREER PLANS: Ophthalmology or Pathology

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- Detroit Symphony Youth Orchestra
- After-School Symphony Orchestra
- Tennis
- Spanish Club
- NHS
- Honor Roll
- Top Ten
- Scholar Athlete Award
- Outstanding Performance in AP Spanish

MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Cooking breakfast in Mr. Sherman's first hour chemistry class-junior year.

WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: Mr. Formanek

SCORE: 1798.341



Caitlin Helgesen

PARENTS: Terry and Joan Helgesen
SIBLINGS: Erik, 22; Ashley, 20; Tierney, 15

POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor-political science and French

CAREER PLANS: Foreign relations, work in an embassy.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- National Honor Society
- Orchestra-Violin
- Musicals
- Hospitality House (food bank) Volunteering
- French Club

ACADEMIC HONORS:

- GPA-over 4.0
- Highest Honor Roll
- Academic Letter
- Two Academic Pins
- NHS member

MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Playing in the Pit Orchestra-The Sound of Music and A Christmas Carol Musicals

WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My parents

SCORE: 1797.620



Blake Movitz

PARENTS: Norri Movitz and Hayward Summers
SIBLINGS: Brant, 19; Brandon, 16; Breanna, 13

POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend the University of Michigan

CAREER PLANS: Medicine and Real Estate

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- National Honor Society-Treasurer
- French Club-Vice President
- Youth in Government Mock Trial Team
- Varsity Tennis
- B'nai Brith Youth Organization-Chapter Vice President

ACADEMIC HONORS:

- Outstanding Academic Excellence
- Honor Roll Award
- 2nd Academic Pin
- ACT-Math Section-Perfect Score
- Most Improved Attorney Award

MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Being inducted as National Honor Society Treasurer

WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My mother

SCORE: 1785.341

2005 TOP GRADUATES

PROUD OF OUR GRADS



Novi High School
Katie & Kevin Shannon
Congrats to you two. I'm so very proud of you both! You make your DAD smile with happiness. Bright futures are before you!
Love, Dad



Novi High School
Megan Steele
We are so proud of you Megan! Go after your dreams.
Love, Mom, Dad & Stephanie



Novi High School
Kendall Ziegler
Kendall, we're so proud of all your accomplishments. You never cease to amaze us. Your hard work has paid off. Congratulations and good luck at U of M.
Love, Mom, Dad, Valerie, Taylor & Jaymie



South Lyon High School
William Bray
We are so proud of you.
Love, Mom & Dad, Danielle, Jr., Mary, Paul, Aunt Barb



South Lyon High School
Brie Cormier
Focus on the vision that stirs passion in your soul and you will achieve your goals!



South Lyon High School
Amanda Cook
Amanda, you are our greatest joy. You have made your father and I so very proud. You are a true blessing.
Love, Mom & Dad



South Lyon High School
Brian Delaney
Brian, we have been blessed with wonderful you! Always listen to your heart and be happy.
Love, Mom, Dad & Paul



South Lyon High School
Amanda Lalik
Amanda, Congratulations! We are so proud of you. Great things are yet to come.
Love, Mom, Dad & Adam



South Lyon High School
Gentry Blair Madeja
Congratulations baby! We love you!
Hugs & kisses, Mom, Dad, Gabe, Lola & Rugby



South Lyon High School
Calista Marie Harbaugh
Congratulations Cali. We are so proud to be your graduates and wish you the best for the rest of your life.



South Lyon High School
John E. La Rue
Congratulations, we are so proud of you!
Love, Mom, Grandma, Aunt Tracy & Linda-Mike



South Lyon High School
Renee Michael
Renee(Ski), where has the time gone? Just a short time ago you were in preschool. Now you're graduating from high school. We're so proud of you.
Love, Mom, Dad & Paul



South Lyon High School
Michael Mize II
Follow your dreams and you will surely succeed in life. We are so proud of you!
Love, Mom & Dad



South Lyon High School
Marcella Mosley
Look out, world! Here comes Marice! We're very proud!
Love, Mom, John & Matt



South Lyon High School
Ryan Noyes
Congratulations Ryan! We are so proud of you. Your future is bright & many opportunities await. Oh...the places you'll go!
Love, Mom, Dad, Janice & Emily



South Lyon High School
Chelsea A. Peterson
Remember yesterday, dream tomorrow, live today. Congratulations Chelsea! We are so proud of who you are.
Love, Mom & Dad



South Lyon High School
Sarah Polasky
Congratulations Sarah and God bless.
Love, Mom, Dad & Lisa



South Lyon High School
Nick Sarkissian
Your family is so very proud of you. Good luck at Adrian.
Love, Mom, Dad & Bryan



South Lyon High School
Scooter, Nate & Babba
You boys have shared so many great memories! A new chapter in your life is approaching and it's time to say goodbye to the old and onto the new!
Good Luck! Your Family



South Lyon High School
Richard Lee Smith, III
Ricky, we are so proud of you.
Keep striving for your best.
Love, Mom, Dean & Grandpa



South Lyon High School
Meghan Stimmel
What a beautiful person you have become. Success and happiness in all you do.
Love, Mom, Dad & Bryan



South Lyon High School
Kara Marie Tisher
Kara, I'm so proud of who you are & for accomplishing the goals you set for yourself. May all your dreams come true.
Love You, Mom



South Lyon High School
Stephen Kenneth Vecchio
You have matured into a talented, loving young man. We are so proud of you.
Love, Mom, Dad & Alisha



South Lyon High School
Molly Vu
Molly, congratulations in all of your achievements. We know that you will be successful in whatever you do.
Love, Mom, Dad & Ryan



University of Detroit Jesuit H.S.
Michael Tasse
FESTINA LENTE
Love Always, Mom, Dad & Annie



University of Michigan
Kelley Marie Barbara Phelps
Congratulations Skeeter on graduation from U-M College of Engineering. You're awesome!
Love, Mom & Dad

Novi High School - College Academic Scholarships

As of May 25, 2005, Novi High School seniors reported \$3 million in academic scholarships; 269 seniors are eligible to receive an estimated \$627,500 in State of Michigan Merit Awards.
(Source: 1. Notification from colleges; 2. Yellow information sheets distributed by counselors which were returned by students)

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| Charles Adams
Albion College renewable Presidential Scholarship
DePaul University renewable Centennial Scholarship | Laura Clark
Gleaners Insurance Company Scholarship | Nan Jiang
University of Illinois Triangle Fraternity Scholarship | Carla Morabito
Albion College renewable Webster Scholarship
Alfred University renewable Jonathan Allen Leadership Award
Allegheny College renewable Trustee Scholarship
College of Wooster renewable Academic Achievement Scholarship
Denison University renewable Alumni Endowed Scholarship | Ryan Regan
Central Michigan University renewable Board of Trustees Scholarship |
| Majed Alana
University of Michigan-Dearborn renewable Dean's Tuition Scholarship | Kelsey Collins
Albion College renewable Presidential Scholarship | Lauren Kava
Northern University renewable Scholarship | Rebecca Reichel
University of Michigan Regents Scholarship | Kaitlin Rich
Grand Valley State University renewable Excellence Scholarship |
| Deanna Albanelli
Grand Valley State University Bert Price Diversity Scholarship
Grand Valley State University renewable Excellence Scholarship
Grand Valley State University Helen Claytor Scholarship | Kristen Collins
Central Michigan University renewable Academic Scholarship
Oakland University renewable Academic Scholarship
Western Michigan University renewable Academic Scholarship | Cynthia Kazanis
Michigan State University renewable Spartan Scholarship | Jingchu Ma
University of Michigan Regents Scholarship | Carlee Rodriguez
Grand Valley State University Bert Price Diversity Scholarship |
| Molly Alpert
Central Michigan University renewable Academic Scholarship | Bryan Cromeens
Western Michigan University renewable Dean's Grant
Western Michigan University renewable Medallion Scholarship | Neil Kocan
Albion College renewable Trustee's Scholarship
Albion College renewable Roscoe Sleight mathematics Scholarship | Subhrata Mulhasamy
International Business Machines Corp. Thomas J. Watson Memorial Scholarship | Jennifer Rowe
University of Michigan Dearborn renewable Academic Achievement Award
University of Michigan Dearborn renewable Salutatorian Award |
| Lauren Anderson
Central Michigan University renewable Academic Scholarship | David Davis
Grand Valley State University Bert Price Diversity Scholarship | Kathryn Koss
Michigan State University Honors Scholarship | Eric Miller
Michigan State University renewable Engineering Scholarship | Kelly Royston
Albion College Briton Scholarship
Alma College renewable Tartan Scholar Award |
| Geoff Alia-Ahrens
Central Michigan University renewable Board of Trustees Honors Scholarship
Kettering University Academic Achievement Scholarship
Kettering University Legacy Scholarship | Michael DeCello
Kettering University Academic Achievement Scholarship | Scott Krystoff
Ferris State University renewable Residential Life Scholarship | Audrey Oh
Agnes Scott College renewable Academic Scholarship
French Club Scholarship | Jennifer Rudolph
Louisiana State University renewable Centennial Scholarship Award
Loyola University of New Orleans renewable Dean's Scholarship
Tulane University renewable Founders Scholarship |
| Chelsea Atiyeh
Oakland University Academic Scholarship | Eric Deighton
Marsh & McLennan Companies sponsored National Merit Scholarship | Natalie Laitinen
Scholarcraft College Trustee Scholarship | Amanda Paavo
Albion College renewable Presidential Scholarship
UAW Ford Motor Company Dependent Child Scholarship | Steven Samples
Kettering University Academic Achievement Scholarship |
| Nicole Barndt
Gatorade Scholarship | Suzanne DeMarois
Western Michigan University renewable Dean's Scholarship | Benjamin Landry
Albion College renewable Alumni Scholarship
Albion College renewable Theatre Competition Scholarship
Albion College renewable Webster Academic Scholarship | Stephanie Park
Parsons, New York Dean's Scholarship
Parsons, New York BFA Scholarship
Rhode Island School of Design Scholarship | Danielle Schumaker
Hope College renewable Presidential Scholarship
University of Michigan full tuition Scholarship |
| Stephanie Barth
Western Michigan University renewable Dean's Academic Scholarship | Amanda Dixon
Central Michigan University renewable Board of Trustees Scholarship | Caroline Lampinen
Western Michigan University renewable Academic Scholarship
Western Michigan University renewable Dean's Grant | Stacey Pasquerelli
Central Michigan University renewable Board of Trustees Honors Scholarship | Geoffrey Scott
Scholarcraft College Trustee Scholarship |
| Adam Bednarek
Michigan Technological University renewable Board of Control Scholarship
Case Western Reserve renewable Trustee's Scholarship
Worcester Massachusetts Polytechnic University renewable Dean's Scholarship | Eria Dwyer
Central Michigan University Excellence Scholarship
Central Michigan University renewable Academic Honors Scholarship | Laura Latson
Ford Motor Company renewable Employee Dependent Scholarship
New York University College of Arts and Science Scholarship | Yena Patel
Albion College Scholarship
Best Buy Children's Foundation Scholarship
Hope College Scholarship
Target Corporation All Around Scholarship | Patrick Seidi
Grand Valley State University Excellence Scholarship |
| Kelly Behr
Albion College renewable Trustee's Scholarship
Kettering University Presidential Scholarship | Mark Eberline
Adrian College renewable Presidential Achievement Scholarship | Alexander Esbrook
Kettering University Presidential Scholarship | Cameron Lewis
Central Michigan University renewable Academic Excellence Scholarship
Central Michigan University renewable Board of Trustees Honors Scholarship
Central Michigan University renewable Outstanding HS Student Scholarship
Oakland University Talented Scholars Award | Arthur Sen
Danco Corporation Scholarship
Kettering University renewable Academic Achievement Scholarship
Kettering University FIRST Scholarship |
| Sara Bielski
Ferris State University renewable Residential Life Scholarship | Richard Fetters
Arizona State University renewable Sun Devil Scholarship | Richard Fetters
Arizona State University renewable Sun Devil Scholarship | Radhika Patel
Case Western Reserve University renewable scholarship
Gujarati Sanaj of Detroit Scholarship | Kathleen Shannon
Albion College Academic Scholarship |
| Kyla Bishop
Fox Run renewable Full Tuition Scholarship | Lawrence Fischer
Grand Valley State University renewable Excellence Scholarship | Megan Lilly
Albion College renewable Trustee's Scholarship
Ford Motor Company Dependent Child Scholarship | Colleen Patton
University of Kentucky Academic Scholarship | Kevin Shannon
Burger King Corporation Scholarship |
| Nicole Blaszczyk
Wayne State University Academic Honors Scholarship | Cathleen Garback
Daimler-Chrysler Scholarship | Alexander Pelakoti
Lawrence Technological University Honors Scholarship | Matthew Perelli
Oakland University Talented Scholars Award | Kathleen Sheeran
University of Detroit Mercy renewable academic scholarship |
| Christopher Britten
University of Michigan renewable J. Boyce Scholarship
University of Michigan renewable Sharon Naughton-Briggs Memorial Scholarship
University of Michigan Regents Merit Scholarship | Jessica Gancy
Grand Valley State University renewable Excellence Scholarship | Matthew Perelli
Oakland University Talented Scholars Award | Belinda Shih
University of Michigan Regents Scholarship | Alana Syrian
Oakland University Academic Achievement Award |
| Jeremy Brodsky
Western Michigan University Academic Scholarship | Andrew Glubzinski
United States Military Academy Appointment | Jessica Perreault
Stephens College renewable Leadership Scholarship
Stephens College renewable Presidential Scholarship | Amanda Smith
Competitive Cheer Coaches Association of Michigan (C.C.C.A.M.) scholarship | Richard Tala
Lawrence Technological University renewable Trustee Scholarship |
| Laura Brunner
International Business Machines Corp. Thomas J. Watson Memorial Scholarship
University of Michigan Regents Merit Scholarship | Sandra Groesch
Western Michigan University renewable Academic Scholarship
Western Michigan University Deans Grant | Elizabeth Prior
Baker College of Owosso Career Scholarship | Lance Suttle
Northwood University renewable Free-Enterprise Scholarship | Rebecca Thomson
Grand Valley State University renewable Excellence Scholarship
Kalamazoo College Alumni-Scholarship
Kalamazoo College Merit Scholarship |
| Sarah Celecki
Central Michigan University Academic Scholarship
Indiana University Faculty Academic Scholarship
Mid-America Pom-Pon Scholarship | Kim Herbst
Grand Valley State University renewable Excellence Scholarship | Marion Camrizzaman
Detroit Free Press Scholarship
University of Michigan Dearborn Academic Achievement Scholarship
University of Michigan M-Pact Scholarship | Alissa Wagner
Madonna University renewable Dean's Academic Scholarship | Prasanna Venugopal
National Merit Corporation Scholarship |
| Camille Chidsey
Grand Valley State University renewable Academic Dean's List Scholarship
Indiana University renewable Academic Scholarships
Target All Around Community Service Scholarship
University of Buffalo, State University of New York, Merit Scholarship
Western Michigan University Academic Dean's List renewable Scholarship | Daniel Heilman
Detroit Intermodal Ocean Freight Association renewable Scholarship
Illinois Institute of Technology renewable Challenge Grant | Nathan Quay
Grand Valley State University Bernie E. Lavin Jumpstart Scholarship | Jessica Westfall
Central Michigan University renewable Board of Trustees Honors Scholarship | Karen Yiu
Grand Valley State University Bert Price Diversity Scholarship
Grand Valley State University renewable Excellence Scholarship
Grand Valley State University Helen Claytor Scholarship |
| Daniel Church
Central Michigan University renewable Board of Trustees Honors Scholarship
Central Michigan University renewable Leader Advancement Scholarship | Laura Hirshfield
Mid-American Pom-Pon Scholarship
Robert Bosch Corporation sponsored National Merit Scholarship
University of Michigan Regents Scholarship | Julie Longo
Central Michigan University renewable Board of Trustees Honors Scholarship | Patricia Ramos
Grand Valley State University Bert Price Diversity Scholarship
Grand Valley State University renewable Excellence Scholarship
Grand Valley State University Helen Claytor Scholarship
Madonna University renewable President's Scholarship
University of Michigan Ann Arbor renewable Scholar Recognition Award
University of Michigan Dearborn renewable Academic Achievement Scholarship
Wayne State University renewable full tuition scholarship | Anglika Raudzans
Hope College renewable Presidential Scholarship
University of Michigan Dearborn renewable Academic Achievement Scholarship
Wayne State University renewable Scholarship |
| Elizabeth Clark
Albion College renewable Alumni Scholarship
Albion College renewable Presidential Scholarship
Gleaners Life Insurance Scholarship | Bryan Horneck
Albion College renewable Trustee's Scholarship
Kalamazoo College renewable Academic Scholarship | Andrew Loomer
Eastern Michigan University renewable Regents Scholarship | Alekya Ratnala
Kettering University renewable Trustee's Scholarship
Kettering University renewable University Scholarship | Kendall Ziegler
Target Department Store Community Service/Leadership Scholarship |
| | Paul Hou
University of Michigan Regents Scholarship
National Merit Corporation from the Georgia Institute of Technology | Julia Luskawa
Grand Valley State University Award of Distinction-Faculty Scholarship
Grand Valley State University renewable Excellence Scholarship | Michael Martinez
Hope College renewable Academic Scholarship | |
| | Adrienne Hoving
Savannah College of Art and Design Combined Honors Scholarship | Kyle Magnan
Denso/Oakland Schools Corporation Scholarship
Okray/Moose Lodge 2005 Scholarship
Savannah College of Art and Design Combined Honors Scholarship | Justin McGinnis
Western Michigan University renewable Dean's Scholarship | |
| | Stacia Jacobs
Burger King Corporation Scholarship | Cassie Jeng
University of Michigan Regents Scholarship | | |

Novi High School - Special Awards

National Merit
More than a million U.S. high school students take the PSAT exam in October of their junior year. The PSAT is the qualifying exam for the National Merit Scholarship Program. Approximately 16,000 juniors eventually become National Merit Finalists. After completing extensive written applications with their counselors, Finalists represent one-half of one percent of U.S. graduating seniors.

National Merit Finalists
Christopher Britten, Eric Deighton, Paul Hou, Tiffany Lin, Jingchu Mu, Caitlin O'Rourke, Rebecca Reichel, Prasanna Venugopal
National Merit Letters of Commendation
Adam Bednarek, Kelly Behr, Laura Hirschfield, Cassie Jeng

Citizenship Award
Each year the Novi High School faculty votes to honor a senior who has been a model of good conduct and who has contributed positively to the school and Novi community.
Kevin Ciso

Michigan High School Athletic Association Scholar-Athletes

These students were nominated by Novi High School for outstanding academic and athletic achievement and completed an extensive application process.
Jessica Haggerty Basketball
Colleen Patton Swimming
Amanda Smith Cheerleading

Leadership Award
Each year the Novi High School faculty votes to honor a senior who has demonstrated outstanding participation and excellent leadership in school activities.
Julia Lyskawa

Community Volunteer Service Award
These students have accumulated the highest total of volunteer hours during four years of high school.
Laura Brunner, Camille Chidsey, Cathleen Garbacki, Ji-Yeon Kim, Kendall Ziegler

Daughters of the American Revolution
The Novi High School Social Studies faculty selects one senior to participate in the DAR Good Citizen Award essay contest. This student represents four citizenship qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism.
Elizabeth Clark

Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals and Detroit Free Press 2005 Academic All State Team and WXYZ-TV Best & Brightest Representative
The Novi H.S. senior who earns the highest numerical score using a mathematical formula involving cumulative grade point average and ACT/SAT scores is selected for these teams and receives the Robert Byrd Honors Scholarship.
Rebecca Reichel

National Association of Secondary School Principals Leadership Award from Novi High School
NASSP principals recognize one senior in their schools for leadership, community service, co-curricular participation and academic record achievements.
Prasanna Venugopal

U.S. Military Academy Appointment and Scholarship
Candidates must meet rigorous academic, athletic, leadership, physical and medical requirements and fulfill a highly competitive written, interview and performance admissions process. They also need a Presidential, senatorial or congressional nomination.
Andrew Glubzinski

Novi News All Area Academic Team
Each year the Novi News recognizes top academic students from area high schools using a mathematical formula involving their cumulative grade point average and ACT/SAT scores.
Adam Bednarek, Christopher Britten, Laura Hirschfield, Paul Hou, Cassie Jeng, Tiffany Lin, Caitlin O'Rourke, Rebecca Reichel, Prasanna Venugopal, James Walter

Prudential Spirit of the Community Award
This senior has completed the most volunteer hours and was selected as the State of Michigan winner and a National Finalist.
Camille Chidsey

Novi High School - Honor Roll

These students earned A or B grades in all subjects during high school	Sara Bielski Gordon Bowdell Christopher Britten Jeremy Brodsky Laura Brunner Sarah Ceski Winky Cheng Kevin Ciso Deanna Albanelli Molly Alpert Lauren Anderson Meera Arghat Shannon Barbour Jordan Barnes Stephanie Barth Adam Bednarek Kelly Behr	Erin Dwyer Marcie Fink Cathleen Garbacki Andrew Glubzinski Sandra Groesch Jacob Haf Jessica Haggerty Lindsay Haslett Amanda Hawley Kelly Hebert Laura Hirschfield Paul Hou Adrienne Hoving Nanira Islam Cassie Jeng Nan Jiang Brian Jones	Chris Karanikas Lauren Kava Ji-Yeon Kim Amy King Ashley Mack Neil Kocan Kathryn Kohls Kathryn Koss Carla Kouchary Natalie Laitinen Laura Letson Cameron Lewis Megan Lilly Tiffany Lin Christina Lis Yifei Liu	Julie Longo Andrew Loomer Tiffany Lynch Julia Lyskawa Ashley Mack Aliya Malik Amanda McCracken Marybeth Miles Eric Miller Karen Miller Teresa Minear Mark Moore William Morrison Jingchu Mu Katherine Mulvaney Subhatha Muthusamy	Caitlin O'Rourke Audrey Oh Stephanie Park Stacey Pasquerelli Hena Patel Radhika Patel Matthew Perelli Ashley Powell Eric Miller Karen Miller Teresa Minear Mark Moore William Morrison Jingchu Mu Katherine Mulvaney Subhatha Muthusamy	Emily Rice Carlee Rodriguez Alyssa Roland Jennifer Rowe Jennifer Rudolph Kyle Safford Katrina Santos Lisa Schindler Stephanie Schlessman Patrick Seidl Rachel Sailer Christopher Shah John Sherbeck Belinda Shih Jason Sierra Jason Tehranisa	Rebecca Thomson Kristi Timar Uday Vadula Prasanna Venugopal James Walter Emily Westbrook Jessica Westfall Nancy Wilson Karen Yiu Sayaka Yoda Kendall Ziegler
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Novi High School - Presidential Award for Educational Excellence

This award, from the U.S. Department of Education, is given to students who have a minimum overall grade point average of 3.75 and who score at the 85th percentile or higher in math or reading on standardized achievement tests.	Adam Bednarek Kelly Behr Sara Bielski Gordon Bowdell Christopher Britten Laura Brunner Michelle Bulewicz Megan BuWalda Sarah Ceski Winky Cheng Camille Chidsey Daniel Church Kevin Ciso Elizabeth Clark Laura Clark Kelsey Collins Bryan Cremens Stephanie Crocker Eric Deighton Anthony Dellicoli	Suzanne DeMorois Colan DeP Potter Erin Dwyer Alexander Esbrook Andrew Fairbanks Brian Jones Lawrence Fisher Jeffrey Freers Cathleen Garbacki Kevin Gee Jessica Glancy Andrew Glubzinski Sandra Groesch Jacob Haf Jessica Haggerty Andrew Hawley Kelly Hebert Kathryn Kohls Kimberly Herbst Laura Hirschfield Bryan Hornacek Paul Hou Adrienne Hoving	Kendall Hubbard Nanira Islam Cassie Jeng Nan Jiang Julie Johnston Brian Jones Chris Karanikas Lauren Kava Cynthia Kazanis Jessica Kim Ji-Yeon Kim Amy King Ashley King Lauren Knurek Neil Kocan Kathryn Kohls Kathryn Koss Robert Kramer Natalie Laitinen Caroline Lampinen Kelley LeClear	Laura Letson Cameron Lewis Megan Lilly Tiffany Lin Christina Lis Yifei Liu Julie Longo Andrew Loomer David Lyons Julia Lyskawa Ashley Mack Michael Martinez Amanda McCracken Andrew McGinn Marybeth Miles Eric Miller Karen Miller Teresa Minear Rachel Mobio Mark Moore William Morrison	Jingchu Mu Katherine Mulvaney Subhatha Muthusamy Justin Namm Caitlin O'Rourke Spencer Ornes Amanda Paavo Stephanie Park Radhika Patel Colleen Patton Ashley Powell Lauren Preston Ryan Pritchard Stan Proskurovsky Jordan Pustover Mariem Qamruzzaman Ashleigh Rainko Patricia Ramos Angelika Raudszus	Rebecca Reichel Margeaux Reizian Emily Rice Justin Rich Alyssa Roland Jennifer Rowe Jennifer Rudolph Kyle Safford Steven Samples Katrina Santos Lisa Schindler Stephanie Schlessman Danielle Schumaker Patrick Seidl Rachel Sailer Artur Sen Christopher Shah John Sherbeck Belinda Shih Sanya Shyam Amanda Smith Gregory Smith	Lauren Sugg Matthew Swift Jason Tehranisa Lauren Thomas Rebecca Thomson Uday Vadula Prasanna Venugopal James Walter Emily Westbrook Jessica Westfall Karen Yiu Sayaka Yoda Katalin Zerio Shan Zhang Kendall Ziegler
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Novi High School - Phi Beta Kappa

The Detroit Association of Phi Beta Kappa honors students who earned a grade point average of 3.75 or higher in core academic subjects (math, English, science, social studies and foreign language classes from five semesters - 10th, 11th and 12th)	Molly Alpert Lauren Anderson Georgiana Bacu Jordan Barnes Stephanie Barth Adam Bednarek Sara Bielski Gordon Bowdell Christopher Britten Laura Brunner Sarah Ceski Winky Cheng Camille Chidsey Daniel Church Kevin Ciso Elizabeth Clark Laura Clark Kelsey Collins	Bryan Cremens Lauren Crocker Stephanie Crocker Anthony Dellicoli Amanda Dixon Erin Dwyer Brian Jones Lauren Kava Ji-Yeon Kim Amy King Ashley King Neil Kocan Kathryn Kohls Kathryn Koss Carla Kouchary	Bryan Hornacek Paul Hou Adrienne Hoving Nanira Islam Cameron Lewis Megan Lilly Tiffany Lin Christina Lis Yifei Liu Julie Longo Andrew Loomer Hena Patel Julia Lyskawa Ashley Mack Amanda McCracken Marybeth Miles	Natalie Laitinen Caroline Lampinen Kelley LeClear Laura Letson Cameron Lewis Megan Lilly Tiffany Lin Christina Lis Yifei Liu Julie Longo Andrew Loomer Hena Patel Julia Lyskawa Ashley Mack Amanda McCracken Marybeth Miles	Eric Miller Teresa Minear Mark Moore William Morrison Katherine Mulvaney Subhatha Muthusamy Justin Namm Caitlin O'Rourke Audrey Oh Stephanie Park Hena Patel Radhika Patel Katrina Santos Lisa Schindler Christopher Shah	Kaylan Pustover Mariem Qamruzzaman Ashleigh Rainko Patricia Ramos Angelika Raudszus Rebecca Reichel Margeaux Reizian Emily Rice Alyssa Roland Jennifer Rowe Jennifer Rudolph Kyle Safford Katrina Santos Lisa Schindler Christopher Shah	John Sherbeck Belinda Shih Jason Tehranisa Rebecca Thomson Kristi Timar Uday Vadula Prasanna Venugopal James Walter Emily Westbrook Karen Yiu Sayaka Yoda Kendall Ziegler
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Novi High School - Honors Graduates

The Novi Community Schools Board of Education recognizes the following categories of honors graduates with a gift of an engraved paperweight	Natalie Laitinen Cameron Lewis Megan Lilly Tiffany Lin Yifei Liu Ashley Mack Marybeth Miles Eric Miller Teresa Minear William Morrison Subhatha Muthusamy Justin Namm Caitlin O'Rourke Audrey Oh Stephanie Park Hena Patel Julia Lyskawa Ashley Mack Amanda McCracken Marybeth Miles	Prasanna Venugopal Kendall Ziegler Magna Cum Laude (3.75-3.94) Majeed Afana Deanna Albanelli Eric Miller Teresa Minear William Morrison Subhatha Muthusamy Justin Namm Caitlin O'Rourke Audrey Oh Stephanie Park Hena Patel Julia Lyskawa Ashley Mack Amanda McCracken Marybeth Miles	Anthony Dellicoli Erin Dwyer Marcie Fink Cathleen Garbacki Jacob Haf Amanda Hawley Bryan Hornacek Adrienne Hoving Nan Jiang Julie Johnston Brian Jones Chris Karanikas Lauren Kava Ji-Yeon Kim Amy King Ashley King Neil Kocan Kathryn Kohls Kathryn Koss Carla Kouchary	Julia Lyskawa Ashley Mack Amanda McCracken Karen Miller Mark Moore Katherine Mulvaney Justin Namm Audrey Oh Hena Patel Ashley Powell Lauren Preston Ryan Pritchard Kaylan Pustover Patricia Ramos Angelika Raudszus Rebecca Reichel Margeaux Reizian Emily Rice Alyssa Roland Jennifer Rowe Jennifer Rudolph Kyle Safford Katrina Santos Lisa Schindler Christopher Shah	James Walter Emily Westbrook Jessica Westfall Nancy Wilson Karen Yiu Sayaka Yoda Katalin Zerio Cum Laude (3.50-3.74) Charles Adams Jeremy Adams Geoffrey Atia-Ahrens Kelly Behr Kell Black Nicole Blaszczyk Richard Bronson Michelle Buelow William Chalkos Camille Chidsey Daniel Church Kevin Ciso Chelsea Crofoot Suzanne DeMorois	Colan DeP Potter Matthew Perelli Alexander Esbrook Andrew Fairbanks Lawrence Fisher Jeffrey Freers Kevin Gee Jessica Glancy Chelsey Graham Lindsay Haslett Kimberly Herbst Kendall Hubbard Julie Johnston Cynthia Kazanis Jessica Kim Ji-Yeon Kim Amy King Ashley King Neil Kocan Kathryn Kohls Kathryn Koss Carla Kouchary	Colleen Patton Matthew Perelli Jacqueline Perusi Jessica Pierce Stan Proskurovsky Ryan Regan Carlee Rodriguez Danielle Schumaker Patrick Seidl Rachel Sailer Artur Sen Zain Shannon Sanya Shyam Jason Sierra Amanda Smith Gregory Smith Matthew Swift Lauren Thomas Amanda Toffoli Kyle Wells Shan Zhang
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WALLED LAKE CENTRAL H.S.



Robert Damitz

PARENTS: Nancy Damitz and Wayne Damitz

SIBLINGS: Chris, 19; Melissa, 12
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend the University of Michigan-chemical or nuclear engineering and radiological sciences

CAREER PLANS: Work for Dow Chemical or similar company

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Student Government-Senior Class Secretary

ACADEMIC HONORS: National Honors Society-representative

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Orchestra-1st Chair Cellist
Sid Team-Captain
Guitarist-Varsity, WLC band

ACADEMIC HONORS: Top Ten Male Student at WLC High School

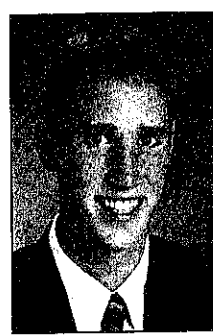
ACADEMIC HONORS: Academic Highest Honors
Graduation Honor Guard-Junior
University of Michigan Regents Merit Scholarship Winner

ACADEMIC HONORS: Northwestern University Midwest Talent Search

ACADEMIC HONORS: Most Memorable High School Moment: Playing volleyball at the 27th Annual Volleyball Marathon at Walled Lake Central High School

WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: Mrs. White

SCORE: 1833.37



Ryan Booms

PARENTS: Teresa and Raymond Booms

SIBLINGS: Ray, 28; Jon, 27; Chris, 25; Katie, 23; Lauren, 20

POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend Kalamazoo College

CAREER PLANS: Journalism

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Student Council-President
Varsity Swim Team-Captain
Canned Food Drive-Chair

ACADEMIC HONORS: Highest Academic Honors
Oakland Press Award
Detroit Free Press Scholar-Athlete Award

ACADEMIC HONORS: Academic All-State Swim Team

ACADEMIC HONORS: NHS member

ACADEMIC HONORS: Most Memorable High School Moment: Becoming an All-State Swimmer

WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: Mrs. White

SCORE: 1833.37



Sarah Gajewski

PARENTS: Jim and Carrie Gajewski

SIBLINGS: Becky, 21
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend the University of Michigan

CAREER PLANS: Major in psychology, child psychiatry

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: National Honor Society-Co-Vice President

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Volleyball
Orchestra
Tutoring
Working

ACADEMIC HONORS: NHS member
4.0 GPA or higher all four years

ACADEMIC HONORS: Honor Guard-2004 graduation
Academic Letter
University of Michigan acceptance

ACADEMIC HONORS: Most Memorable High School Moment: Attending my first homecoming dance

WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: Mr. Kowalczyk

SCORE: 1833.37



Emilia Boffi

PARENTS: Sergio and Christine Boffi

SIBLINGS: Alex, 24; Roberto, 21
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend the University of Michigan

CAREER PLANS: Emergency Room Physician

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Marching Band-Section Leader
Soccer Team-Captain
National Honors Society-Vice President

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Model United Nations-Secretary
Winter Drumline-Section Leader

ACADEMIC HONORS: Distinguished Academic Scholars
Top Ten Junior
Honor Guard for 2004 graduation
Honor Roll

ACADEMIC HONORS: Full tuition scholarships to MSU and U of M for academics

ACADEMIC HONORS: Most Memorable High School Moment: Attending home football games were always memorable, the atmosphere is incomparable.

WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My parents

SCORE: 1805.591

2005 TOP GRADUATES

THE FORMULA
Here's how we pick the Top Ten high school students. Using their official transcripts, students can choose either their SAT or ACT score, combined with their grade point average, to come up with a composite score. That is, the number shown at the bottom of each student's profile.

1. GPA (Convert to 4.0 scale - 7 semesters.) Include only mathematics, English, science, social science and foreign language (round GPA to three decimals): Then multiply by 250 = _____
2. Combined SAT or ACT score (choose one):
SAT composite score: _____ divide by 1.6 = _____
or ACT composite score: _____ multiply by 27.79 = _____
3. Total score: GPA plus SAT = _____ or GPA plus ACT = _____

Novi High School - Local Scholarships

Scholarships Offered by School Organizations NEA Scholarship and NEA Hartman Memorial Jessica Haggerty, Tiffany Lin, Chelsea Crocker, Emily Rice Novi Educational Support Personnel Assoc. (NESPA) Kimberly Herbst Interact Club of Novi H.S. Subhatha Muthusamy, Rebecca Reichel National Honor Society Tiffany Lin PTO Scholarships Novi Woods PTO Alumni Katrina Santos Orchard Hills PTO Alumni Tiffany Lin Parkview PTO Alumni John Sherbeck Village Oaks PTO (V.O.I.C.E.) Andrew Glubzinski	Scholarships Offered by Community Groups Brooks Kushman P.C. Technical Scholarships Meera Arghat, Laura Brunner, Joshua Graham, Laura Hirschfield, Brian Jones, Andrew McGinn, Lisa Schindler, James Walter, Kendall Ziegler Band Booster Adam Bednarek Buffy Lind Band Booster Christina Lis David Langham Memorial Band Booster Daniel Church Delta Kappa Gamma Jessica Haggerty Friends of the Novi Library Richard Bronson Fuerst Scholarship Novi Educational Foundation Christopher Britten, Joshua Graham, Anastacia Jacobs, Kyle Magan, Kevin Shannon, Corey Simcoe Marty Feldman Chevrolet Chad Cunningham, Andrew Lakso, Lance Suttle Novi H.S. Athletic Boosters Sara Bielski, Mark Eberline, Jessica Haggerty, Bryan Hornacek, Neil Kocan, Margeaux Reizian	Memorial Scholarships Mary Baber Memorial Kathryn Kohls Marilyn Carnegie Memorial Justin Namm, Alyssa Wagner Richard Erwin Memorial Novi Educational Foundation Kevin Ciso, Rebecca Reichel Joel Finzel Memorial David Vee, Margeaux Reizian Amanda Gee Memorial Amanda Dixon, Rebecca Reichel Milly Kramer Memorial Kevin Shannon, Corey Simone David Langham Memorial Jeremy Adams, Adam Bednarek, Keith Langham Brian Jones, Kendall Ziegler Nick Mainella Memorial Kevin Ciso, Emily Rice Nancy Okray Memorial Novi Youth Assistance Anastacia Jacobs Cathleen Ziegler Memorial Alyssa Wagner
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Novi High School - Departmental Awards

Business Accounting/Finance Brian Jones Department Award Julie Longo Co-Op/Work Experience Natalie Laitinen, Jessica Parreault, Jessica Pierce, Carlee Rodriguez, Danielle Schumaker, Nancy Wilson Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) Ji-Yeon Kim, Jingchu Mu Fine and Performing Arts Art Department Award Stephanie Park, Jonathan Shroyer Scholastic Art Awards Drawing Stephanie Park, Belinda Shih Mixed Media Cameron Lewis, Stephanie Park Painting	National Congressional Art Award - Drawing Stephanie Park Band John Phillip Sousa Suzanne DeMorois Director's Award Daniel Church Choir Jeremy Adams, Amanda Jenson Drama Bryan Dechart, Karen Miller Musical Theatre Gordon Bowdell, Karen Miller Foreign Language French Laura Brunner, Alyssa Roland German Angelika Raudszus Japanese Cassie Jeng, Shan Zhang Spanish Jordan Barnes, Alyssa Wagner Painting	Career Technology Eric Miller English Departmental Awards Caitlin O'Rourke, Mariem Qamruzzaman, Jennifer Rudolph Journalism Jordan Barnes, Andrew Glubzinski, Tiffany Lin, Julie Lyskawa, Lauren Preston Radio Andrew Loomer, Kathleen Shannon, Taiki Watanabe TV Allison Goodwin, Andrew Loomer, Amanda McCracken, Kaitlyn Rich Life Management Brittany Davis, Christina Martinez Mathematics Paul Hou, Angelika Raudszus Oakland Technical Center	CAD Mechanical Engineering Joshua Graham, Jason Smith Computer Maintenance Timothy Ansara, Timothy Ellis Manufacturing/Welding Artur Sen, Corey Simone Visual Imaging Kyle Magan Physical Education Wildcat Male Athlete Mark Moore Wildcat Female Athlete Margeaux Reizian Pursuit of Excellence Award Jonathan Hebda, Christina Martinez Science Adam Bednarek, Radhika Patel Social Studies Christopher Britten Yearbook Jenna Burt, Rachel Mobio, Jessica Westfall
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Presenting Novi High's graduates



Novi High 2005 grad Neil Kocan, left, has some fun with a friend on a resistance game during last Saturday night's all-night party at the school.

Class of 2005 receives diplomas

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

It was almost as if Principal John Lawrence was watching his own kids graduate last Saturday night, as he stood tall in his black cap and gown, and in a way, he was.

Of course it would be pretty tough to raise all 392 of them, but for four years of their lives, he and his staff did have a hand in teaching and molding them into what they are today: The Novi High School Class of 2005.

"Each class has its own unique characteristics and accomplishments and goals that they've set for themselves," Lawrence said after the program had ended. "We've watched many of these students set their goals and reach and exceed them, but it doesn't matter what the student accomplishes outright, they have all left their mark on Novi High School and we'll never forget that."

The ceremony was held at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth. As tradition has it, the commencement program started out with pre-graduation music, played by the Novi High School symphony band, as excited parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters and other family members and friends started to fill the arena.

Then that familiar tune of "Pomp and Circumstance" was heard through every speaker in

the place as the young men and women of the graduating class filed in and took their seats, all the while hearing a continued thud of applause from attendees.

The class, along with the crowd that surrounded it, was treated to a series of professional-sounding speeches made by class president William "B.J." Chaklos, class vice president Kelsey Collins, treasurer Marybeth Miles, and class members, A.J. Gubzinski and Bryan Dechart.

"It's a great class and I couldn't ask for more to represent them as president," Chaklos said as he was walking into the senior all night party, later that evening. "They elected me and there are so many of them that stand out as great people as far as academics and everything else. I'm honored that they elected me and I couldn't be more happy."

Chaklos' speech was about change. He explained that he and his classmates have dealt with so much change in their lives, that he believes they shouldn't have any problem dealing with the transition from high school to college, or wherever life might lead them.

"We've gone through so much together as a class that I know we'll be all right in the future," she said. "Congratulations to everybody."

Collins was also honored to represent her class. She said she was very happy to have the opportunity to be able to speak to them.

"I felt it was something I needed to do before I moved on," she said. "High school is really important to me and I've had so much fun. Everyone was there, so they all heard what I had to say, so

I was very excited about that." In her speech, Collins was trying to emphasize being able to exist as an individual with other diverse people.

"That was one of my main points because it's our responsibility to do that," she said. "I think we kind of achieved that and are ready to take it into the next step of our lives."

After the singing of "America the Beautiful" and a few more wind ensemble performances, Lawrence turned the microphone over to Dr. Emmett Lippe, who was on hand to witness his last commencement ceremony as superintendent of the Novi Community School District. Lippe, who will retire following the conclusion of this school year, accepted the class and diplomas were then passed out.

A reflection speech by class secretary Laura Hirschfield and the moving of the tassels from right to left on everyone's cap represented the end of the program.

"Every year that I have participated in this event, I look out and see the same eyes in the audience of those kids and I just see all the hopes and dreams they have," Lawrence said. "I think of how exciting it is for all of the new opportunities they have before them. I was very happy with the way the program went. Our students again exhibited exemplary behavior and it was a fun evening."

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Ben Landry and Caroline Lamphen pensively watch their commencement exercises last Saturday night at Compuware Arena.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

Grads reflect on their accomplishments, look to the future

The class of 2005 had quite a busy evening last Saturday, as they and their families packed the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth for commencement. Then, after going home to change, they all headed off to their school for a senior all night party.

The theme of the party was television channels, with many games and activities centered around it. Here is what students had to say as they were walking in the door:

"It has been more than I expected. You always think of how these things are supposed to go and then they always end up going better than you thought. It's more than you could ever imagine because it's commencement. It's what we look forward to since we are in grade school. I'm been nervous and excited all the same. You always have the image of what it's going to be, and once you're there it's overwhelming, but cool at the same time. I usually don't have a problem talking in front of people, but I was definitely

nervous walking up there. I'm looking forward to the senior all night party and seeing my friends. I'm happy and excited it's over, but also kind of sad that I'm not going to see all my friends next year because no matter how many times you say you'll stay in touch, you never do."

William "B.J." Chaklos, class president, will be attending Michigan State University for either business marketing or international law.

"I can't believe it's over. There was so much build up to it and all of a sudden it's over. There is so much planning that goes into one event and then it's just done, like Christmas. It was exactly what I expected because we got prepped a lot. The officers had to give speeches. They showed us the tapes, so I think we were ready for it. I was so nervous to give my speech, but once I was in my seat I wasn't as nervous. I'm really happy and excited, but it's kind of bitter sweet. I think there are bigger and better things ahead and I'm excited about those things."

Andrew Kozar would like to become an elementary school teacher and probably go to Michigan State University.

"I thought it was cool. It was sad in a way, just to be with everybody one last time because we've been together for so long. I thought it was nice, but it was weird to have me be one of the graduates. I'm sad that I'm leaving so many great people, but I'm excited to see what the future holds for me."

J.R. Prior will be attending Baker College in Owosso and will be studying elementary education.

"It was huge. It's more formal than at home. It's very important. I've never been to one before and in Austria we don't have a cap and gown. You get a cap when you graduate from a university, but in high school, the teacher just says good-bye and you say good-bye and that's it. I'm not actually really done because at home I'd be a junior now, so I still have to do my senior year at home, but for me it's kind of different. People around here are so nice and the teachers are very fun. I first want to finish high school, graduate again and I don't know what I'll do. I'll go to a university, but I'm not sure what I'll do."

Adelheid Perchtold, who is a foreign exchange student from Austria.

"I thought it went really well and I'm really excited. I'm excited to end a chapter of my life and start a new chapter. It was what I expected and a lot more. I wasn't nervous. I think it's a bitter sweet moment because I'm excited to be done with high school, but I'm

rest of my classmates that I've been going to school with for at least four years. Just to sit there and watch everyone, from friends to people I've had problems with, but just kind of become better friends with. It was very formal, it was pretty much what I expected it to be. I pulled out my Camcorder from my pocket and started playing it downstairs in line because I was so nervous. I'm a little sad and a little happy at the same time. I'm happy that I get to move on with my life to a better place, but I'm kind of sad because I'm leaving everyone that I've seen for four years and become friends with."

Colleen Patton will be attending the University of Kent, and is planning on majoring in Pharmacy.

"I thought it was really nice. It was what I expected. It was beautiful and I really enjoyed it. Everyone around me was nervous, but I was looking forward to it. I'm happy, but at the same time I'm sad because this is one of the last times we're going to be together with the entire class. There's so many people I may never see again. I'm going to attend the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and I'll be majoring in pre-med and become a pediatrician."

Subhatha Mathusany will attend the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and is planning on majoring in pre-medicine and becoming a pediatrician.

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Kathleen Zeris will be attending Michigan State University to major in elementary education.

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at the same time. I'm probably not going to come here any more and I'll have to work a lot more, but at the same time, I'm out of high school."

Patrick Tierney will be attending Schuylkill College for two years before heading off to ITT Technical Institute for computer programming.

"It was a pretty nice ceremony. It was a little bit lengthy, but I think all in all, everyone did a really good job on their speeches. It was classy. It was pretty much the typical graduation, everyone said what they had to say and it was good. I wasn't nervous before hand, but it's always a little nerve-wracking when you get up on stage in front of a lot of people. After that it was all right. I'm excited about going to school next year and just looking towards the future and what lies ahead."

Scott Krystoff will be attending Michigan State University and is thinking about going into marketing.

"The evening has been good. The graduation was really good. It's good to hear the speakers, they had some great speeches, like Andrew Gubzinski, who was really inspirational. I was kind of nervous that it was going to be a long haul, but it went by pretty quick. It was what I expected. I've never been to one before, but it was kind of my expectations anyway and I thought it was pretty good. I was nervous. Right now I'm kind of reminiscing and nostalgic. I've had some good times in high school and I will miss my friends and what I've done, but I'm looking forward to college years."

Brian Jones will attend the University of Michigan and try to have a good time while studying engineering.

"Other than being super bored, it's been pretty cool I guess. It was long and drawn out. It was a little anti-climatic. I wasn't nervous. I'm just looking forward to getting all this over with and getting on with my summer."

Danielle Schumaker will attend the University of Michigan and isn't sure of what to study yet.

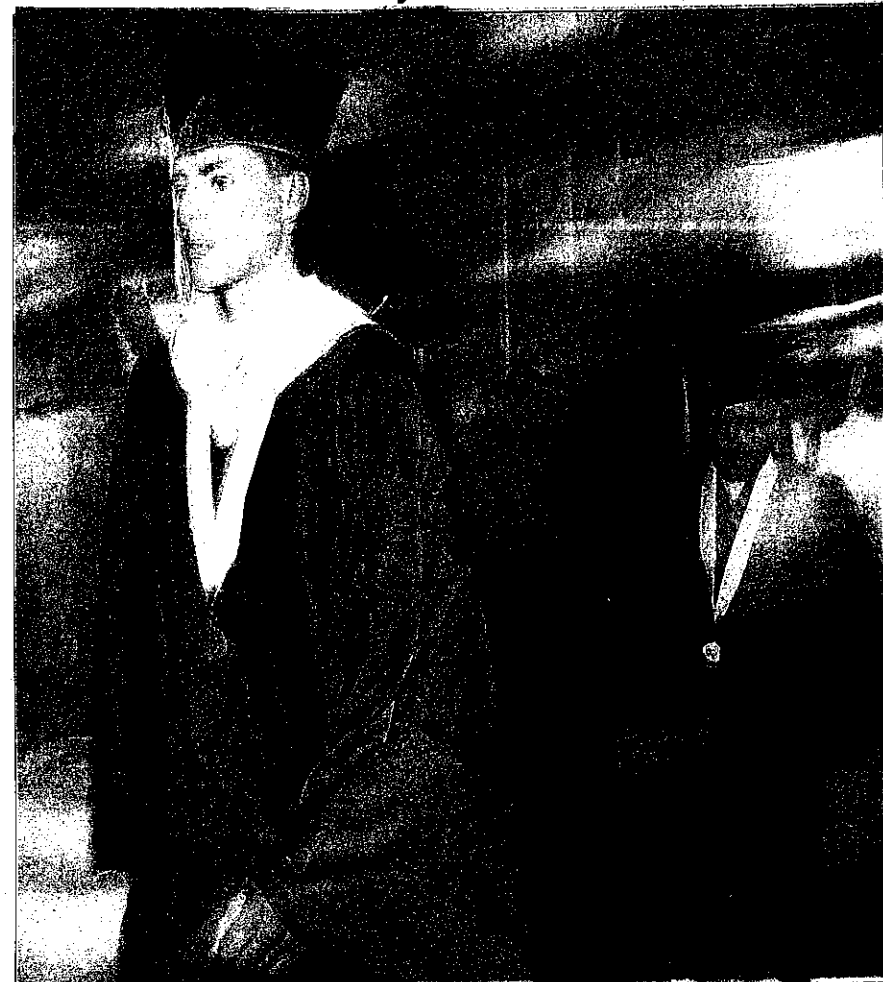
"I am really excited to be done with high school and move on in my life and to be at a big party to spend the last night with my friends. It was a lot more laid back and a lot more emotional than I thought. It didn't hit me until I saw all my friends in their robes and caps, that we're actually graduating. I was very nervous in the sense that I don't know if I'm ready to leave and move on. I'm extremely excited for this night to hang out with the whole class as a whole."

Ben Landry will be attending Albion College in the fall, but is not sure what he will be studying yet, but he said it probably has something to do with theater and music.

Compiled by Ramez Khuri

Walk the walk

Photos by JOHN HEIDER



Mark Moore strides into Compuware Arena Saturday night to receive his diploma from Novi High School.

The Novi class of 2005 bids adieu to their classmates, school



Sara Bielski, right, and other Novi High students, wait in line to receive their diplomas Saturday night.



A Novi High School student cheers and applauds as a friend's name is read to receive a diploma during last Saturday night's ceremony.



Zach Flavin receives his diploma from Novi High School last Saturday.



Marie Ruhf waits to receive her diploma from Novi High School during last week's commencement exercise.

ALL-AREA ACADEMIC TEAM

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Annie Kirkpatrick ▶ Northville High School

PARENTS: David and Lynn Kirkpatrick
SIBLINGS: Dan, 15
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: U.S. Synchronized Skating Team, NHS Girls' Varsity Hockey, Assistant Captain, NHS Figure Skating Team
ACADEMIC HONORS: National Honor Society, National Merit Finalist, Who's Who Among American High School Students, University of Michigan Engineering Scholarship of Honor, University of Michigan Regents Merit Scholarship
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: There are too many to choose.
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend University of Michigan and study engineering
CAREER PLANS: Undecided
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST? My parents



Rebecca Reichel ◀ Novi High School

PARENTS: James and Mary Reichel
SIBLINGS: Sarah, 15
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Teens Aiding the Cancer Community -Treasurer, National Honor Society -Vice President, Interact Club -Vice President, Volleyball, Cross Country
ACADEMIC HONORS: University of Michigan Regents Scholarship, Chemistry Olympiad Runner-up, Channel 7 -Brightest and Best, Summa Cum Laude/Phi Beta Kappa, National Merit Finalist
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Winning Novi's first ever KVC title and second district championship in volleyball this year.
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend University of Michigan
CAREER PLANS: Medicine
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST? Mr. Crockett

Anthony Lazar ▲ Lakeland High School

PARENTS: Mark and Dolly Lazar
BROTHER: Mark Lazar II, 21
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Astronomy Club, Competitive Marching Band, Class of 2005 Representative, Destination Imagination, German Day Program, Future Problem Solving Program, Michigan Math Prize Competition, Michigan Stock Market Game Economic Challenge, National Honor Society.
ACADEMIC HONORS: Michigan Stock Market Game Winner, High Mathematical Achievement, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth in State and International Alternate Champion - Future Problem Solving, National Merit Scholarship Program Letter of Commendation, AP Scholar Award.
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Being on stage for all of the National Honor Society induction and having to run it and speak all night.
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attending Carnegie Mellon University School of Computer Science
CAREER PLANS: Special Effects Technician
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST IN YOUR ACADEMIC CAREER? My parents



Robert Damitz ▲ Walled Lake Central High School

PARENTS: Nancy Damitz and Wayne Damitz
SIBLINGS: Chris, 19; Melissa, 12
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Student Government - Senior Class Secretary, National Honor Society - representative, Orchestra - First Chair Cellist, Ski Team-Captain, Guitarist - Veracity, WLC band
ACADEMIC HONORS: Top Ten Male Student at WLC High School, Academic Highest Honors, Graduation Honor Guard - Junior, University of Michigan Regents Merit Scholarship Winner, Northwestern University Midwest Talent Search
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Playing volleyball at the 27th annual Volleyball Marathon at Walled Lake Central High School
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend University of Michigan - chemical or nuclear engineering and radiological sciences
CAREER PLANS: Work for Dow Chemical or similar company
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST? My parents



Calista Harbaugh ◀ South Lyon High School

PARENTS: Brian and Dawn Harbaugh
EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Gymnastics coaching, gymnastics, National Honor Society, tutoring.
ACADEMIC HONORS: Academic Letter, Principal's list, Valedictorian
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Going to football games and being one of the Gridiron Girls.
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Major in Biomedical Engineering at University of Michigan.
CAREER PLANS: Doctor
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST IN YOUR ACADEMIC CAREER? Mr. Val Radomyselskiy. He has made me work hard and has taught me so much ever since I have had him as a teacher.

Jayshree Mahajan ▼ Walled Lake Western High School

PARENTS: Rekha and Madhukar Mahajan
SIBLINGS: Arjun, 13; Krishna, 11
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Tennis - Captain, Golf - Captain, Forensics, National Honor Society, Band Ensembles
ACADEMIC HONORS: 4.0 Honor Roll, Academic Letter, Outstanding Performance in AP French, Scholar Athlete, Excellence in Economics
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Walking into the wrong homeroom on the first day of school.
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend University of Michigan, Ann Arbor - engineering
CAREER PLANS: Chemical engineering
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST? My parents



William Marzella ◀ Milford High School

PARENTS: Neil and Linda Marzella and Claudia and Ron St. Amour
SIBLINGS: Melissa, 23 and Mark 23
EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Student Congress Secretary/Treasurer, Track and Field, Cross Country, French Club, National Honor Society, Peer Mentoring.
ACADEMIC HONORS: Valedictorian, National Merit Finalist, A.P. Scholar
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: My most memorable high school moment is working at and winning float building during Homecoming week of my senior year.
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend college at University of Cincinnati
CAREER PLANS: Architecture
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST IN YOUR ACADEMIC CAREER? My parents

