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The Novi Wildcats soccer team defeated Rochester to earn the regional title last Friday in a nail-biting contest. Novi, the defending Division I state champions, advance to the state semi-finals. — Page 24A

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LIBRARY BOARD, COUNCIL CLASH

Study session on proposed library expansion sours

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

A study session between library board and city council on a proposed expansion of Novi's library, and a millage to help pay for it, turned sour Monday night when some council members blamed library staff for the proposals' lack of fundraising and direction.

Bob Cutler, library board president, began by saying he has heard for three years that board members have not kept council members informed on their progress in the project.

The board proposes a \$16 million library expansion to 60,000 square feet. The current library has about 23,000 square feet.

Board members want a millage proposal on the November ballot with a millage

rate of .342 mills to fund the \$16 million expansion. Approval is needed from city council to put a millage proposal on the ballot.

The annual impact for residents at a .342 millage rate would range from \$30-\$70 per year. The millage would only be used to fund the expansion.

Advisors from Plante & Moran prepared a review in April that shows Novi is still a young community whose leaders must plan for the future with a library expansion.

"We can't provide quiet study areas, and we're basically out of space," Cutler said.

Terry Margolis, council member and 2004-2005 library board president during the fund-raising effort, supports a library expansion and even pledged \$25,000 to the cause.

"My concerns are the ability of the library director to foster relationships and getting partners involved," she said.

A library millage proposal failed in 1999. Margolis is afraid if a library millage fails again there may not be another chance to place it on the ballot.

Mayor Nancy Cassis declined to participate as honorary chair of the board's fund-raising committee because she believed council would not support a bond proposal.

"What's happened since then?" Margolis asked. "Obviously, nothing."

Brenda Lusier, library director, said before the board could effectively market a fund-raising effort for the expansion that members needed council's support.

Mayor David Landry said there's no question that Novi needs a new library since the current building is 35 years old. But, he also doesn't want another failed millage proposal.

"The problem you have is that the library is not looked at as an essential service," Landry said.

He thinks the city needs some heavy-hitter donors and celebrities to support an expansion project and is disappointed in the lack of fundraising.

After the Charles Walker family in Novi donated \$1 million in 2004 and agreed to match donations up to another \$1 million through Dec. 31, 2005, about \$170,000 was

raised. This raised the total to about \$1.34 million for the library.

Landry said he met with Lusier in January and wanted to see a fund-raising plan.

"I've been waiting," he said, "and I've seen nothing. Show me your fund-raising plan, and you'll get my vote (for the millage proposal)."

Andrew Mutch, council member, said he was surprised at comments from his fellow council members who pointed fingers at library staff for the lack of dollars raised for the expansion project.

"The lack of achievement is not due to the library staff," Mutch said. "I'm a little shocked that it's considered a public relations problem. The delegation of the fund-raising failure of the board to the staff is uncalled for. That was a responsibility of the board to make that happen. Authority means responsibility."

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Like father, like son

Local duo close inside and outside the office

By Tracy Mishler
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Bob Stiles enjoys spending time with his son, Paul, both inside and outside the office.

Though the days of throwing the ball are over, Stiles' of Northville Township, 4149 Wooding Close, maintains close relationships with his kids.

Father's Day this Sunday

"I'm blessed to have a close relationship with my son," Bob said. "He's my equal in the office and my son outside."

Dr. Paul Stiles, 35, also of Northville, joined his dad's Novi-based chiropractic practice, Stiles Chiropractic, in June 1996, and both agree keeping a professional relationship in the office is key.

"I've never treated him like a junior," said Bob, who has owned the business since 1966.

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All smiles

Rachele Folino prepares to receive her diploma from Novi High. Novi's commencement ceremonies took place last Saturday. More photos and the top students in the area in this week's special graduation section, PAGE 1B.

Riding into the sunset

Retirement looms for Novi assistant superintendent Nancy Davis

By Matt Doran
STAFF WRITER

"No more riding on the back of my husband's Harley Davidson motorcycle."

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"I like to be in control of my own destiny," said Davis, who said she wants her own Harley Davidson Dyna Low Rider. "I'm going to zoom off into the sunset."

Davis, assistant superintendent for academic services of the Novi Community School District, will "zoom off" later this summer, when she plans to retire. The job opening has been posted, and Davis said she will most likely stay through July, helping her successor with the transition.

"I knew I was only going to

work one or two more years, maybe, before I really retired," said Davis, who technically retired from the district a year ago, after coming on board in 2003. She stayed on this year through a one-year contract, which helped save the district money.

Davis' husband is superintendent of the Holt school district, and she has been commuting to Novi every day from Williamston. The long drive was one of the factors in her retirement, she said, along with wanting to spend more time with her aging parents.

A slower pace

Once her husband retires, Davis said they may move to northern Michigan, where she looks forward to golfing, possibly doing some consulting work and just generally "downshifting" the speed of life a bit.

"I want that opportunity to see what that's like," Davis said. "But it's going to be hard I can't imagine not working."

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Assistant Novi School Superintendent Nancy Davis, right, goes over some information with assistant Betty Graves.

Novi man dies in plane crash

By Kristofer Karol and Lisa Rose-Church
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

The pilot killed in a plane crash last week in Unadilla Township has been identified as 56-year-old Novi resident Lowell "Doug" Anglin.

Anglin's single-engine plane crashed and exploded at Unadilla Township's Richmond Field last Thursday night.

Anglin, a father of three with one grandchild, reported engine problems shortly before crashing his single-engine plane into the private Richmond Field airstrip at Howlett and Doyle roads in Unadilla Township, according to Federal Aviation Administration officials.

Unadilla Township Fire Chief Mark Schroeder said it appeared Anglin was not flying high enough and hit some trees. He was the lone occupant of the plane.


"It is a heavily wooded area," Schroeder said. "We can only speculate he had some kind of problem with the aircraft."

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Local
father-son duo close inside and outside the office

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"Paul has always been considered an equal, never a junior partner."

Seeing the benefit of alternative health care first hand by watching his dad treat patients, Paul said the close relationships with patients and family-like atmosphere drew him toward Sittes Chiropractic after graduating from college.

Paul graduated from Western Life Chiropractic College in Atlanta, Ga., with certification in applied kinesiology.

"I was never pressured to work with my dad," Paul said. "It was all by choice." When not in the office managing and treating conditions of the spine, the father-and-son duo have spent countless hours fly fishing, hunting and camping.

"Our family is very close," Paul said. "There's about 20 of us... it's nice that we can all stand to be in the same house."

Paul said he and his wife, Tamara, and their daughters, Emma and Sophia, enjoy taking vacations with the entire Sittes family.

"I'm close with both my parents," Paul said.

Bob and his wife, Suzanne, have been married 41 years and have four children and 10 grandchildren.

He said being able to work side by side with his son for the past 10 years is based on a Christian caring perspective.

"The relationship Paul and I have has been blessed," Bob said. "It is enjoyable being able to work with my son. I respect him, and I'm glad we work together."

Choose your battles

Paul said a good father-son relationship inside and outside the office is also a result of being able to choose your battles wisely.

"In 10 years, I don't think we've ever had an argument," Paul said. "The key is keeping your business and personal lives separate."

With Paul's next generation, ideas blended into his dad's earlier procedures of the profes-



Bob Sittes and his son Paul have been sharing a chiropractic business in Novi for the past 10 years. Bob, 63, has been a chiropractor for 40 years.

Nancy Davis will head off into the sunset and close out her Novi career

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I may go stir-crazy 'after a month."

Another one of Davis' goals is eventually writing a novel. She is a "voracious" reader of contemporary fiction and is especially interested in "dysfunctional" families, she said.

"Every family is dysfunctional. It's just a matter of degree," Davis said. "I just feel like I could do it."

Davis also recently passed a motorcycle certification course on her first try - meaning that Dyna Low Rider may not be too far out in the future. She's been thinking of getting a motorcycle for the past five years, she said, and is tired of riding behind her husband, since she can't see or decide where to go.

"There might be a Harley in my future," Davis said. "I'm a very goal-oriented person. I still can't believe I passed the course."

"This is an outstanding school district. I can't believe I had this as the capstone of my career. I've thoroughly enjoyed working here."

Nancy Davis
New Assistant Superintendent

The Novi school district is a leader in the state, Davis said, because of the excellent staff and the involved parents, who are receptive to cutting edge ideas. During her time in Novi, Davis said she has helped bring virtual learning to Novi High School, initiated a program for elementary students to learn string instruments, and worked with the school board of trustees to approve more staff development time.

Part of Davis' success has been because she's had great mentors, she said, who pushed her to keep moving higher. Davis said she now tries to do the same thing, encouraging others in her field to set high goals and pursue them.

"This is an outstanding school district," she said. "I can't believe I had this as the capstone of my career. I've thoroughly enjoyed working here."

Davis said the "time has come to acknowledge Novi is changing," with the area becoming more diverse. Going to school in a multicultural atmosphere is a positive, Davis said, giving students more exposure to the globalism they will encounter after graduation.

She will miss Novi, but is confident in the district's future, Davis said.

"I feel like I'm leaving Novi in very good hands," she said.

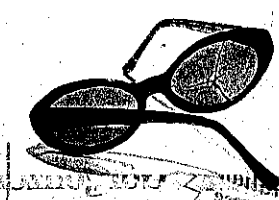
IN THE SERVICE

Air Force Aviator Andrew A. Wright, of Novi, has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Mary Wright of Novi and a 2002 graduate of Novi High School.


During the six weeks of training, the aviator studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations. In addition, aviators who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

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Mac and his wife Shirley were married for 48 years. They are the parents of five children. They raised their family in Detroit and moved to Alabama when he retired. He moved back to Michigan in 1998, three years after his wife's death. Two of their children are now deceased. Mac's remaining children, Kathy, Mark and Cheryl share his love of cars and own several of their own classic cars. Wynwood of Northville is very pleased to have Mac in our community.

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Novi man dies in plane crash

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Schroeder said there were no witnesses to the crash, which township police and fire departments responded to at 7:21 p.m. and had to use foam to put out the flames. The crash was on the south side of the field, about one-half to three-quarters of a mile from Doyle Road.

Earlier reports from officials at the scene stated the Beechcraft Bonanza plane struck trees about 2,000 feet south of Runway 36 at 7:10 p.m., according to airport staff. Schroeder said five people arrived after the crash and started dumping buckets of water from a nearby creek on the wreckage. Lee Rohrer was one of those helpers, and he said people on scene told him the engine died as the pilot was flying near Joslin Lake in Washtenaw County's Lyndon Township.

"One of the wing tanks blew up after we were there a few seconds," Rohrer said. Unadilla Township police and fire departments, Pinckney Area Ambulance and Michigan State Police were on scene.

An FAA report shows the plane was en route from Kalamazoo to Detroit when it crashed; however, some members with the Sandhill Soaring Club, who files out of the airport, say they heard the pilot was headed to Ypsilanti.

Sgt. David Russell of the Unadilla Township Police Department said it appears the plane did hit the trees and was trying to land on the grass airstrip. FAA spokesman Tony Molinaro said the engine failed.

The National Transportation Safety Board took over for the FAA on Friday. Unadilla Township Police Chief William Cook said board investigators collected the plane and engine Saturday and transported the items to the organization's Detroit inspection center. The investigation into the cause of the crash is expected to take six months to a year.

Such crashes not common

John Harte, president of the Sandhill Soaring Club, declined to comment on the crash, but

Orin Beckham, a past president of the group, said he can't remember any other accidents at



Smoke rolls from the scene of a plane crash that resulted in the death of the pilot, a Novi man.

GANNETT NEWS SERVICE PHOTO

the airport.

Even though there is no control tower, Beckham is not worried about safety at the tiny airport.

"There's not that much traffic," Beckham said. "I think anytime you start putting more and more planes together, there's the potential."

"Many (global positioning systems) have a function where you can hit 'nearest' ... and it'll direct you to the nearest airport, and we were that."

Many members of the soaring club, of which this pilot was not a member, also belong to the Southeast Michigan Soaring Association, which owns the airport.

Association officials could not be reached for comment last

Friday.

"It could have happened at any airport," Beckham said. "His engine was in trouble, and he didn't just make it through the field."

Owned business in Novi

Anglin owned Anglin Civil Constructors, a heavy construction equipment company in

Novi.

"He was a super guy," said Jim Ratliff, manager at Anglin's business, Anglin Civil Constructors in Novi. "He was a wonderful boss. We miss him terribly."

Ratliff said Anglin, who is a "highly respected businessman, honest and (who) had charity for everyone," was an experienced pilot.

Ratliff said Anglin was picking up his 1992 Bonanza Beechcraft plane that fatal day in Kalamazoo after the single engine plane's annual inspection. He was returning from the Kalamazoo-Battle Creek International Airport to Willow Run Airport in Ypsilanti where he housed the plane. Anglin enjoyed working, fishing and making trips to

warm climate areas, Ratliff said. "His big sport was flying," Ratliff said. "He was a pilot for many years. He owned two planes and enjoyed that. ... He was an overall good person; he belonged in the Golden Rule, and he practiced it."

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Hogs for Cats and Dogs raises more than \$2,000 in donations

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

The Hogs for Cats and Dogs Michigan Humane Society Adoption/Fundraiser was a big success again this year, with beautiful weather and a steady stream of people throughout the day last Saturday at Motor City Harley-Davidson in Farmington Hills.

The society received more than \$2,000 in donations, a backload of food and supplies for the Michigan Humane Society shelters throughout the area, and 25 animals were adopted.

Early birds dined on breakfast items prepared by staff members from Gus O'Connors in Novi, who also served grilled hot dogs and burgers throughout the day. Ron Taylor, the driver for the Michigan Humane Society's Mobile Adoption Unit, said 29 cats and kittens and about 30 puppies and dogs were brought to the event. The unit can handle about seven dogs and a dozen cats.

Those who didn't see the animal they were looking for at the event can go to one of the shelters in Westland, Detroit or Rochester Hills. Prospective pet owners can also visit www.petfinder.com to see photos and descriptions of animals that need homes.

Humane Society volunteer Carol Jackson, who has fostered homeless animals for about seven years, said the area desperately needs more foster parents.

"You're saving a life," Jackson said. Prospective foster parents, who go through an orientation, can call any of the three shelters and ask for the foster coordinator. Mike Shelton, operations manager, Motor City Harley-Davidson, said 20 motorcycles were part of the bike run last Saturday morning that was part of the event.

"We had a great ride," he said. "It's something we can do to give back to the community. We like doing it, because everyone likes animals."

Shelton noted that in the past six years, the event has found new homes for more than 200

animals and raised more than \$10,000 for the Michigan Humane Society.

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Photo by PAM FLEMING

Fonzle, a 3-year-old green-winged, female macaw, that belongs to Greg and Susan Semack of Farmington Hills, tries to grab a strand of Susan's hair during last Saturday's Hogs for Cats and Dogs Michigan Humane Society Adoption/Fundraiser at Motor City Harley-Davidson in Farmington Hills. Greg's sister, Cathy Laux, lives in Novi.



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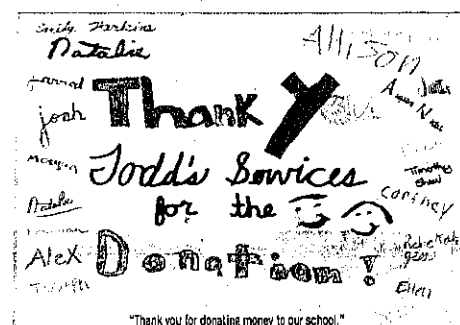
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Mike Shelton
Operations Manager
Motor City Harley-Davidson

How to adopt, foster an animal

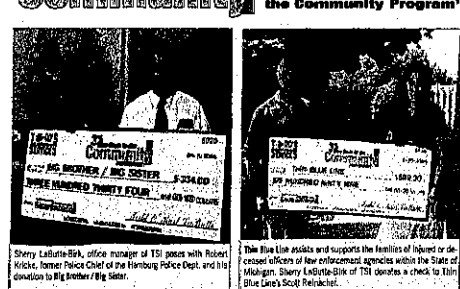
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Parks & Recreation to kick off 3rd annual Kids Concert Series

Bring dinner, whole family

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Bring some hot dogs to grill and some lawn chairs.

The Novi Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department's Third Annual Kids Concert Series starts next Thursday evening at Lakeshore Park.

For five Thursdays — from June 22-Aug. 3 — members of the public are invited to come to the park on Novi's north side for free entertainment from 7-8 p.m.

Organizers promise lots of audience participation with the music.

"All of the concerts are interactive and entertaining for the whole family," said Tracy Ringle, event and marketing coordinator for the department.

"Kids will be up on stage with us, kids playing instruments."

This year, the department added two dates to the series.

Also, staff members from the Novi company Fit To Be Tied will be on hand to offer tie dyeing for children.

"They can purchase a T-shirt and tie dye it there," Ringle said.

Giveaways will include such items as bubble wands and pinwheels.

Ice cream will be available at the park, and barbecue grills are available at Lakeshore Park, which is located at 601 South Lake Drive.

"A lot of people actually stop and get a pizza and bring it with them," Ringle said.

Ringle, who feels Lakeshore Park is one of Novi's nicest parks, added that those who want to come early can go for a swim in Walled Lake. Lifeguards will be on duty until 7 p.m.

"Come early, swim, and then enjoy the show," she said. The last concert on Aug. 3 will begin at 6 p.m. because there are two performances. "That will be our grand finale," Ringle said.

Summer concert series lineup

Audiences will have their feet tapping during the June 22 performance of Chautauque

Express.

June 29 — Jim Perkins
July 13 — Fudge Sundaes
July 20 — Tom Plunkard
Aug. 3 — The Candy Band & Novi Concert Band

In case of inclement weather, shows will be moved indoors to the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road. For more information, call the Novi Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department at (248) 347-0400.

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Express. Audience members will be on stage to play or sing throughout the event.

Jim Perkins, whose shows always include lots of audience interaction and are fun for all ages, will appear June 29. Perkins is a singer, musician, storyteller and poet.

The Smudge Fundas, a group of Canadian ladies who put on a highly interactive and musical performance, will be on stage July 13. They have been a Novi favorite for years, according to event organizers.

Tom Plunkard will combine his zany foolery with an array of

music at the July 20 event.

The Candy Band, a group of female musicians who play fun songs and welcome audience participation, will perform during the first hour of the two-hour Aug. 3 series finale.

The 45-member Novi Concert Band, formed in 1982, will conclude the series with a range of music from symphonic to folk, religious and Broadway.

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Photo courtesy of Novi
The first performance in the 2006 Kids Concert Series begins June 22 at Lakeshore Park in Novi. There is lots of audience participation during the concerts, as seen in this 2004 show.

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PEOPLE

'Animal Cops: Detroit' star sees cases of abuse, neglect, fighting

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Deborah MacDonald has seen some pitiful sights as one of the Michigan Humane Society's Detroit cruelty investigators. "We see a lot of neglect cases, where people just aren't properly caring for their pets," she said. She's seen incidents where pets have no shelter, no food, no water and even imbedded collars. "Unfortunately, that's pretty common," she said. A TV celebrity as part of the award-winning Animal Planet's "Animal Cops: Detroit," MacDonald, rescues animals of all types in the area. She's been with the Humane Society for 18 years and has been an investigator for 14 years. Investigators respond to more than 4,000 complaints a year in the area and deal with a lot of dog-fighting cases, which are not just in after-hours clubs in downtown Detroit.

in our suburbs — in nice houses with nice yards," MacDonald said, who added that they often find children or elderly people who also aren't being cared for properly at these locations. MacDonald is obviously a pet lover; with dog, two cats, a cockatiel and a turtle in her Oakland County home. She began as a volunteer adoption counselor and always wanted to get into the cruelty department. "When an opening was available, and I had enough training, I applied," MacDonald said. On the job 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Saturday, the investigators also have a rescue unit that's available from 8 a.m.-9 p.m., and they're on call for that unit. More than just cats, dogs MacDonald said in her many years as an animal cruelty investigator, she has responded to complaints about a 30-foot box constrictor, alligators, cougars, horses, pig, goats and more. "People love animals just about

anywhere," she said. "You never know what you're going to run across." She noted that box constrictors are often used in drug houses to "guard" the drugs. "One man had some pigs in his back yard in Detroit, and when they got big, it wasn't working out so well," MacDonald said. "The neighbors called us." MacDonald is also an instructor for the University of Missouri Law Enforcement Training Institute, so she travels around the country to train other animal cruelty investigators and animal control officers about how to investigate and deal with dog- and cock-fighting complaints. The "Animal Cops" TV show is celebrating its fourth season. "We had no idea it would take off like it did," MacDonald said. "It's really opened a lot of doors in the community, and I think people have a better understanding of animal cruelty — what to look for in their neighborhoods, who to call and how to properly care for their pets."

It's definitely made a difference for us." MacDonald said she and the other area investigators on the show didn't receive any special training to be on television. "They just jumped in the back seat and said, 'Be yourself,'" she said. Although they are not sworn officers, animal cruelty investigators do write their own arrest and search warrants and take them to the prosecutor's office. They then take the signed warrants to local precincts, with police officers making the arrest. Misdeemeanor animal cruelty is a 93-day jail time with up to a \$1,000 fine. "Our felony cases can bring four-year sentences," MacDonald said. "We've actually had guys serve jail time and wind up in state prison."



Deborah MacDonald, animal cruelty investigator for the Michigan Humane Society, holds a puppy for Abbey Weltman, 2, of Farmington Hills to pet. MacDonald was a special guest at last Saturday's Hogs for Cats and Dogs Michigan Humane Society Adoption/Fundraiser at Motor City Harley-Davidson in Farmington Hills.

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HEALTH

Pediatrician to review latest on ADD

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Instead of paying attention to the teacher, Johnny is staring out the window. He often disturbs other children in the classroom, too. Does this sound like your child? He may have attention deficit disorder and/or hyperactivity. Dr. Vivian Gavini, a Novi pediatrician, will address this highly common disorder among children as the first speaker in Providence Hospital's new "Dinner with a Doctor" series that begins June 20. Gavini will discuss "The Latest Thinking on Childhood ADD" at the dinner from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Gavini recently touched on a few concepts he will be talking about that evening.

Come to 'Dinner with a Doctor'
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Another question many have is do these disorders need treatment? After all, they're not life-threatening. Gavini believes people with attention deficit and/or hyperactivity disorders place their financial and social health at risk. "Most of these children who suffer from these disorders are of average intelligence," Gavini said. "If they didn't suffer from these problems, they could become successful." Gavini has a Web site, www.addclinic.com, that can answer many questions about attention deficit disorder and hyperactivity. He runs a clinic in his Novi office and specializes in the treatment of children with attention deficit and/or hyperactivity.

Multiple disorders common
Gavini noted that patients often have multiple diagnoses, which may include ADD, hyperactivity, depression and/or anxiety, obsessive-compulsive disorder and/or aggression. "These can occur individually or together," Gavini explained. "It can get complicated." ADD and ADHD are more prevalent in boys and men, with 10 percent of males affected by these conditions. Not only can multiple disorders be present, but intensity also varies. "If you have a child with severe hyperactivity and attention deficit disorder, you have a big problem," Gavini said. "Without treatment, this child will have difficulty learning and can create so much havoc that he or she can make everyone around them miserable."

Medications aren't addicting
Another myth that surrounds attention deficit disorder and hyperactivity is that the drugs used to treat these conditions are addicting. "There have been a number of studies to the contrary," Gavini said. "In fact, children tend to have a lower incidence of substance abuse than those who are not treated." In fact, the right medication can completely turn a child around who has one of these disorders. Gavini said he has had a couple of patients who were almost failing in school, but once treated they rose to the top of their class. Parents can take an automated test on Gavini's Web site to determine if their child has attention deficit disorder and/or hyperactivity.

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Building computers for kids

High school students rebuild computers for underprivileged, handicapped

By Matt Doran
STAFF WRITER



Novi High School student Dan Wosik with the computer he rebuilt for an underprivileged student, as part of a program at Oakland Schools Technical Campus Southwest.

Thanks to Oakland Schools Technical Campus Southwest students, 29 handicapped and underprivileged Oakland County children recently received free refurbished computers and printers.

The computers were given to the children at a pizza party at the school's campus.

The technical high school works with 12 Oakland County school districts, allowing students to spend a half day there taking classes.

Three Novi High School students participated in the program. Each student in the class refurbished a used computer, doing things like increasing memory, adding new sound cards and installing new operating systems.

"They tear them apart and then they rebuild them," said instructional tech Sharon Jennings. "It's pretty exciting when the kids

come and they give them their computers."

After being refurbished, the computers were donated to underprivileged students at Detsion Elementary School in South Lyon and to handicapped children from around Oakland County.

Jennings said some of the children are blind and deaf, and their computers are equipped with special software donated by a foundation.

"What this software does is amazing," she said. "Students raised money to refurbish the computers through a walk-a-thon benefit and a LAN party. A LAN party is where com-

puters are networked to each other, allowing users to compete with each other in video games. The first-graders had the chance to break up into groups and read out loud to other students and family members.

The reading selections? Their own books, written during the course of the school

year and published with supplies and equipment purchased through a \$3,000 grant made by the Novi Educational Foundation.

"We were packed," Treadwell said. "They had a blast." Some students were nervous about reading for an audience, Treadwell said, but they enjoyed seeing their work in print. Some of the books were up to 10 pages, she said, and students typed them up before having them bound and covered.

"It looks so much like a real book," Treadwell said. The books were written throughout the course of the year. The first grade teachers held a "Writing Workshop" program that took students through the writing process step-by-step. Students authored

WRITER'S BLOC

Parkview first graders get published, thanks to grant

By Matt Doran
STAFF WRITER

Now they just need agents.

Parkview Elementary School's four first grade classes as located their success as authors May 31 in an "Author's Fair" event attended by roughly 200 people, according to first grade teacher Kylene Treadwell.

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multiple books, varying in length. "You get to pick your best one to take through the whole process (and have published)," Treadwell said.

The school's four first grade teachers co-authored a grant proposal for the program last year, Treadwell said. The Novi Educational Foundation is a non-profit organization which promotes education in the Novi school system. The foundation administers programs such as the Teacher of the Year award.

"We were blessed enough to be granted the monies," Treadwell said.

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NO MERCY

Seniors soon bid farewell to long-time meal provider

By Tracy Misher
STAFF WRITER

Change is in the future for the nutrition program at the Novi Senior Center.

Though the program will continue, Farmington Hills-based Mercy Services on Aging will no longer provide meals for homebound residents and members of the community after September 30.

With more than 16 years of service, Mercy Services will not be renewing its contract as senior meal provider in western Oakland County with the Area Agency on Aging 1-B.

"It's a little awkward not knowing what's going to happen, but I'm confident I'll be here," Near said. "It's a wonderful ministry to help seniors. With this program, this is the only time some of these people see anyone all day."

Waiting for services Rachel Zagarioli said providing meals to seniors is an enormous service. "Last year, we served 23,230 homebound meals and 6,184 at the center," said the senior services manager for the Novi Senior Center.

Zagarioli said though she will miss Mercy Services, she hopes for a smooth transition with the new provider.

"The whole idea is to make it look like a seamless transition," she said. "I wish Mercy Services could stay. They've done an absolutely awesome job."

"They are well respected by the seniors, easy to work with and have always provided good meals. It will be sad to see them go."

Currently, Mercy Services provides meals for several other communities, including South Lyon, Highland, Holly, Springfield Township, Rose Township and Davison.

"It's been a joy to have been involved in this kind of service," Kelley said. "I myself am a senior, and I've learned a lot about our senior population through this program."

According to Area Agency on Aging 1-B officials, a request for proposal did go out to the public in March and Mercy Services did not respond.

Jenny Jarvis, director of community for the Area Agency on Aging 1-B, said the agency is on a three-year funding cycle which ends Sept. 30.

"It's an open bid process and anyone who wanted to submit a bid could have," Jarvis said. "We don't deny anyone the opportunity to apply."

All bid proposals were due to the Area Agency on Aging 1-B by the

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"Funding cuts made the program less cost effective," said Sister Camille Kelley, program director for Mercy Services.

As a nonprofit community-based program sponsored by Trinity Health, Kelley said Mercy's program will be nonexistent when their contract expires.

"It's very sad for us," she said. "This is very special work, and to deal with the seniors and work with them everyday has been a privilege."

Currently, Mercy Services has 12 employees, and Kelley said her staff may move on with the next meal provider or take sabbatical pay.

Sister Gen Near, site manager for the Novi Senior Center, said she would like to stay if the new provider allows her to.

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Sister Marian Schultz, right, of Mercy Services on Aging, chats with Eileen Hauser during a recent lunch at the Novi Senior Center.



Mercy Services on Aging's Sister Marian Schultz, left, hands off a hot lunch to Novi Senior Center volunteer Florence Baptist on a recent Monday afternoon. Mercy currently provides a lunch five days a week at the center for \$2.75.

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4:30 p.m. June 2 deadline. The new nutrition program provider will be announced July 28, and Jarvis said the company will begin services Oct. 1 through Sept. 30, 2009.

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Article wrong

I read the June 8, 2006 Novi News article by Pam Fleming on the Bowman Protocol for the development of the Dixon property with amazement. How could this half-page article be written and printed in the Novi News with so little regard to facts and pertinent information. Some research should have been done but since it apparently wasn't here's a little input to correct and clarify.

First, Mr. Bowman's quote in the article "The largest tree they found on the site was just over 20 inches tall" must be a misprint because it's just not true. The trees are well above the top of the two-story buildings in Carlton Forest making them well over 25 feet tall.

More importantly, Carlton Forest residents are not against developing this property. The rezoning site-plan opposition petition delivered to the Planning Commission stated specifically "We understand that the property owners have the right to develop this property and accept proposed to homes being built on these parcels within the current zoning". This is public record.

I believe that the residents object to the number and the size of the homes in the proposal. This proposal is to build large (3,000-square-foot) homes on small (less than 0.23 acres) lots. Picture a wall of houses, with only 10-15 feet between them with small front and back yards.

The requested rezoning to RM-1 Low Density, Low-Rise Multiple Family Residential may be OK, but in order to fit all those large homes on the site the City must grant numerous variances for front, rear and side to side setbacks and more essentially gutting the RM-1 requirements. This would set an undesirable precedent for future developments. Note the words LOW DENSITY in the RM-1 Zoning.

The article keeps referencing the RM-1 density allowing more units per acre than the developer is requesting but again note the words MULTIPLE FAMILY in the RM-1 Zoning. RM-1 may allow eight units per acre, but this means multi-

story, multi-unit buildings which allows for green area space between the buildings. Just imagine eight 3000-square-foot single family homes on one acre.

I am certain that Mr. Bowman is a respectable businessman and that his helping the property owners is commendable, but let's keep in mind that he is a businessman who wants to maximize his profits. Everyone knows what 3000-square-foot homes sell for in Novi, the profits on this 107 home project are potentially in the tens of millions of dollars to the developer.

It would appear that there is room for compromise such as: 1. Why not spend the \$250,000 park donation on planting trees on the property since the total site will be striped of all trees; 2. Why not request that the Brownfield Redevelopment Fund pay the total cost of the cleanup. This would save the developer money. It is my understanding that the City receives reduced tax revenues until the fund is reimbursed; 3. An independent study should be done to verify the extent of the contamination.

The Planning Commission is acting prudently and in the best interest of all Novi residents by requesting additional information and a reduction in the proposed density and by not giving in to the developer's demands for an immediate approval without due diligence.

Your newspaper has publicly misrepresented and embarrassed residents of Carlton Forest by printing this and two other related articles in your newspaper. A public apology is in order.

It's unfortunate that the Novi News allowed this one sided article to be printed with partial truths or incomplete information putting pressure on Novi City officials to grant the developer's demands.

What kind of journalism is this?

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Remembering the legacy of William Milliken

"The temper which does not press a partisan advantage to his bitter end, which can understand and respect the other side, which feels a unity between all citizens... which recognizes their common fate and common aspirations... in a word, which has faith in the sacredness of the individual... this is what we have striven for."

— Former Gov. William Milliken, quoting Judge Learned Hand

Over Memorial Day weekend, I had the sad pleasure of reading Dave Dempsey's new biography: "William G. Milliken: Michigan's Passionate Moderate" (University of Michigan Press, \$29.95).

Sad, because we don't seem to have leaders like that anymore. Bill Milliken, who left office voluntarily in 1983 after 14 years as the longest-serving governor of Michigan.

Today, he is the living icon of political moderation. But his temple attracts few followers. The spirit of his career, quoted above in Milliken's final State of the State message in 1982, now seems a quiet, out-of-date anachronism.

We are all the poorer as a result. Milliken's career marked the height of a Michigan political culture that was distinctly sane, and which endured for nearly half a century, from Soapy Williams' 1950s to John Engler's election as governor in 1990.

Some would call it moderate, others bi-partisan, and others family ethics.

And the glow of those days disguises the tough partisan conflict that always characterized politics, then and now. But Milliken's style was distinctive and effective. "Good government is good politics," he would say time after time. Above all, he was a gentleman, seldom harsh in his rhetoric, unfailingly civil even to his opponents and rarely going for purely partisan advantage.

The governor consulted with everyone, worked tirelessly to forge bipartisan coalitions, and almost always found ways to reconcile differing points of view. Those whom he appointed to senior positions in state government were amazed that he never asked their partisan affiliation during job interviews, but concentrated instead on how they proposed to carry out their responsibilities.

Many of his highest concerns seemed unusual, even radical at the time. But as the years passed, they became important parts of the canon of good, sensible, broadly acceptable public policy.

His concern for the environment and the Great Lakes perhaps was the most notable. "The Great Lakes (are) the world's largest collection of fresh



PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Photo by JOHN HEIGER/Novi News

A welcome addition
Wildcat junior Vivek Athalye, a transfer student from out of state this year, qualified for the state semi-finals in tennis. Athalye helped lead the Novi tennis team to a best-ever fifth-place finish at the state finals. Read more about him, page 25A.

Spending Memorial Day in ER proves to be memorable event

So you think you're safe in your own home?

Think again. Statistics show that staying home may be more dangerous than one might believe.

The 2003 summary of the Centers for Disease Control National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey showed that unintentional injuries were the fifth leading cause of death in the U.S.

And, I could have become one of those statistics over the Memorial Day weekend.

I tried to flip my king-size mattress by myself, a task I have successfully accomplished every few months since I bought the larger-size bed in 1999.

Only this time, it got hung up on the night stand. As I pushed it forward, it reversed direction, slipping to the floor. I ended up between the bed and a dresser, with my full weight landing on my left elbow from a standing position on the box spring.

The next day, after attending a Memorial Day family picnic at a friend's home, the hostess told me as soon as I

arrived to help myself to the scrumptious buffet, enjoy my burger and then head to the emergency department.

Two hours later, I was starting to lose the feeling in my fingers and could barely remove my rings due to the swelling.

But, spending a few hours of my holiday in the emergency room at Providence Park Medical Center in Novi, to be Providence Park Hospital in 2008, proved to be quite an experience.

Like the home-improvement guy who had ripped the tip of his fingers on one hand with a table saw. He came into the emergency department holding his hand in a plastic cup filled with water; a triangular ruler still in his back pocket.

I walked in just as they were calling my name, and I let him see the nurse ahead of me. His wife thanked me when I saw them leave shortly after.

Later, while waiting for my elbow to be X-rayed, I heard a nurse ask a young boy in a nearby treatment room, "So, you stepped in a fish tank? Now there's a comment that makes one's imagination

run wild, as I immediately pictured only a slab of a leg left on the poor boy after vicious piranhas had attacked him.

In reality, it was probably just a minor laceration that required only cleaning and a few stitches.

I must mention that everyone at the Providence Park Medical Center in Novi—from the registration personnel to the doctors, nurses and X-ray technician—were extremely professional and treated me with respect and empathy.

Fortunately, my elbow was not broken, and with any kind of luck, physical therapy now treating me three days a week say I'll be back on the golf course sometime in July.

In the future, whether I'm cooking, cleaning or just getting in and out of the shower, I'll use a little more caution when I'm home alone with my new-found realization that where we live isn't always the safe haven we think it is.

I've also learned the hard way that flipping anything bigger than a two-size mattress should probably be a two-person job—unless you're a sumo wrestler or Hulk Hogan.

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Youth Police Academy to offer closer look at law enforcement

Novi students invited to attend

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

If you're a Novi teenager whose favorite TV show is CSI, the Novi Police Department has something right up your alley. Just when you thought your summer vacation was going to be boring, the department is offering its Youth Police Academy next month.

The free class will be offered from noon-4 p.m. July 17-21 at the Novi Police Training Center adjacent to police headquarters on 10 Mile Road just east of Tift Road.

Academy instructors will include Novi High School Resource Officer Mike Wilson, Det. Sgt. Matt Conquest and Det. Kristie Greenwald. Students will learn about patrol operations, traffic laws and traffic stop, use of force, the K-9 program, the judicial system, crime scene investigation, and the FATS (Fire Arms Training Simulator) in which

Novi youths ages 13-18. Interested students must submit an application, and a background check will be done before they can be accepted into the academy. Since lunch will not be provided, students are encouraged to eat something before class. A graduation ceremony will take place the last day of the class. Wilson hopes to have at least 30 people sign up. "I've already had three or four people turn in applications," he said. "They're going to learn how to help us out while they're out in the community," Wilson said. After their training, "if they see something illegal going on, they'll be prepared to pick up on it and be better witnesses for us."

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CALENDAR (CONT'D)

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Novi Lions Club Golf Outing

DATE: Thursday, July 13
TIME: 9 a.m. shotgun scramble
LOCATION: Links of Novi, 50395 W. 10 Mile Road
DETAILS: Individuals and businesses are invited to participate as sponsors, golfers or to provide gifts or gift certificates as prizes to the attendees, or donate items for the "Silent Auction." All proceeds will be given to local charities.
CONTACT: Jerry Cooney, (248) 348-0331 or Fern D. Taylor, (248) 345-2384

Novi Wildcats Boys Basketball Golf Scramble

DATE: Saturday, July 15
LOCATION: Tanglewood Golf Course, 53503 West 10 Mile Road, South Lyon
DETAILS: This event includes golf, lunch, a raffle and prizes.
CONTACT: Dave Grandt, (248) 380-3148 or Doug Reichley, (248) 380-2921

Novi High School Band Golf Outing

DATE: Sunday, July 30
TIME: noon, tee-off
LOCATION: Tanglewood Golf Course, 53503 10 Mile Road, Lyon Township
DETAILS: The cost is \$100 per golfer (includes dinner) and \$35 for dinner only. There will be prizes and a raffle. Golfers and donations are needed.
CONTACT: Dorian Kodjyan, (248) 348-5135

Novi Chamber of Commerce Tycoon The Off Golf Outing

DATE: Wednesday, August 9
LOCATION: Moose Ridge Golf Course, 11801 Doane Road, South Lyon
DETAILS: This outing will include sponsorship opportunities, prizes, networking and championship golfing.
CONTACT: (248) 349-1743

CLASSES

Expectant Parent Class

DATE: Monday through June 26
TIME: 6-8 p.m.
LOCATION: Oakland County Health Division, 1010 E. West Maple Road, Westland
DETAILS: This class will include information on childbirth,

preparation, labor and delivery, care of the newborn baby and caring for all children. The cost is \$25. Registration is required.
CONTACT: (248) 458-4003

Providence Center for the Hearing Arts

LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi
CONTACT: (248) 465-5455
Colorful Penmanship Workshop
TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m., second Tuesday of each month
DETAILS: This is a five class, Artist in Residence
TIME/DATE: 10-11:30 a.m. first and third Thursday of every month
DETAILS: Join Artist-in-Residence Mary Oara. Features and experiment with drawing, pastels, watercolor, Chinese brush painting, mixed media and collage. Beginners are welcome, there is a \$5 materials fee.
Ceramics Class
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 1-5 p.m., Wednesday
DETAILS: There is a \$10 materials fee.
Tai Chi Class
TIME/DATE: 12:15-1 p.m., Thursday
DETAILS: This is an ancient Chinese exercise used to improve flexibility, balance and strength. No experience is necessary. The cost is \$5.
Yoga Class
TIME/DATE: Various times, Monday, Wednesday and Friday
DETAILS: The cost is \$10 for walk-in, \$80 for 10-class card and \$30 for 7-week evening session. Pre-registration required.
Massage
TIME/DATE: Various times, Monday and Thursday
DETAILS: Therapeutic massage is shown to be effective for stress and tension, chronic fatigue, pain and headaches. Everyone is welcome. Patients undergoing treatment should bring a physician's referral. Call for an appointment. The cost is \$50 for a 30 minute session.

Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales

DETAILS: This is the summer reading program for fourth grade students and under. Registration begins Monday.

Creatura Feature

DETAILS: This is the summer reading program for fifth grade students and up. Registrations begins Monday.

Ronald McDonald

DATE: Monday
TIME: 11 a.m.
DETAILS: Ronald McDonald will be at the library to help kick off the summer reading program.

Magic with Thomas Plunkard

DATE: Wednesday
TIME: 1 p.m., ages 4 and up, 7 p.m., all ages
DETAILS: Registration is not required.

Drop-In Story Time

DATE: Thursday, June 22
TIME: 10:30 a.m.
DETAILS: Ages 4 and up are invited to join in this story-time. Registration is not required.

Drop-In Story Time

DATE: Friday, June 23
TIME: 10:30 a.m.
DETAILS: This is for ages 1-3 and includes stories and fun activities.

Line Dancing

DATE: every Monday and Friday
TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m., beginner; 7:30-9:30 p.m., intermediate
LOCATION: Novi Ice Arena, 42400 Arden Drive
DETAILS: No partner needed for lessons in this pay-as-you-go

Novi Public Library Hours

LOCATION: 45245 W. 10 Mile Road
HOURS: 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday and Saturday and 1-5 p.m., Sunday (closed during the summer)
DETAILS: Unless noted below, all programs take place at the library.
CONTACT: (248) 349-0720

Walled Lake Library Events

LOCATION: 1499 E. West Maple Road, Walled Lake
CONTACT: (248) 624-3772
Summer Reading Program
DATE: Now through Aug. 3
DETAILS: "Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales" will be the theme for this program. It is designed for ages 5 and up and includes crafts and games. No registration is required.
Weekly Story Hours
TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m., Monday-Wednesday; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Thursday
DETAILS: Includes stories, crafts, finger plays and games. Designed for ages 1-5. No registration is required.
Library Board Meeting
DATE: Wednesday
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: City Council Chambers at the Novi Civic Center
DETAILS: Community members are welcome to attend. Meetings are also broadcast live on cable channel 13.
Bubbleman
DATE: Wednesday, June 28
TIME: 1 p.m., ages 4 and up; 7 p.m., all ages
DETAILS: No registration is required.
Tie-Dye Activity
DATE: Monday, June 26
TIME: 1 p.m.
DETAILS: This is for fifth grade students and up. Bring a pre-washed, 100 percent cotton item to dye. The cost is \$2 for materials fee. Registration is required.
Craft Projects
DATE: Tuesday, June 27
TIME: 1 p.m., ages 5-6; 2 p.m., ages 7 and up
DETAILS: Get creative with one of our craft projects. There is a \$2 materials fee for each 40-minute program. Registration is not required.

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SPORTS



Brian O'Leary raises the regional trophy. He said he knew his team could win with two goals. But a 1-0 victory? "I'll take it," he said.

REGIONAL CHAMPIONS!
Novi beats Rochester, 1-0, to advance

By Sam Eggleston
sports writer

It was the kind of nail-biting game that had fans cheering and groaning at the same time. With Novi and Rochester faithful packed into the stands, the Wildcats and Falcons put on quite the show. It wasn't until 3:46 remained in the game that the final goal was put into the net, resulting in a 1-0 Novi victory to advance to the state semifinals against Rochester Adams.

The go-ahead goal came when junior Stephanie Crawford headed a corner kick to the far goal post where junior Stephanie Janssens blasted it home for the score and the victory.

"We did it," Janssens said, a smile inching onto her usually determined face. "Both teams fought right to the end for the victory and we got it!"

Both squads had several point-blank shots on goal, including a blazing bullet from about five yards away by Rochester with 6:58 left in the game. Freshman goalie Erin Zizzo slid over, textbook style, and intercepted the kick.

Novi coach Brian O'Leary said it wasn't a spectacular save, but it was key.

"That was a clutch play," he said. "It wasn't spectacular with a diving save or anything, but it was a big play for us."

Novi marched down the field, controlled the ball for several minutes and had a couple of shots on goal. One looked promising as Crawford bolted toward the defense and headed a pass toward the net. She kept up, eyes wide, and then got tangled up.

"I was so mad," she laughed. "I couldn't see. The sun was in my eyes. It was so close."

"But we came back with a lot of energy and got down there and put it in. That was great."

Headed to the state finals?

Will the Wildcats advance to the state finals, scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Saturday, at Troy High School?

The team was slated to play Rochester Adams in the state semifinal game Wednesday (after the Novi News went to print). Check www.novinews.com to find out if the Wildcats will play Saturday and who they'll play against.

Novi fell back to a defensive stance while the Falcons fired up the offensive machine. Several shots on goal were knocked down and out by the Wildcats defense.

"It was pretty intense," sophomore Katie Chalkis said. "It was a very physical game."

Chalkis would know. Aggressive play on her behalf landed her a yellow card, much to the delight of the Rochester fans. She shook her head as she made her way to the bench. When she returned minutes later, she did so to the screams of "yellow card" from the Falcons' faithful.

The Wildcats advanced to the state semifinals with the victory, held yesterday (after the Novi News went to print) against Rochester Adams. Though Novi has outscored their opponents by several goals throughout most of the season, they're relying on their intense defense to keep them in games like the Rochester showdown.

"We don't mind a bit," senior Laurin Marshall said. "The teams are just going to keep getting stronger. We have to keep playing our game and we have to stay focused."

The Wildcats are now 22-0 and haven't lost a

game since the district playoffs in 2004 when the fall to the eventual state champion Northville Mustangs.

The Mustangs, 21-2, are in the state semifinals against Portage Central after winning the regional with a 9-0 combined score over Ann Arbor Pioneer and Saline.

The winners of the two semifinal games will meet 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Troy High School.

"We can't think about who we might play next," said junior Kristine Chalkis. "We have to play Rochester Adams and if we win we'll worry about if it's Northville or not."

Novi 3, Troy Athens 1

In the opening round of the regional tournament, the Wildcats made short work of their foes from Troy Athens.

Novi found themselves in a very physical contest but didn't let it slow them down as they scored just four minutes into the game when Crawford fol a pass to Janssens for the score.

They followed it up for a 2-0 lead with 15 minutes left in the first half when Crawford fired a shot that rebounded off the crossbar and to Katie Chalkis, who headed it in for the score.

Novi added their final tally 15 minutes into the second half when Crawford made a run across the field, drawing three Athens defenders. Katie Walker watched the trio and then floated a pass ahead to Kellie Walker, who scored on the breakaway.

Troy Athens scored their lone goal with 11 minutes left in the game on a corner kick.

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WILDCATS EDGE ROCHESTER



It was a good day to be a Wildcat last Friday when the soccer squad beat Rochester, 1-0, for the regional title and a berth to the state semi-final game.



Kellie Walker gets a hug from a teammate to celebrate the team's regional title.



Erin Zerio (left) is greeted by Krieline Chaklos and the other members of the Wildcats soccer team after she received her individual regional championship medal. Zerio got a rousing ovation after shutting out Rochester for the victory.



Stephanie Crawford leaps into the arms of teammate Katie Chaklos after assisting on the winning goal which was put in by Stephanie Janssens.



Stephanie Janssens holds off a defender as she moves the ball along the sidelines last Friday.



Stephanie Crawford gets a friendly hug from senior Lauren Merchlioni after the regional championship victory.



A wall of Wildcats form in front of the goal during a Rochester free kick.

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Athalye enjoying Novi

■ Transfer has made a name for himself with tennis team

By Courtney Ratkowiak
SPORTS INTERN

Vivek Athalye is about to become Novi's only five-year varsity athlete.

Athalye began his varsity tennis career in the eighth grade. Three high school teams and two states later, as the Wildcats' top singles player, he is a state semi-finalist who hopes to play one singles as a senior.

While growing up in Southern California, Athalye played tennis for two hours per day. He played in year-round tournaments, once ranked 34th in the region for the 10 and under age group and 70th for the 12 and under division.

In the eighth grade, he moved to Minnesota and learned that middle school students were allowed to participate on high school varsity teams; he played three singles for Apollo High School as the youngest athlete on the team.

The following year, Athalye attended neighboring St. Cloud Technical High School, playing four singles as a freshman and one singles as a sophomore.

Eventually, he stopped playing tournaments and began to focus on improving the style of his game.

"I pay attention to technique," he said. "Sometimes, I play really bad matches because I'm working on something or trying to execute something differently."

"Whenever I play, I really want to make sure I play it correctly. To me, that's the most important thing about how I play, rather than winning or losing. It's not really a popular sentiment. Most people don't think like that."

Athalye feels that close games and impressive losses, rather than blowout victories, have been the best matches of his career. At the Minnesota state championships, as a freshman, he lost 5-7, 6-4, 5-7 to a nationally ranked athlete; the following year, he lost a tiebreaker to the eventual state champion.

Athalye moved to Novi at the beginning of his junior year. At two singles, he advanced to the semifinals of the June 2 state tournament. As the fifth seed, he defeated athletes from Grand Blanc and Grosse Pointe South before falling to the first seed in his third match.

"The first match was pretty easy," he said. "In the quarterfinals, I was going to play the fourth seed from Salline, but he lost pretty badly to this kid from Grosse Pointe South. I played

(Grosse Pointe South) in the quarterfinals and I won, 6-4, 6-3. That was a pretty good match. It was my best achievement (this season)."

He does not think that he will play varsity tennis after high school, despite being recruited by a Minnesota college during his sophomore year.

"It would be nice if I could play, but I'm not going to pick a college based on their tennis team," he said, naming the University of Michigan as his probable college choice. "I'll probably play intramural tennis if I can't play on the varsity team."

Next season, in his last year of high school, Athalye's main goal is to be the top player on the Novi team.

"In the beginning of the year, it was really close when we played the tryouts. I lost in three sets, the third set was a tiebreaker, and I had match point," he said, explaining the match that determined Novi's one singles player during this season's tryouts. "Next year, I don't really have any goals for winning tournaments. I just want to play one singles."

Courtney Ratkowiak is a sports intern for the Novi News. Comments can be directed to the sports department at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104.

SPORTS SHORTS

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| JULY 17-20 | 8-11 a.m. | 3-A |
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| AUG 14-17 | 8-11 a.m. | 5-A |
| | 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. | 5-B |

All-Star games set for next week

By John Mueller
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Unfortunately, only one of our Huron Valley baseball or softball teams were still alive in postseason action as of last Monday.

But no matter. Each team will be represented one last time next week.

The annual East-West All-Star baseball and softball games will take place at Pinckney High School, with the softball game being played on Tuesday at 5 p.m. and the baseball game

scheduled to take place on Wednesday at 5 p.m.

This unique event, now in its seventh year, is sponsored by the Milford Times and its sister publications, the South Lyon Herald, the Northville Record, the Novi News and the Livingston County Daily Press & Argus. Some of the best baseball and softball players from Milford, Lakeland, South Lyon, Novi and Northville (the East squads) will take on their West counterparts from Brighton, Howell, Hartland, Pinckney and Fowlerville in what looks to be

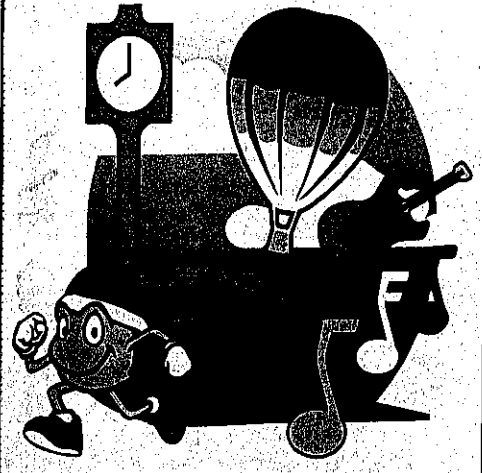
another exciting pair of games. The participating players will be nominated by their coaches as well as sportswriters from the sponsoring publications, and local coaches will also be picked to coach each team.

Last June the East baseball squad bested the West team by a score of 11-6 while the East softball players came up short by a score of 6-0.

In case of foul weather, the games will be moved to June 27-28 at the same time and some place.

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Home Owners... Do You Know Swimming Pool Safety?

Preventing The Preventable
With summer here, graduation parties, and back yard pool activities, make sure everyone follows pool safety procedures. Every year children and adults drown in residential swimming pools. In addition many people suffer near drowning, some with permanent consequences. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has had public hearings on swimming pool safety. Their strategic goal is to reduce the rate of drowning of children under the age of 5. This article is to help inform families and help the CPSC achieve this goal for everyone.



Drowning and Near-Drowning Statistics
These show that drowning and near-drowning of children in residential pools is happening at an alarming rate. A common theme in most of the drowning and near-drowning happenings while the child was being supervised by one or both parents. 60 percent of the children were not expected to be in or near the pool, were found in the pool 77 percent of the accident victims had been missing for five minutes or less.

- Important items to remember:
- Young children can move faster than you think
 - Drownings & Near Drownings can happen in an instant
 - Swimming pool drownings are silent - No Call For Help!
 - These accidents are preventable

Barriers The best way to improve these statistics is through construction and maintenance of effective barriers around the pool area. Check carefully the barrier you have in place. This should prevent a child from climbing over, crawling under or passing through the barrier. A few things to consider are:

Conduits The barrier should be continuous around the pool. Shrubs and bushes are not acceptable barriers.

Door from House to Pool Area The door that leads from the house to the pool area should have an alarm that sounds immediately when the door is opened.

Gates All gates to the pool area should be self-closing and latching. They should also have a locking mechanism located out of reach of small children. The gate should also open up from the pool area and not into the pool area.

Barrier Height The barrier height should be at least 48 inches. The barrier should be at least 4 inches high, and be within 4 inches of the ground. Also avoid benches, trees, and storage bins on the outside of the barrier.

Vertical Members Vertical members of the barrier should be spaced close enough together to prevent a small child from squeezing through (4 inches is maximum spacing).

Climbable Chain link fences are easy to climb. There are some guidelines. Metal fences are designed with some horizontal members to support the vertical members. These horizontal members make the fence easy to climb. Use horizontal members on the outside of the fence and reduce the vertical member space to 1 1/2 inches to avoid a foot going through the opening and avoid climbing capabilities.

Pool Safety Covers A safety cover can help prevent children from falling into the pool. Pool covers should be a standard pool cover. They are designed specifically for pool safety purpose.

Educate Yourself!
All the suggestions above will not make your pool child proof. There is no procedure to educate a supervisor of a child in the most important consideration. Educate all people involved with the caring of your children and about pool safety.

• Learn Cardiac Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)
• This article is based on information collected from the CPSC. They have more information you need to know including: above ground pools, pool and spa equipment hazard.
Web Site: www.CPSC.gov

CPSC publications at \$39 - How to Set Up a Pool Enclosure CPSC publications at \$39 - Safety Barrier Guidelines for Home Pools CPSC news release # 04-165, June 21, 2004 Public Hearing in Tampa FL on Swimming Pool Safety Improve your home's exterior drainage.

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Warm, sunny days, spring blossoms, gentle breezes and fresh smelling air - it is a time for many lovers to think and dream about spending a lifetime together. Becoming engaged to be married first means that special ring for her.

Shopping for an engagement ring and finding that perfect ring can be overwhelming and frustrating if the couple does not know where to turn, have knowledge about diamonds or know the reputation of a jewelry store.

Fortunately, Rottermond Jewellers of Brighton and Milford offers its clients a full-service jewelry store which offers the finest of diamond brands, including Hearts of Fire, Tycoon and AHO. Rottermond is the only dealer in Michigan for Tycoon and AHO and Hearts of Fire prides itself on exclusivity.

"Hearts on Fire" diamonds are among the finest polished diamonds available. Less than one percent of all gem-quality diamonds are chosen to become a Hearts on Fire diamond. It takes a master diamond-cutter four times longer to create the special Heart of Fire diamond than any other diamond because it is cut to the most intricate and exacting standards in the world. Only 400 diamond cutters in the world have the necessary skills to cut these magnificent diamonds.

Once the cutting is complete, the Hearts on Fire diamond reflects 98 percent of the available light from the diamond to your eyes, lighting up the "fire" in all the colors of the

spectrum. Each Hearts on Fire diamond appears larger than other diamonds of the same size. Cut, color, clarity and carat weight - the four Cs - determine the beauty and value of a diamond. But it is the cut that has the most impact on the diamond's ability to reflect and refract light. That means the cut of the diamond will determine how brilliantly the diamond will sparkle and shine.

"Hearts on Fire" diamonds receive their name because when they are viewed upside down under a PreproportioScope, the diamonds reveal a pattern of eight symmetrical hearts. When one views the diamonds from above, one will see a symmetrical fire burst phenomenon," explained Cindy Rottermond, company vice president.

New to Rottermond Jewellers is the Tycoon diamond that has a signature diamond shaped table that makes the cut the "only diamond with a diamond on top." Invented in 1999, the rectangular mixed emerald-type cut has 33 facets - nine on the crown and 24 making up the pavilion that yields a high degree of brilliance.

In addition to rings, the Tycoon diamond is used in everything from ties for both men and women to pendants, earrings and bracelets. Every diamond larger than .50 carats is inscribed and numbered by the Gemological Institute of America (GIA). In addition, the Tycoon Cut is trademarked and has been patented in both the USA and



Rottermond Jewellers offers engagement rings from leading companies and designers. Brides will be pleased to know they have a wide variety of Swarovski crystal attendant's gifts.

Internationally, for consumers wanting something new and different, the Tycoon Cut will set her apart!

Another exquisite choice at Rottermond Jewellers is the AHO Collection, consisting of two distinct patterns: the "Firenze" flower collection and the "Roma" round collection. Both are produced in Italy under the supervision of the company's Italian designers.

The "Firenze" flower collection is a creation of setting seven round brilliant diamonds so precisely that they create the look of one large diamond. This unique, revolutionary process is protected by a U.S. patent.

Rottermond's has recently added the Bergie line to its stores. The Bergie Bridal Collection was launched in 2002 and is now one of the best selling bridal jewelry lines in the United States. Bergie's bridal selections are classic in inspiration

but modern in their fashion flair. His emphasis is on the center stone, elegantly displayed and artistically designed.

Bergie's appeal stems from his belief that jewelry is an expression of the woman who wears it. Bergie, himself, will make a rare appearance at Rottermond Jewellery, Saturday June 17th for his Bergamo-Tank Show.

Once the couple has chosen an engagement ring, they can also select each other's wedding rings from the wide array available at Rottermond's. From platinum and yellow or white gold bands to interlocking bands inlaid with gems, the variety and choice is phenomenal.

Knowing that the staff at Rottermond's is educated in fine jewelry should be a comfort to a couple looking for their rings. There are six gemologists on staff and Rottermond Jewellers is the only American Gem Society

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Laboratory (AGSL) in the area. "What this means is that we have the capacity to diagnostically test any kind of gem because we have the equipment and technical knowledge," explained Certified Gemologist - Apprentice Ron Peterson. "We can quickly detect authenticity and whether a gem is synthetic or if it has been enhanced or treated."

The AGS promotes the highest professional standards of ethics, education and service. Customers receive detailed information about their diamond and know that the report is consistent and thorough throughout the industry.

When it comes to choosing attendant's gifts, the bride-to-be can choose from a new line of lovely Swarovski crystal, including jewelry, accessories and home and style items, with prices starting at \$25. Swarovski crystal eye has designed beautiful frames for the bride to wear on her wedding day.

"Swarovski crystal catches the light, is brilliant and gives off a prism of magnificent colors," noted Libby Dart, Graduate Gemologist. "Its price points are great, too."

Whatever a couple needs, they can find it at Rottermond Jewellers. Any dove or visits either location, one's jewelry can be inspected, cleaned and polished - ensuring rings will look beautiful throughout the day!

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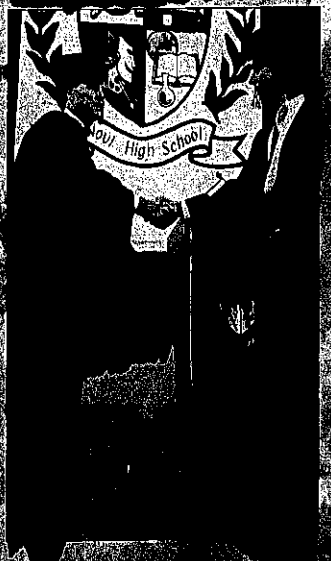
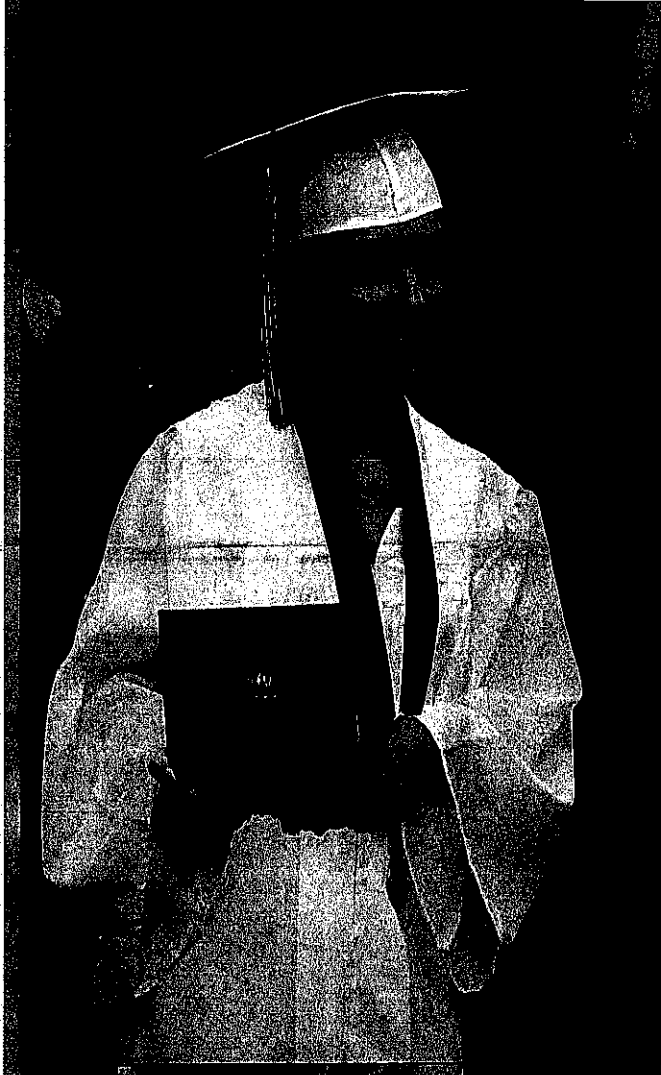
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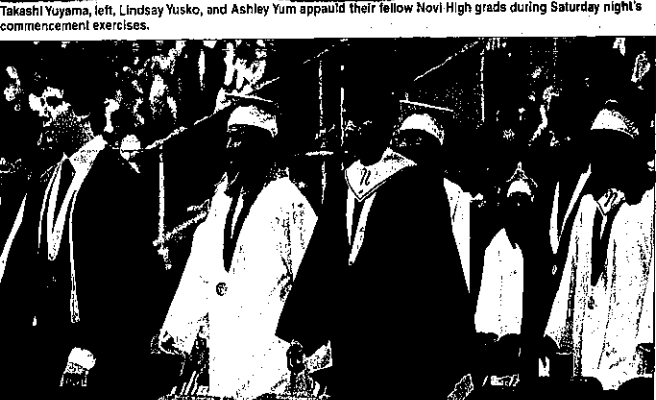
CONGRATS, GRADUATES!



Matt Simpson waits to receive his degree from Novi High last Saturday night at Computare Arena.



Hilary Chang delivers her address "Living the Dash" to the Novi High class of 2006.



The Novi High School class of 2006's procession at Saturday night's commencement.



Kaelyn McAbey smiles during Saturday night's commencement ceremony for Novi High's class of 2006.



Friends, family and fans of the Novi High class of 2006 cheer and photograph their grads.

Novi High School graduates 2006 graduates David ...
Photos by JOHN HEIDER

NOVI HIGH SCHOOL SCHOOL TOP 10



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| <p>Liling Qi PARENTS: Peihao Qi and Siying Chen SIBLINGS: none POST GRADUATION PLANS: Columbia University CAREER PLANS: Financial Analyst EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Science Club President; International Club President; Model United Nations; Novi Middle School Teacher Aide; Piano ACADEMIC HONORS: 2006 National Merit Scholarship Finalist; 2004 and 2005 U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad Local Section Nominee; 2005 AP Scholar with Distinction; Summa Cum Laude MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Sophomore year in physics, my friends kept hiding my giant, pencil-shaped eraser WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: Mr. Heason SCORE: 1993.75</p> | <p>Zhi Li PARENTS: Susan and Richard Li SIBLINGS: Samuel, 9 POST GRADUATION PLANS: University of Michigan College of Engineering CAREER PLANS: Possibly attending graduate school EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Debate Team; Youth Group; Science Club Vice President; past Historian; Japanese Club Treasurer; Model United Nations ACADEMIC HONORS: Academic Honor Roll; 1st Place Physics Olympiad in Event; Debate Awards including Groves Varsity Octo Finalist and MIFA State Varsity Quarter Finalist MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Playing Taboo in freshman English—we ended up guessing Russian vodka-drinking chipmunk WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My Parents SCORE: 1972.265</p> | <p>Lauren Perlin PARENTS: Sue and Larry Perlin SIBLINGS: Allison, 15 POST GRADUATION PLANS: University of Michigan, pre-medicine CAREER PLANS: doctor (pediatrician or family doctor) EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Varsity cross country; piano (13 years); volunteering (Providence Hospital); soccer; Assistant Manager at Dairy Queen ACADEMIC HONORS: National Merit commended student; National Honor Society; Summa Cum Laude; Presidential Award for Academic Excellence; Student-Athlete Award (cross country) MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Captain of the cross country team, senior year WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My Parents SCORE: 1972.265</p> | <p>Heather Liu PARENTS: T.I. Liu and Jing Feng SIBLINGS: Irene, 13 POST GRADUATION PLANS: Yale University CAREER PLANS: Business or Law EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: DECA nationals; Forensics Captain; Varsity Debate; Science Club President; International Club Vice President ACADEMIC HONORS: Michigan Math Prize Competition Finalist; Forensics State Semifinalist; National Merit Finalist; AP Scholar; NMA Free Enterprise Speech Contest Chapter Winner MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Competing in Dallas at DECA Nationals and winning 2nd place WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: Mrs. Scullen SCORE: 1958.75</p> | <p>Midhi Maloy PARENTS: Ramakrishna and Nivedita Maloy SIBLINGS: none POST GRADUATION PLANS: Case Western Reserve University CAREER PLANS: Genetic Research/Consulting EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Debate Captain; Model United Nations President; Teen Court President; Novi Youth Council; Science Club ACADEMIC HONORS: National Merit Qualifier; MIFA Varsity States Quarterfinalist team; 1st Speaker at Dexter Debate Tournament; AP Scholar with Honor MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Biology II: Attempting to use CSI-Skills to solve a mystery with my friends WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My Parents SCORE: 1951.25</p> | <p>Xue Song PARENTS: Xiaohang Song and Yajie Bai SIBLINGS: none POST GRADUATION PLANS: University of Michigan CAREER PLANS: Business EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: French Club President; Novi Council Board of Commissions-Ex-Officio Member; Debate Team; Varsity Tennis; Forensics Team ACADEMIC HONORS: National Merit Commended; AP Scholar; U of M Physics Olympiad-3rd Place; National Chemistry Olympiad-Local Division; Groves Debate Invitational-3rd Speaker Award MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Launching water balloons with a catapult at Mr. Didio WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My Parents SCORE: 1950</p> |
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1. GPA (based on 4.0 scale for 4 semesters) include only mathematics, English, Science, social science, and foreign language (round down to one decimal then multiply by 200)
 2. ACT Score (English only) SAT composite score (circle only)
 3. National Merit Scholarship Finalist
 4. AP Scholar with Distinction
 5. AP Scholar with Honor
 6. AP Scholar with Merit
 7. AP Scholar
 8. AP Student
 9. AP Reader
 10. AP Teacher



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| <p>Monica Arun PARENTS: Arun Vellu and Uma Ann SIBLINGS: Vinesh Arun, 10 POST GRADUATION PLANS: University of Pennsylvania CAREER PLANS: Pre-medicine EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: National Honor Society Historian; Spanish Club Secretary; Varsity Track Team; Teen Court; Boston Hospital Volunteer ACADEMIC HONORS: National Honor Society; Honor Roll-Academic Letter and Academic Bar; Novi Youth Assistance Youth Recognition Award MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: It was when I was accepted to the University of Pennsylvania which was my first choice college WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My Mom SCORE: 1944.486</p> | <p>Courtney Raskowick PARENTS: Steve Raskowick and Maureen Johnson SIBLINGS: Stephen, 14 POST GRADUATION PLANS: University of Michigan-LSA Honors Program CAREER PLANS: Undecided EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Varsity Swim Captain; Marching Band and Wind Ensemble Section Leader; Varsity Volleyball; Freshman Mentor; Novi News Intern ACADEMIC HONORS: National Honor Society; National Society for High School Scholars; National Youth Leadership Honor MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Being in marching band, senior year with my three best friends and going to prom, sophomore year WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: Mr. Hourigan and Mrs. Carmichael SCORE: 1944.486</p> | <p>Wei Xia PARENTS: Changwei Xie and Lingling Den SIBLINGS: Angela, 12; Ting Ting, 12 POST GRADUATION PLANS: Johns Hopkins University CAREER PLANS: Medicine EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Cross Country Captain; SADD President; National Honor Society Secretary; TACC Treasurer; Piano (10 years) ACADEMIC HONORS: National Merit Finalist; AP Scholar with Distinction; Summa Cum Laude MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Eating lunch with friends WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My Parents and Teachers SCORE: 1944.486</p> | <p>Jason Margolis PARENTS: Terry and David Margolis SIBLINGS: Breanne Heppner, 22 POST GRADUATION PLANS: Northwestern University, Theater Major CAREER PLANS: Theater/Film EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Drama Club President; High School Theater Productions Director, Designer; Teen Court; National Honor Society; TV Production ACADEMIC HONORS: National Merit Finalist; Phi Beta Kappa; Presidential Education Award; 4 year Honor Roll; Summa Cum Laude MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Working on my last musical WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My Family SCORE: 1916.707</p> | <p>Elina Shepa PARENTS: Jeff and Lisa Shepa SIBLINGS: Kyle and Emily, 10 POST GRADUATION PLANS: University of Michigan, Ann Arbor CAREER PLANS: Undecided, possibly business or biological sciences EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Water Drumline Co-Captain; Marching Band Section Leader; Wind Ensemble Principle; Percussionist; German Club; Working part-time ACADEMIC HONORS: 4 year Honor Roll; U of M Regents Merit Scholarship; Michigan Competitive Scholarship; Summa Cum Laude MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: When the winter drumline surpassed everyone's expectations by winning WGI Regionals last February WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My Parents SCORE: 1916.707</p> | <p>Eric Zhao PARENTS: Yang and Linda Zhao SIBLINGS: none POST GRADUATION PLANS: University of Michigan CAREER PLANS: Pharmacy/Medicine EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Football; Basketball; Track; Captain; Student Council Class Treasurer; National Honor Society ACADEMIC HONORS: MHSAA Scholar Athlete Award; Football Academic All-State; Michigan Math Prize Finalist; National Merit Commended Student; Summa Cum Laude MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Playing football under the lights, Chelsea and Howell games WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My Parents SCORE: 1916.707</p> |
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WILSON WESTERN H.S. SCHOOL TOP 10



Zahra Jahaen
 PARENTS: Mian Kalim and Shireen Doshi
 SIBLINGS: Mah, 16
 POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend The University of Michigan
 CAREER PLANS: Economics or Medicine
 EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Current Events Founder; Science Olympiad Captain; National Honor Society; Youth in Government; Forensics
 ACADEMIC HONORS: AP Scholar
 MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Mr. Sherman's chemistry breakfast
 WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My Parents
 SCORE: 1925



Nicole Goldman
 PARENTS: David and Lisa Goldman
 SIBLINGS: none
 POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend Michigan State University
 CAREER PLANS: Undecided
 EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Marching Band Section Leader; National Honor Society; Historian; Pop Band
 ACADEMIC HONORS: Highest Honor Roll; Academic Letter; Top Ten in Class/Four Years; Marching Band's Most Outstanding Woodwind; Band Director's Award
 MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Blue and Silver day during senior year spirit week
 WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My Parents
 SCORE: 1916.674



Neva Dorman
 PARENTS: Gary and Lisa Dorman
 SIBLINGS: Hannah, 15
 POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend The University of Michigan
 CAREER PLANS: Undecided
 EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Varsity Tennis Captain; Varsity Track; B'nai B'rith Youth Organization
 ACADEMIC HONORS: National Honor Society; Scholar Athlete; Wendy's High School Heisman Nominee; U of M Regents Merit Scholarship
 MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Spirit week
 WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My Parents
 SCORE: 1901.924



Evan Bushman
 PARENTS: David and Ellen Bushman
 SIBLINGS: brother, 15
 POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend Michigan State University
 CAREER PLANS: Commercial Composition
 EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Symphony Orchestra; National Honor Society
 ACADEMIC HONORS: National Honor Society; Honor Roll; Blue Lake Scholarship; Top Ten in class; President's Award for GPA
 MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Graduation
 WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: Ms. Palmieri
 SCORE: 1866.896



Jessica Lupinacci
 PARENTS: Cory and Julia Lupinacci
 SIBLINGS: Kevin, 15
 POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend The University of Michigan
 CAREER PLANS: Medicine, specializing in Cardiology
 EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Cross Country Co-Captain; Track and Field; Symphony Band; Appalachia Service Project; South Hill Youth Group
 ACADEMIC HONORS: National Honor Society; Academic All-State Cross Country State Meet; Honor Roll
 MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Crossing the finish line of the 2004 cross country state meet
 WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My Parents
 SCORE: 185

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.

- GPA (convert to a 4.0 scale; 7 semesters) include only mathematics, English, Science, social sciences and foreign language (round GPA to three decimal) then multiply by 250 =
- Combines SAT or ACT score (choose one); SAT composite score / 1.6 = or ACT composite score / 27.77 =
- total score: GPA plus SAT = or GPA plus ACT =



Marc Halperin
 PARENTS: Alan and Dorothy Hujerim
 SIBLINGS: None
 POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend Cornell University
 CAREER PLANS: Doctor
 EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: National Honor Society Vice President; Spanish Club President; Symphony Orchestra; Pii Orchestra; Science Olympiad
 ACADEMIC HONORS: Highest Honor Roll; AP Scholar; Honor Guard; National Honor Society
 MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Performing with the Symphony Orchestra in an international music competition in Hawaii
 WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My Parents
 SCORE: 1833.34



Kelsey Bensch
 PARENTS: David and Jeanne Bensch
 SIBLINGS: Anna, 26; Gretchen, 23
 POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend The University of Michigan
 CAREER PLANS: Undecided
 EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Lead Roles in Musicals for four years; National Honor Society; Forensics team leader; Serenade Select Women's Choir; Drama Productions
 ACADEMIC HONORS: Highest Honor Roll/Four Years; National Honor Society; Departmental Recognitions
 MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: My participation in the school musicals where I was not only able to do what I love but also I met my best friends
 WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My Mother
 SCORE: 1831.618



Marie Baboora
 PARENTS: Sam and Frederica Baboora
 SIBLINGS: Joseph, 20
 POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend The University of Michigan
 CAREER PLANS: Lawyer
 EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Student Council; Sophomore class president; National Honor Society; French Club Vice President; Art Club
 ACADEMIC HONORS: Highest Honor Roll; National Honor Society
 MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Spirit week
 WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My Mom
 SCORE: 1830



Nadiyah Jalari
 PARENTS: Nadiyah and Vahi Saberi
 SIBLINGS: Carolyn, 16
 POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend The University of Michigan
 CAREER PLANS: Doctor
 EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Student Council; President; Symphony Orchestra; Science Olympiad; National Honor Society; Paris School member
 ACADEMIC HONORS: Honor Roll; Academic Pinetiff letter; Blue Lake Summer Camp Scholarship; National Honor Awards
 MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Graduation
 WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My Father
 SCORE: 1818.59



Evassmir Iankov
 PARENTS: Ivan and Mayyana Iankov
 SIBLINGS: None
 POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend The University of Michigan
 CAREER PLANS: Architecture/Design
 EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: National Honor Society; Tennis Team; German Club; Science Olympiad
 ACADEMIC HONORS: Highest Honor Roll; Academic Excellence; State of Michigan Industrial Achievement
 MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Spending time with friends
 WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My Parents
 SCORE: 1810.59

SALUTING GRADUATES

CLASS OF 2006

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| <p>Derek Matthew Korzym Catholic Central High School <i>Son of Dorothy & Darrell Korzym. Grandson of Barbara & Jerry Weber & Rita Korzym. Nephew of Danita, Dennis & Darice Weber.</i></p> | <p>Marie Catherine Jermov Divine Child High School <i>Our pride in your many accomplishments has soared with each passing year. Your path is simply the fulfillment of your dreams.</i></p> | <p>Kaitlin Warren Milford High School <i>Remember anything is possible. We are proud of you.</i> Love, Mom, Dad and Heather</p> | <p>Keenan Sena Milford High School <i>Congratulations to our Honor Grad! En Garde U of M! We're so proud of you!</i> Love, Mom, Dad, Justin and Anton</p> |
| <p>Adam Mitchell Milford High School <i>Congratulations Adam. Best of luck at Western.</i> Love, Dad, Mom, Amy, Abby and Grandma</p> | <p>Nathan Harutunian Milford High School <i>We have been truly blessed. You are a wonderful son, brother and friend. We are so proud.</i> Love, Dad, Mom and Aaron</p> | <p>Kirsten Strauss Milford High School <i>Dear Kirsten. Congratulations on your graduation and other accomplishments. - Your Loving Family, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles & Cousins. We love you.</i> Love, Mom and Dad</p> | <p>Katie Jingoian Northville High School <i>Congratulations Katie. We're very proud of you and know you'll do great at Michigan State.</i> Love, Mom and Dad</p> |
| <p>Scott Bowditch Northville High School <i>Our pride goes beyond your accomplishments - we're most proud of the fine young man you are.</i> Love, Mom, Dad, Laura and Eric</p> | <p>Mariel Hernandez Northville High School <i>Mariel, we are very honored and proud of you. You are a glorious person. We love you! Your Whole Family and Friends</i></p> | <p>Natalie Pilarz Northville High School <i>Natty with a picture of a bright future and music in your heart. Congratulations!!</i> Love, Mom, Dad and Anna</p> | <p>Andy Nichols Northville High School Love, Mom, Dad, Katie and Beth</p> |
| <p>Matt Waggy Novi High School <i>Congratulations on your awesome accomplishments! Keep up the good work at Michigan State.</i> Love, Mom, Dad, Ashley and Michael</p> | <p>Maryann Y. Mugerian Novi High School <i>Congratulations on your first step to adulthood and independence. May you always succeed.</i> Love, Mom, Dad and George</p> | <p>Rebecca A. Kolenda South Lyon High School <i>Becky from adorable baby, to lovely young lady, you've made us very proud.</i> Love, Mom and Dad, Renee and Brian</p> | <p>Sara Podpera South Lyon High School <i>Congratulations, Sara! May you have happiness, success and love. We are so proud of you!</i> Love, Dad, Mom and Meg</p> |
| <p>Amanda Rickard South Lyon High School <i>Congratulations Amanda! We are so proud of your accomplishments. Good luck in college.</i> Love, Mom, Dad, Ashley and Michael</p> | <p>Kyle Lanning South Lyon High School <i>You are a great son and we are very proud of you. Have fun at CMU.</i> Love, Mom, Dad and Chase</p> | | |

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CATHOLIC CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL TOP 10



Scott Malinowski

PARENTS: Michael Malinowski and Barbara Finny
SIBLINGS: Emily, 13
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend The University of Michigan
CAREER PLANS: Automotive engineer; working on alternative fuel-powered engines
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Math and Latin Tutor; Our Lady of Sorrows Church Volunteer (Thanksgiving Food Drive, homeless shelter, working at basketball games); Freshman/Junior Varsity Basketball; Junior Varsity Baseball; Intramural Basketball Team Captain
ACADEMIC HONORS: National Merit Finalist; National Honor Society; Michigan Merit Award; University of Michigan Regents Merit Award; Gabriel Richard Club
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: My entire senior year, because my class was the first senior class in the new building and we were able to set our own new traditions at all the first-time events.
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My Parents
SCORE: 1972.265



Andrew Huber

PARENTS: Roger and Janice Haber
SIBLINGS: Cathy, 22
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend The University of Michigan
CAREER PLANS: Study law and go into international politics
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Cross Country Captain; Track and Field Captain; St. Fabian Youth Group Leadership Team; Science Olympiad; National Honor Society
ACADEMIC HONORS: National Merit Finalist; Michigan Math Prize Competition; 2004 Detroit Science Fair 2nd Place
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Running in the 2005 MHSAA Cross Country State championship meet at the Michigan International Speedway.
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My Parents
SCORE: 1944.486



Nell Daksaia

PARENTS: Cedric and Nida Daksaia
SIBLINGS: Creigh, 14
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend The University of Michigan
CAREER PLANS: Medical Doctor
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Novi Youth Health Committee; National Honor Society; Math Club; Spanish Club
ACADEMIC HONORS: Detroit Science Fair 2nd place in Physics; U.S. Metric Association in Detroit Science Fair Professional Award; National Merit Finalist; Gabriel Richard Award; Achievement in Michigan Math Prize Competition
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Being selected as a National Merit Finalist
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My Parents
SCORE: 1936.986



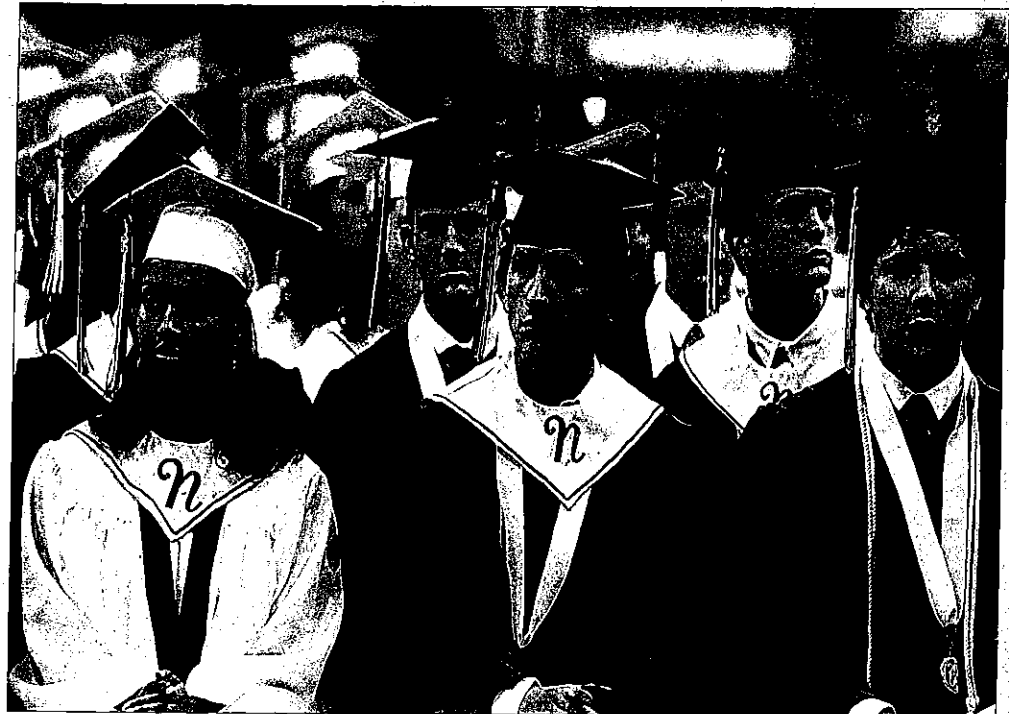
Brian Kirkendall

PARENTS: Robert and Diane Kirkendall
SIBLINGS: Timothy, 14
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend The University of Notre Dame
CAREER PLANS: Civil Engineer
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Varsity Baseball Captain; Monogram Club Student Leadership Program; F.B.J. Ministry-soap kitchen; Summer Baseball
ACADEMIC HONORS: Academic All-State Baseball; National Merit Commended Scholar; Gabriel Richard Award; MHSAA Scholar-Athlete Award; Nomination: Admission to Notre Dame
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Senior Barbecue
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My Parents
SCORE: 1928.986



Christopher Pugliese

PARENTS: Mark and Mary Pugliese
SIBLINGS: Molly, 14
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend The University of Michigan
CAREER PLANS: Aerospace Engineering
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Track; Cross Country; working at Guernsey's
ACADEMIC HONORS: National Honor Society; National Merit Commended; Perfect ACT Score; Departmental Awards; Gabriel Richard Honors
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Cross country camp with the whole team in August 2005.
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My Parents
SCORE: 1922.044



The Novi High School class of 2006 commencement at Compuware Arena.

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1. GPA (convert to a 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 1.6 = _____ or ACT composite score _____ multiply by 27.77 = _____

Final score = GPA plus SAT or ACT score plus GPA plus ACT score



Matthew DuPrie

PARENTS: Harold and Jeanne DuPrie
SIBLINGS: Patrick, 14
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend The University of Michigan
CAREER PLANS: Medicine
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: French Club Vice President; Intramural Flag Football; Co-Captain; Intramural Basketball; Varsity Soccer All District; All-League Academic Team; National Honor Society; Habitat for Humanity Volunteer
ACADEMIC HONORS: Gabriel Richard Club; National French Contest; Bronze Medal; National Honor Society; Achievement Award; Departmental Awards; All-Catholic League Academic Team for Soccer
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Our senior barbecue where we took over the parking lot, bumped some loud music, and smoked cigars while reminiscing about the good times.
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My Parents
SCORE: 1866.178



Robert Guglielmo

PARENTS: Daniel and Deborah Guglielmo
SIBLINGS: William, 19; Enrike, 15
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend The University of Michigan
CAREER PLANS: Doctor
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Track Captain; Football; Michigan Math League; American Math League; Spanish Club
ACADEMIC HONORS: National Merit Scholar; National Honor Society; Class Salutatorian; Michigan Math League; 2005 12th in the State; U of M Math Field Day 1st Place Leaping Competition
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Running track senior year
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My Parents
SCORE: 1838.399



Joseph Maslak

PARENTS: Nick and Pauline Maslak
SIBLINGS: Nicholas, 18; Jennifer, 14; Mary, 12
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend The University of Notre Dame
CAREER PLANS: Neurology/Anesthesiology
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Track Captain; Football; Michigan Math League; American Math League; Spanish Club
ACADEMIC HONORS: National Merit Scholar; National Honor Society; Class Salutatorian; Michigan Math League; 2005 12th in the State; U of M Math Field Day 1st Place Leaping Competition
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Running track senior year
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My Parents
SCORE: 1833.457



Andrew Flaszar

PARENTS: Bill and Barb Flaszar
SIBLINGS: Matt, 19
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend The University of Michigan
CAREER: Biomedical Engineering
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Varsity Tennis; Travel Hockey Assistant; Captain; Hockey Captain; Intramural Flag-Football Captain; Intramural Basketball Captain; National Honor Society; Math tutor after school
ACADEMIC HONORS: Detroit Science Fair Blue Ribbon; National Merit Commended Scholar; Gabriel Richard Club; Math Facts Champion; National Honor Society
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Boys Bowl
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My Parents
SCORE: 1829.250



Larin Lopez

PARENTS: Robert and Ruth Lopez
SIBLINGS: Alyssa, 16; Andrea, 14; Daniel, 13
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend The United States Naval Academy
CAREER: JAG Lawyer
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Football; Student Council; Intramural Basketball; Monogram Club
ACADEMIC HONORS: National Merit Commended Scholar; National Hispanic Scholar; All-State Honorable Mention Academic Football Team; AP Government
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Senior year football season, the best season in Novi
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My Parents
SCORE: 1822.957

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WALLED LAKE CENTRAL H.S. SCHOOL TOP 10



Alexandra Holzel

PARENTS: John and Victoria Holzel
SIBLINGS: Patrick, 15
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend The University of Michigan
CAREER PLANS: Research engineer
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Horseback riding; National Honor Society treasurer; Hot Topics Youth Group; volunteer at Hanes' Haven; Paint the Town volunteer
ACADEMIC HONORS: National Merit Finalist; Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition Finalist; Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition (Multicultural); Highest Honors; OCC Math Competition Top Scorer
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: When I was nominated as an outstanding senior
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My AP chemistry teacher Ms. Tracy Baumann
SCORE: 1968.75



Tian-Jun Gu

PARENTS: LeRoy and Peijin Gu
SIBLINGS: None
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend The University of Michigan
CAREER PLANS: Doctor
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Positive Peer Intervention; National Honor Society; Tutoring; JV Golf; Relay for Life
ACADEMIC HONORS: Highest Honors; AP Scholar; Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition for Outstanding Achievement; Michigan Merit Award; University of Michigan Regents Merit Scholarship
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: My time spent with fellow PPH members
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My Mother
SCORE: 1944.86



Elise Gregory

PARENTS: Rob and Gina Gregory
SIBLINGS: Paul, 15
POST GRADUATION PLANS: University of Michigan
CAREER PLAN: Engineering, chemistry, or math
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Flute; P4 Orchestra School Jazz Band; NHS Volunteer
ACADEMIC HONORS: Academic Highest Honors; National Honor Society; Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition from the English and Science Departments
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Playing at the opening night of Beauty and the Beast
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: Mrs. Benjamin
SCORE: 1944.86



Gina DeSilva

PARENTS: Stephen and Marcia DeSilva
SIBLINGS: Andrew, 23; Lauren, 21
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend The University of Michigan
CAREER PLANS: Combine business with performing arts/entertainment or fashion
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Ballet; Senior member of Michigan Classic Ballet Company
ACADEMIC HONORS: Michigan Merit Scholar; Oakland County Excellence in Education nominee; WLC Honor Guard
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Getting acceptance letter from the U of M
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My Parents
SCORE: 1888.928



Chelsea Hovey

PARENTS: David and Diane Hovey
SIBLINGS: David, 16; Erica, 13; Parker, 9
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend Michigan State University
CAREER PLANS: Music/math teacher or math consultant
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Musicals; Soccer Captain; Cross Country Captain; School Plays; Vikings for Christ Vice President/Treasurer
ACADEMIC HONORS: Highest Honors; National Honor Society; Academic Letter; Barry S. Roseborough Scholarship for Outstanding Scholastic Merit; MSU scholarship
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: The school musicals
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My Parents
SCORE: 1861.149

SALUTING GRADUATES



Carrie Maxine Collins
 South Lyon High School
We are so very proud of you!
 Love, Mom, Dad, Jon, Grandma and Grandpa



Emilie Hannon
 South Lyon High School
Congratulations, Emilie!
 Love, Mom, Dad, Natalie and Becky



Josh Kwelek
 South Lyon High School
Josh, we are proud of you, we love you. Good luck at Eastern. Enjoy your future.
 Love, Mom and Dad



Julia M. Willis
 South Lyon High School
You made it! We are so proud of your achievements.
 Love, Mom, Dad and Dean



Karly M. Smith
 South Lyon High School
Congratulations! You are on your way to a wonderful future. We are very proud of you.
 Love, Mom, Dad, Lauren and Nina



Valerie Carpani
 South Lyon High School
Congratulations, Val! We're so proud of you. May your life be filled with God's blessings.
 Love, Mom, Dad and Brett



Stephanie Jones
 South Lyon High School
Congratulations Stephanie, we're very proud of you!
 Good Luck, Love, Mom, Dad and Kenny



Kevin Burr
 South Lyon High School
As you graduate we want you to know how proud we are of you.
 Love, Mom and Dad



Lindsay Erdmann
 South Lyon High School
Congratulations with our love. Through your college years and beyond, we wish you happiness and success.
 Mom, Dad and Ryan



Joseph Golaszewski
 South Lyon High School
Congratulations Joseph. May all your dreams come true!
 Mom, Dad, Steve and Natalie

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2. Combines SAT or ACT score (choose one): SAT composite score ÷ 1.6 = or ACT composite score × 27.779 =
3. Total score: GPA plus SAT = or GPA plus ACT =



Emilie Samuelson

PARENTS: Stan and Jean Samuelson
SIBLINGS: Kristin, 26; Jon Erik, 23
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend Cornerstone University/Study Youth Ministry and Theater
CAREER PLANS: Work with high school students in a church environment
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Choir Section Leader; Musical Theater; Drama; Vikings for Christ Youth Group
ACADEMIC HONORS: National Honor Society; Honor Roll; Presidential Scholarship from Cornerstone; West Bloomfield Optimist Club Nerec D. Alik Memorial Scholarship Nominee; Central Scholarship Funds, Inc. Gale Seedorf Memorial Scholarship
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Performing as Rosalind in "As You Like It"
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My Parents
SCORE: 1850



Amanda Markowitz

PARENTS: Andrew and Linda Markowitz
SIBLINGS: Michelle, 20; Rachel, 15; Sarah, 12
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend The University of Michigan
CAREER PLANS: Journalism/Law
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Student Council Vice President; National Honor Society; Central High Council; Track and Field
ACADEMIC HONORS: Honor Guard; MEAP Merit Scholar; Top Ten Outstanding Senior Nominee; WLC Highest Academic Honors; Apple Award Recipient
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: The friends I have made and will never forget
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My Parents
SCORE: 1805.991



Timothy Cross

PARENTS: Steve and Jennie Cross
SIBLINGS: Julie, 22; Kelsey, 21
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend Miami University, Ohio
CAREER PLANS: Professional baseball and/or teaching and coaching
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Varsity Football Captain; Varsity Baseball Captain; Varsity Basketball; National Honor Society
ACADEMIC HONORS: WLC Award for Academic Excellence; Student of the Month from State Representative; Honor Roll; Academic All-State Baseball (individual); Academic All-State Football (top ten team)
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Winning the city championship my senior year in football
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My Mom
SCORE: 1805.59



Aalisha Desai

PARENTS: Vipul and Anuja Desai
SIBLINGS: Eshan, 13
POST GRADUATION PLANS: University of Michigan
CAREER PLANS: Doctor
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Swim Team; Symphonic Orchestra; National Honor Society secretary; Tutoring; Musicals
ACADEMIC HONORS: Highest Honors; Congressional Award; Honor Guard; Outstanding Senior Nominee
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: When I received my varsity letters for swimming and orchestra
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My chemistry teacher, Ms. Benjamin
SCORE: 1787.50



Jaelyn Leidal

PARENTS: Richard and Jaelyn Leidal
SIBLINGS: Christopher, 21; Alex, 11
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend The University of Michigan
CAREER PLANS: Orthopedic surgeon
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: National Honor Society Vice President; Huron Valley Sinai Hospital Volunteer; Math Tutor; Spanish Club
ACADEMIC HONORS: Highest Honors; Math Departmental Award; Spanish Departmental Award; Honor Guard for 2005 Graduation; Huron Valley Sinai Hospital Academic/Volunteer Scholarship
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Getting my first car
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: Ms. Benjamin
SCORE: 1787.50



Andrew Sliwinski
 South Lyon High School
May your dreams come true. May you always know how much you are loved.
 Love, Mom and Dad God Bless!



Andrew Sliwinski
 South Lyon High School
Andrew, I am proud and filled with joy to see you graduate. May your future bring you success and happiness and the best of everything. Congratulations, Grandma Nalepka



Antoinette Lopez
 South Lyon High School
We're so proud of all your accomplishments! Good luck at Grand Valley State.
 We love you, Mom and Dad



Ken Mardusz
 South Lyon High School
You've brought so much joy to our lives. We are so proud of you.
 Love always, Mom, Dad, Nick and Melissa



Bridget Marie Larkins
 South Lyon High School
Our Baby Girl. Congratulations and good luck at State. The future is yours, embrace it.
 We love you, Dad and Mom, Steve and Mike



Sarah Allenan
 South Lyon High School
We are so proud of you for your determination and for always being true to yourself.
 Love, Mom and Dad



Megan Henrion
 South Lyon High School
Way to go Megan! Good Bye Lions! Hello Golden Grizzlies! Very Proud of You!
 Mom and Dad



Donald "Jaybird" Beckwith
 South Lyon High School
Thank you so much for being such a wonderful son and perfect big brother. I hope you will always dance...



"Charlie" Charlton Hall
 South Lyon High School
Congratulations, Charlie! We are thankful for all you've accomplished. Remember, look forward, keep dreaming and praying.



Daniel Wingblad
 Walled Lake Western High School
You make us so proud! Keep that strong work ethic - and that terrific smile!
 Love, Dad, Mom, Matt and Marc

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Zehra Jabeen, Walled Lake Western High School

Zehra Jabeen

SCHOOL: Walled Lake Western High School
PARENTS: Milan Kalim and Shireen Brohi
SIBLINGS: Mah, 16
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend The University of Michigan
CAREER PLANS: Economics or Medicine
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Current Events Founder; Science Olympiad Captain; National Honor Society; Youth in Government; Forensics
ACADEMIC HONORS: AP Scholar
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Mr. Sherman's chemistry breakfast
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My Parents

Michael Lepkowski

SCHOOL: Lakeland High School
PARENTS: Michael and Margaret Lepkowski
SISTER: Megan
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: National Honor Society, tennis, robotics, Future Problem Solvers
ACADEMIC HONORS: Academic Excellence Award, National Honor Society, Phi Beta Kappa, Board of Education Award Finalist, President's Award for Educational Excellence, AP Scholar with Honor, National Merit Scholarship Program Letter of Commendation, Robert Byrd Honors Scholarship Nominee, Kettering University Presidential Scholarship, Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship, Herbert T. Backwith American Legion Scholarship
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Winning the National R.I.P.S.T. Robotics Championship
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend Kettering University
CAREER PLANS: Mechanical or electrical engineering
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST IN YOUR ACADEMIC CAREER?: Gerhard Schubert



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Michael Lepkowski, Lakeland High School

Kevin Richardson

SCHOOL: South Lyon High School
HONORS: Valedictorian; National Honor Society; Queenbridge Scholar; AP Calculus BC Award; AP Biology Award; University of Michigan's Mini Med. School
ACTIVITIES: Football; Varsity Track; Varsity Tennis; Active Faith Tutor
POST-GRADUATION PLANS: Attending Michigan State University
CAREER PLANS: Neuroscience



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Kevin Richardson, South Lyon High School

Lixing Qi

PARENTS: Peihao Qi and Styling Chen
SIBLINGS: none
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Columbia University
CAREER PLANS: Financial Analyst
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Science Club President; International Club President; Model United Nations; Novi Middle School Teacher Aide; Piano
ACADEMIC HONORS: 2006 National Merit Scholarship Finalist; 2004 and 2005 U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad Local Section Nominee; 2005 AP Scholar with Distinction; Summa Cum Laude
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Sophomore year in physics, my friends kept hiding my giant, pencil-shaped eraser
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: Mr. Hanson



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Lixing Qi, Novi High School

Corinne Vander Klof

SCHOOL: Milford High School
PARENTS: Larry and Linda Vander Klof
BROTHERS AND SISTERS: Joel 20, and Krista 19
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: National Honor Society secretary, South Hill Church Leaders' Team, Kurtz Elementary School Intern, Mission Trips, Vacation Bible School, Tutoring
ACADEMIC HONORS: Valedictorian, Brightest and Best, AP Scholar, Highest Honors
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Prom, all the dancing and all the people
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attending Grand Valley State University
CAREER PLANS: Possible education
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST IN YOUR ACADEMIC CAREER?: My parents: They have always encouraged me to perform at my utmost potential



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Surya Sabhapathy, Northville High School

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SCHOOL: Northville High School
PARENTS: Peri and Kala Sabhapathy
SIBLING: Gita Sabhapathy, 13
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Quiz Bowl; Captain; Science Olympiad; Philosophy; Co-Founder/President; Shotokan Karate, brown belt; and Providence Hospital Teen Volunteer
ACADEMIC HONORS: National Merit Scholar; Society of Women Engineers Marie Curie Award of Excellence; National Council of Teachers of English Achievement Award in Writing; National Honor Society and National Spanish Honor Society
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Sprinting across the Michigan State University campus during the Science Olympiad State Competition, trying not to be late for my event. I made it just in time.
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attending University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; study Neuroscience/Pre-med
CAREER PLANS: Medicine
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST IN YOUR ACADEMIC CAREER?: My parents



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Corinne Vander Klof, Milford High School

Alexandra Holbel

PARENTS: John and Victoria Holbel
SIBLINGS: Patricia, 16
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend The University of Michigan
CAREER PLANS: Research engineer
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Horseback riding; National Honor Society treasurer; Hot Tubs Youth Group; volunteer at Horse Haven; Paint the Town volunteer



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Alexandra Holbel, Walled Lake Central High School

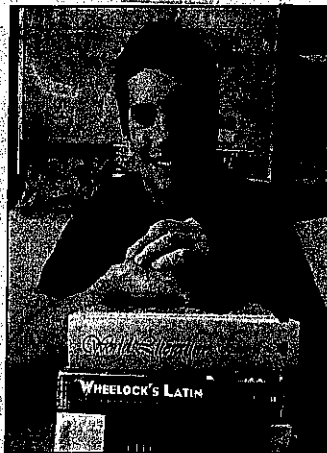


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Scott Malinowski, Catholic Central High School

Scott Malinowski

PARENTS: Michael Malinowski and Barbara Finney
SIBLINGS: Emily, 13
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Attend The University of Michigan
CAREER PLANS: Automotive engineer working on alternative fuel-powered engines
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Math and Latin Tutor; Our Lady of Sorrows Church Volunteer (Thanksgiving Food Drive, homeless shelter, working at basketball games); Freshman/Junior Varsity Basketball; Junior Varsity Baseball; Intramural Basketball Team Captain
ACADEMIC HONORS: National Merit Finalist; National Honor Society; Michigan Merit Award; University of Michigan Regents Merit Award; Gabriel Richard Club
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: My entire senior year, because my class was the first senior class in the new building and we were able to set our own new traditions at all the first-time events.
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My Parents

ACADEMIC HONORS: National Merit Finalist; Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition Finalist; Certificate of Social Congressional Recognition (Mathematics); Highest Honors; OCC Math Competition Top Score
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: when I was nominated as an outstanding senior
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My AP chemistry teacher Ms. Traci Benjamin