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Wet Wading

A popular summer spot for Novi residents this summer will include Walled Lake for swimming. To learn about Camp Lakeshore summer options, See page 5.

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Tricky commute

By Chris Jackett
NEWS STAFF WRITER

If you think orange construction barrels are unsightly, brace yourself for upcoming road construction in the area.

The first project begins immediately, taking place at two locations through the end of the month.

The first patch of road work will take place on Novi Road between 12 and 13 Mile roads, with the second patch taking place on Donelson Drive, between West Oaks Drive and 12 Mile Road at Fountain Walk. Spot patching will take place, followed by paving over the repaired areas.

Novi Road Closed

Starting on Monday and lasting until June 22, the Road Commission for Oakland County will be making repairs at the CSX Transportation railroad tracks that cross over Novi Road, just south of Grand River Avenue and north of the Post Office.

Sheryl Walsh, community relations coordinator for the city, expects the project to run smoothly and finish quickly. Traffic will not be disrupted in the area aside from trying to cross north and south over the tracks. Motorists should detour down 10 Mile and Grand River Avenue west to Taft

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Road or east to Meadowbrook Road.

Other Projects

Other sites scheduled for construction in late summer include resurfacing Taft Road south of Nine Mile Road and into Northville; repaving Beek Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads, while making intersection improvements at 10 Mile Road and

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Farmer Jack closes

By Chris Jackett
NEWS STAFF WRITER

The red and yellow signs announcing a store-wide sale may sound good, but they signal an inventory cleanout preceding Farmer Jack's close.

Half empty shelves, a barren produce section and signs reading that everything besides milk is 10-30 percent off are all signs of things to come, and soon. The Farmer Jack at 41840 W. 10 Mile Road, at the corner of

Meadowbrook Road, is one of many Farmer Jack stores throughout Michigan closing its doors July 7.

The store manager declined to comment, but residents did not.

"I'm surprised. When I've been there, there's always been people there," said Mary McDonald, a senior resident that lives nearby. "I'm going to miss Farmer Jack because I'm close to it."

Many residents will be forced to do their grocery

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shopping at other locations, such as the Busch's Food Store on Drake Road in Farmington Hills, Hiller's on Center Street in Northville or Meijer on Haggerty Road in Northville.

The only other Novi gro-

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Cornell University faculty member arrested in Novi

Man charged with soliciting sex from minor

By Kelly Murad
NEWS STAFF WRITER

A Cornell University faculty member was arrested Monday in Novi for using the Internet to arrange a sexual encounter with a minor.

Bury Shaffer, 46, of Westfield, New York had allegedly been chatting online with who he thought was a 15-year-old girl, but it was actually an undercover agent for Attorney General Mike Cox.

Authorities said Shaffer traveled six hours from his home in New York to meet the supposed girl he had been chatting with for the past two years.

Shaffer arrived at an apartment complex in Novi Monday morning where he was allegedly plan-

ning to engage in sexual activity with a minor. It was also alleged Shaffer propositioned the undercover agent to watch a sexually explicit act and had engaged in graphic sexual conversation.

According to Novi Police Chief David Molloy, his department assisted the Attorney General's police officers with the initial arrest of Shaffer on Monday.

The arraignment was held later that day at Novi's 52-1 District Court. Shaffer was charged with one count of child sexually abu-

sive activity, a 20-year felony; one count of using a computer to communicate with another to commit child sexually abusive activity, another 20-year felony; and two counts of using a computer to communicate with another to disseminate sexually explicit matter to a minor, which is a 4-year felony.



Barry Shaffer

The Novi's 52-1 District Court set Shaffer's bond at \$50,000 cash. A pre-exam conference is scheduled for 9 a.m. Wednesday, June 20.

Shaffer taught Grape Business Management for the Lake Erie Regional Grape Program, which is part of the Cornell Cooperative Extension.

"Unfortunately today serves as an ugly reminder that child predators exist in every form, from priests, doctors, police

officers and college professors. No matter what profession, I will continue to prosecute each and every child predator to the fullest extent of the law," Cox stated in a press release.

Authorities have advised parents to check their children's "buddy lists" on Internet chatting sites for the screen name Shaffer used, "helgabary." If parents believe their child had contact with Shaffer, they should contact the Attorney General's office at (313) 456-0180.

NOVI WEEKEND PLANNER



FRIDAY

Joyce Meyer is signing copies of her book, "The Penny," at Borders Books and Music, 43075 Crescent Blvd., at noon. The book is a fictional piece based off her personal experience as a child-

hood victim of abuse. Call (248) 347-0780 for more details.

SATURDAY

Want your car to sparkle in the summer sunlight? Take it to the First Baptist Church of Novi, 45301 11 Mile Rd., for a free car wash from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. As a service to the community, donations are not required. For more information, call (248) 255-1117.

SUNDAY

Happy Father's Day! Take your dad out to The Second City, 42705 Grand River Ave., to see the final comedic showing of "Michigan Impossible: All Laid Off and No Place to Go." Tickets are \$15 and the curtain drops at 8 p.m. Call (248) 348-4448 or at <http://www.secondcity.com>.

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Tollgate Farms manager Roy Prentice takes a look at some hardy Canadian roses that are growing in the Novi farm's gardens. Tollgate, located at Meadowbrook Road north of Twelve Mile, is offering "Evening in the Gardens" this summer with special programs and classes.

Capturing present-day Novi

Local farm offers programs, photography class

By Kelly Murad
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Do you think when John Bassett was building his farmhouse on Meadowbrook Road in the mid-1800s, he intended for it to go down in history? Or did the farmhouse simply become historical because it was built more than 150 years ago?

History in its truest form is a representation and preservation of the present. And the Novi Historical Commission, along with Tollgate Farms, is determined to capture the essence of present-day Novi through the use of photography.

Since fall acres of Tollgate Farms is Michigan State University Extension property, classes are hosted there year-round. As part of the summer program series "Evening in the Gardens," a class in "Garden Photography" will be offered Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"We have many different facets of gardening on display," said Roy Prentice, manager at

Tollgate Programs

For more information regarding "Garden Photography" or other Tollgate Farms summer programs visit www.tollgatefarms.edu or contact Roy Prentice at (248) 347-3850 ext. 251.

For more information regarding the "My Hometown Now" photo competition visit www.cityofnovi.org/Community/SpecialEvents or contact Kathy Mutch at (248) 224-4211.

each entry is \$5. Students who attend the "Garden Photography" class at Tollgate Farms are allowed to enter a photograph into the competition for free.

"People who participate in the workshop can choose a photo to enter in our competition," Mutch said. "We think we will get people looking at the city in a different way."

Photographers interested in participating in the photo competition are not required to live in Novi. Each photographer may submit up to five photographs and

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City officials open to brownfields

By Kelly Murad
NEWS STAFF WRITER

The Novi City Council held a special meeting with the Economic Development Corporation last week to introduce the idea of brownfield redevelopment.

City of Novi Economic Development Manager Ara Topouzian organized the informational meeting with presenters, Tim Wackerman of ASTI Environmental, Brad Hanson of Oakland County's Brownfield programs, Ron Smedley of Michigan Department of



David Landry

Environmental Quality and Patrick F. McGow of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone. This is the first time the city has discussed the topic.

"A brownfield is an area of land that the soil is contaminated," Topouzian said. "The debate is what is considered contaminated."

Current brownfield sites include abandoned factories, former gas stations and old dry cleaning establishments.

The meeting was not designed to target specific locations throughout the City of Novi as potential brownfield sites.

"We did not have any pieces of

property in mind," said Mayor David Landry. "All we wanted to accomplish was to learn a little more about brownfields."

The informational meeting gave councilmembers, the economic development corporation and the public a general idea of what a brownfield is, how it is used for redevelopment and the necessary steps Novi would need to take if ever inter-

ested in undergoing a brownfield project.

"It is a redevelopment tool for the city and Michigan," Topouzian said. "It is all new for us, we are just learning more about it as we go along."

Landry pointed out, most of what is left to be developed in Novi are the difficult pieces of property.

"You never know if a brown-

field is necessary) until you look at a particular piece of property," Landry said. "There has not been a brownfield in the City of Novi, we just wanted to let everyone know we are open to all options."

City officials said it is unclear where brownfield redevelopment will go from here.

"This might be something to adopt in the near future or down

the road," Topouzian said. "To echo Mayor Landry, we have to be proactive as a city to recognize that these are potential tools."

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Championing coach to be honored at alumni game

By Chris Jackett
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Don Still. To some, the name brings back memories of lacrosse practices. To others, thoughts of the state championship he coached the Novi Lacrosse program to in 1995. To more, his sad passing from cancer in 1997.

On June 16 at 5 p.m. on the grounds of Novi Middle School, the Second Annual Coach Still Classic alumni game will take place to honor Still. The event, which raised \$4,000 and awarded \$1,000 scholarships to Novi lacrosse players from across the state last year, will bring in former lacrosse players from across the country to "play for Donnie." Last year, more than 60 former players made the trek back to Novi for the game.

Former player Mike Ward created the event last year to keep the memory of the coach alive. He wanted to honor the man who had such a great influence on his players over the years.

"When the 2005 class graduated and the MVP Award, now called the Don Still MVP Award, was given to (then-senior) Jeff Poliochicchio, I realized he was going to be the last player to really know the meaning of the name that went with the award," Ward said. "I went home that night and decided to make a scholarship fund from money raised at an alumni game."

This year, 46 players are scheduled to return to raise money for their former coach. Scholarships funded by this event have been awarded to seniors Eric Hepler and Nick Zoruya, both college-bound.

At halftime of the game, the Novi Lacrosse Alumni of the Year Award will also be handed out. The award was taken home by Poliochicchio last year for his success at Wagner College in Staten Island, N.Y.

"Most alumni don't even live in the state anymore, but drop everything to come back," Ward said. "They don't play lacrosse and have no desire anymore, but say 'I'm coming back for Don.'"

Still brought lacrosse to Novi just four years before leaving the game throughout his youth. He started it at the middle school level in 1991 and won a title the next year. In 1993, he brought the program to the high school level and won a title two years later.

Just before he died, he coached the fourth to sixth grade team to a championship of their own in 1997.

"When I saw his passion for the sport, it really inspired me," Ward said.

Since the program was founded 14 years ago, 18 players have gone on to play at the college level in the NCAA and two of those, Josh Tankersley, a 2001 alum, and Pat Muston, 2007, have gone on to play professional with Major League Lacrosse.

Any former player interested in playing or making a donation can contact Ward at coach@stillclassic@yahoo.com.



Participants of last year's Coach Still Classic, prepare for the annual alumni lacrosse game.

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Alumni players:

- 1994 - Bill Wernick
- 1995 - Scott Morrison, Steve Wells, Kevin Gates, Mark Lopez
- 1996 - Geoff Ernst, Matt Kaluzny, Brad Ward, Ron Witchochowsky, Eric Hoffmann
- 1997 - Chris Johnson
- 1998 - Brian Fischer, Nate Plocha
- 1999 - Matt Cook, Brian Ward
- 2000 - Pat Muston, Andy Christoferson, Jason Perras
- 2001 - Courtney Byron
- 2002 - Aaron Marlow, Adam Lierrard, Matt Ludwig, Mike Veltewald, Tim Rice, Brandon Pratt, Davey Dok, Fred Wiegler
- 2003 - Brad Stepiak, Matt Murray, George Bowen, Mike Ward
- 2004 - Bobby Clemans
- 2005 - Cory Simone, Jeff Poliochicchio, Jeff Freers, Sean Costello, Jacob Hal, Matt Cisen, Parker Beard
- 2006 - Scott Moran, Bobby Watts, John Favente, Scott Smith, Nick Shafer
- 2007 - Eric Hepler, Ryan Lemieux

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Tricky commute

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Beck Road, and some lane widening on Haggerty Road between Eight Mile and Nine Mile roads.

Walsh said the most noticeable upcoming construction will be the project on Wisom Road at the Interstate 96 interchange, just south of Catholic Central High School. The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will be working on two simultaneous projects between April and November 2008.

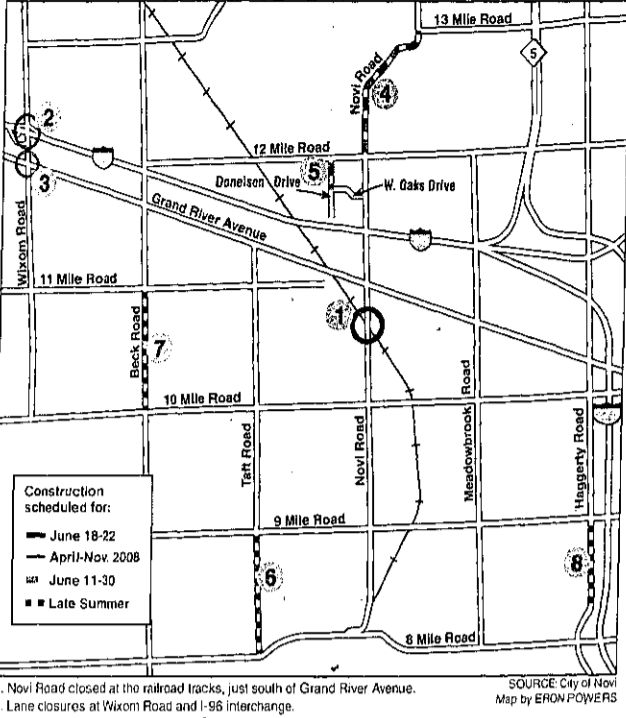
"We may have to stage this to do this when school is out," said Paul Ajegeba, manager of the Oakland Transportation Service Center for MDOT. "We realize how important it is to the area and local businesses."

The project, which will reconstruct the Wisom Road exits and bridge, as well as making the Grand River Avenue intersection larger, will cost MDOT \$48 million total. \$36 million for the road construction and \$12 million for the bridge. There may be temporary closures at Grand River, but nothing permanent.

By keeping the bridge open to traffic, MDOT hopes to keep things running smoother than they did with the Beck Road interchange construction a few years ago. Also, with the updated Beck Road interchange just one mile east of Wisom Road, motorists can avoid construction struggles by driving the extra mile.

"It was a full closure when reconstructing Beck. No one could pass through going north or south. The construction at the

Scheduled Road Construction



1. Novi Road closed at the railroad tracks, just south of Grand River Avenue.
2. Lane closures at Wisom Road and I-96 interchange.
3. Lane closures at Wisom Road and Grand River Avenue intersection.
4. Interim lane closures on Novi Road between 12 Mile and 13 Mile roads.
5. Interim lane closures on Donelson Drive between West Oaks Drive and 12 Mile Road.
6. Lane closures on Tal Road from Nine Mile south into Northville.
7. Lane closures on Beck Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads, and at the 10 Mile Road intersection.
8. Interim lane closures on Haggerty Road between Eight Mile and Nine Mile roads.

Wisom interchange will maintain one lane of traffic either way," Walsh said. "It's very easy for people coming from the west or east to get off at Beck Road one mile over. The Beck interchange was designed for a lot of traffic and will withstand the heavy traffic flow."

Two meetings on Monday, June 18, will be open to the public to discuss the design of the upcoming Wisom Road construction. Both meetings will be held at the City of Novi Community Center, 49015 Pontiac Trail, from 4-4:30 p.m. and 7-8:30 p.m. You do not need to be a Novi resident to attend.

"We like to encourage local businesses and residents to get involved in the process," Ajegeba said. "We're in the design phase now and want public feedback."

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Farmer Jack closes

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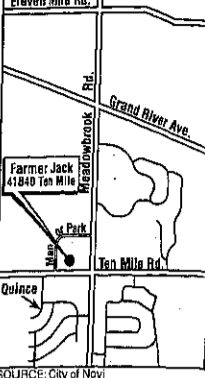
cery store is Kroger on Grand River Avenue, west of Beck Road.

"I don't know A&P's reasons. I think they couldn't have a few things better, but that's besides the point now," McDonald said.

The entire Farmer Jack chain, owned by the New Jersey-based Great Atlantic and Pacific Ten Company (A&P) since 1959, has seen a drop in sales over the years. Despite employees' past agreements to take pay cuts, A&P decided to close the chain and focus on their other stores in the northwestern United States.

Richard DeLuca, senior director of communications for A&P, could not be reached for comment. Of the 66 stores in Michigan, about 45 are expected to be sold and reopened by other companies, such as competitors Kroger, Hillier's, Spartan and Busch's. Kroger is expected to pick up more than 20 of the locations. The future of the Novi location is still undecided, although the economic stability of Novi may suggest it is not one of the 21 stores to close and become dormant.

Farmer Jack Location



SOURCE: City of Novi

for a grocery store," said Ara Topouzian, Novi's economic development manager. "It's an important area for the residents as far as groceries. It is the building owners desire to return with a grocery store."

McDonald agreed that another grocer would be ideal so she would not have to travel to Hillier's or Busch's.

"Another grocery store would be a convenience, but they might have a big expense in moving in," McDonald said. "We'll live with our Farmer Jack, but it'll take a while."

NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS: Summer vacation begins today. First day of school? Aug. 27

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Farewell to 'Mr. Knowledge'

Novi principal savors last day of school

By Kelly Murad
NEWS STAFF WRITER

After 37 years with the Novi School District, principal Tim Falls of Novi Meadows says "it is just time" to retire.

"It is going to be hard, but he has done his time here," said Secretary Sandy Brasil.

Brasil, who has been working with Falls for five years, refers to him as "Mr. Knowledge."

"If you need something, you go to him."

"He is very level-headed," said Assistant Principal Kathy Boyd. "He is one of those people that gathers all the information before making a decision."

Richard DeLuca, senior director of communications for A&P, could not be reached for comment.

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of Novi Meadows wasn't challenging enough, Falls has been teaching classes at The University of Michigan-Dearborn for the past 15 years.

"I enjoy teaching. I still do. That's why I teach at the university," Falls said. "I just love the challenges."

Falls, who teaches courses in secondary science methods at the graduate and senior levels, plans to dedicate more time to teaching once he retires.

Born in the maize and blue town of Ann Arbor, Falls is not only considered staff at The University of Michigan, he is alumni. As an undergraduate, Falls earned a Bachelor's degree in science and then continued on to get

a Master's degree in science education and a Ph.D. in education.

Aside from teaching, Falls said he also intends on playing more golf, reading more and doing a little more by fishing after he retires. His wife Patty, who is already retired, worked for The University of Michigan as well. Falls has two grown children, Kelly, who is vocal music teacher in Howell and TJ, who is an internist, M.D. in Chicago.

offered, and I thought I could have a greater impact on more students," he said. And that is exactly what he did.

"He has made a huge impact on the students," Brasil said. "Especially the kind to reach students, by developing a personal relationship with them."

Falls has also made a difference among the staff by accepting their input and connecting them with the rest of the school.

"He bridged the gap between the 5th and 6th grade," Brasil said. "He is the connecting link that brought us all together."

"It's hard to imagine the place without him," Boyd said. "He's been a fixture here."

"He will be missed," Brasil said. "It will be district-wide, not just school-wide."

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Camp Lakeshore's a summer hit

By Kelly Murad
NEWS STAFF WRITER

As summer approaches, parents are searching for fun ways to keep their children occupied. Novi resident Melissa Agosta has been taking her sons to Camp Lakeshore, in Lakeshore Park, for more than five years.

"It is a fantastic camp," Agosta said. "The summer day camp offers eight different week-long sessions between the months of June and August."

Agosta's oldest son Jarst, who is 13, has been attending Camp Lakeshore since he was in second grade.

"We have a 50 percent return rate," said Derek Smith, recreation supervisor for the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department. Since the age limit of Camp Lakeshore is 6-12, Jarst will be volunteering this year as a counselor-in-training.

"Some of the kids on my staff right now were campers here before I started working here," Smith said.

"Derek was wonderful at getting him to be part of it," Agosta said.

The five-day programs are filled with activities and field trips to occupy the kids time from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Since the field trips vary between the sessions, many children choose which session to sign up for, based on that information.

"They love the field trips," Agosta said.

According to Smith, the session with the highest registration right now is the new field trip to the Detroit Science Center. The field trip to Paradise Park is also new this year.

This is only the second year for Agosta's other son Joseph, who is in first grade.

"He is signed up for every week but two," she said. "Joseph is begging me to go, he can't wait."

Aside from the field trips, the camp offers other activities such as arts and crafts, games, sports, cook outs and swimming.

"They are outside all day getting exercise, not sitting on the couch," Agosta said. "Their favorite thing is when the counselors play games with them and they get to beat the counselors."

Camp Lakeshore also offers Child Watch for parents who need to drop their children off early, or pick them up late. Child Watch starts at 7:30 a.m. and goes until 5:30 p.m. and is \$5 extra in the morning and at night.

As a parent, Agosta understands people worrying about the safety of their children.

"I feel it is very safe," she said. "The kids are very well watched. The counselors are interactive and they do everything with the kids."

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Camp Lakeshore

Each camp session is \$148.25 with the first beginning June 18. There are only 50 kids allowed per session.

For a list of sessions and activities, including registration information, visit www.cityofnovi.org.



Participants of last summer's Camp Lakeshore enjoy a dip in the lake while showing off their muscles. The camp is currently enrolling summer participants through the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department.

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Woman arrested for OWI

Police said a woman was arrested just before midnight Thursday, June 7, for an OWI. She was heading south on Grand River with no lights on when an officer passed her heading east-bound.

The report stated when the officer pulled the woman over she had glassy, red eyes and smelled of alcohol. She told the officer she only drank two Bell's Oberons, but the PIT registered her alcohol content of 19.7%. The woman was also given field sobriety tests including an alphabet sobriety test she failed four times.

Destruction at Hickory Woods Elementary

A wooden arch and railings from a wooden bridge in the nature trail area, located 1101 River with no lights on when an officer passed her heading east-bound.

The report stated when the officer pulled the woman over she had glassy, red eyes and smelled of alcohol. She told the officer she only drank two Bell's Oberons, but the PIT registered her alcohol content of 19.7%. The woman was also given field sobriety tests including an alphabet sobriety test she failed four times.

Comic Book Thief

Two comic books, totaling \$7,700 in value, were allegedly stolen from Rack Financial Showplace during the Comic book convention May 19.

The comic book dealer, of Super World Comics, reported

Lock your doors

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"They're also extremely comfortable since they're made of shivle-mercerized cotton," Hamka said. "The more you wash these jeans, the softer they get, and they always hold their shape."

Many items are 20 percent off in the store, and those who purchase a pair of slacks and a golf shirt will receive a free Mike T. Shurtz, sold in London, Milan and New York.

Those who buy a suit will receive a free shirt and tie. Fresh soft colors, such as a sky blue, soft yellow, salmon and lavender are good for spring 2007.

Alexander's also carries a Trendfit & Hill badge hair men's grooming kit handmade in England.

Fine Threads in downtown Northville has quite a selection of neckwear for Father's Day.

"Bright, summer colors are available, and we have a nice arrangement of silk shirts and shorts," said Mark Trudeau, owner. "Pinks, purples and various shades of blue are popular for spring 2007."

The store also has briefcases and shaving kits for the traveling dad.

Lance Marsh, manager, the Sharper Image store at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi, said this year, the Global Positioning Systems are really popular, because, as we all know, men don't like to ask for directions. They range in price from \$300-\$900.

"There's quite a range, depending on what you're looking for," Marsh said. "On some models, you talk to it, and it will tell you how to get where."

The store also carries Donald Trump steaks, which he serves in all of his restaurants.

"These are made out of the top 1 percent of beef in the nation," Marsh said. "It's something you'd never buy for yourself." Packages range from \$200-\$1,000.

For stressed-out dads, the Sharper Image carries a variety of massage chairs and portable massagers.

And, for the dad who has everything, how about a flight on a zero-gravity plane?

"Sharper Image has the exclusive rights to selling the tickets in the store," Marsh said. "You go online and set up your flight after viewing the schedule." Marsh said. Cost is \$3,700 per ticket.

"That is the coolest gift you could give," Marsh said. "Some people are looking at this as an anniversary gift."

Golfsmith's "Fore! Dad"

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Items include clubs, bags, golf balls, training aids and apparel, with sale items in each category.

"We also have a re-grip special in our club-making department which is 99 cents per club for labor only, usually \$2.99 per club."

"It's got our club builder pretty busy this month," said Dan Adair, general manager.

"We also offer free custom club fitting on all club purchases, using our Vector Launch Monitor," Adair said. "That's what all the four players use."

Golfsmith also offers gift cards that can be used in the store, online or through the catalog.

The Sharper Image also has the Sky Candy, which provides information about all golf courses in the United States.

"It will give you the course yardage, par for the course and location," Marsh said. "The two models at Sharper Image cost \$350."

For rib-loving dads, Famous Dave's Restaurant in Novi has dine in, carry out and catering from 11 a.m.-10 p.m. on Sunday.

"What we offer is simply the best barbecue in town," said Tom Brady, managing partner with Famous Dave's.

The specialty of the house is their St. Louis-style ribs, hickory smoked, slow smoked and slathered in the award-winning "rich and saucy," one of five Famous Dave's sauces.

Other choices include baby back ribs, Texas beef brisket,



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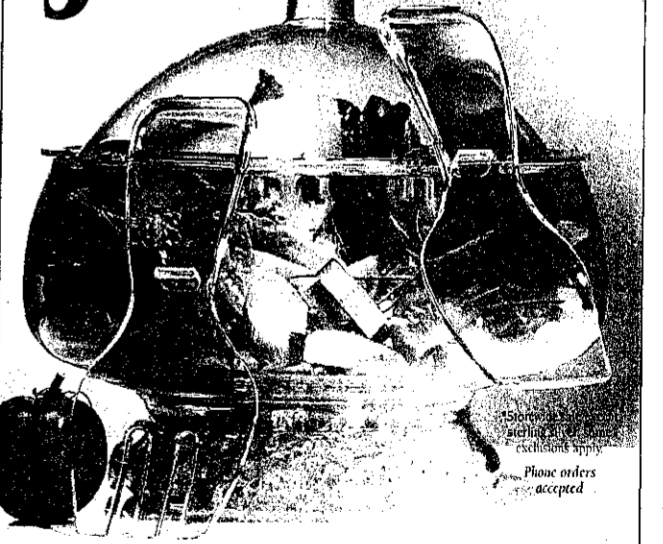
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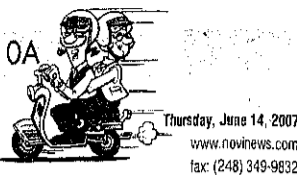
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"This is a great Father's Day gift, and we also provide gift certificates," Zucker said.

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Many items are 20 percent off in the store, and those who purchase a pair of slacks and a golf shirt will receive a free Minc T-Shirt, sold in London, Milan and New York.

Those who buy a suit will receive a free shirt and tie. Fresh, soft colors, such as a sky blue, soft yellow, salmon and lavender are good for spring 2007.

Alexander's also carries a Trefini & Hill badger hair men's grooming kit handmade in England.

On Campus

Albion College

The following Novi High School graduates were named to the Dean's List at Albion College for the spring semester: Elizabeth Clark, daughter of Michael and Terri Clark; Kelsey Collins, daughter of Kevin and Brenda Collins; Neil Kocan, son of Richard and Lynn Kocan; Benjamin Landry, son of David

and Julie Landry; Megan Lilly, daughter of Christopher and Nancy Lilly; Kelly Royston, daughter of Trevor and Sandra Royston; Elizabeth Schulhoff, daughter of Michael and Diane Schulhoff; and Lindsay Yusko, daughter of John and Elaine Yusko. Also named to the Dean's List at Albion College was Nicholas Salley, a graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School, and the son of Michael and Janet Salley.

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Golfsmith's "Fore! Dad"

For the father who frequents the fairways, Golfsmith in Northville Township has "Fore! Dad," its annual Father's Day promotion.

Items include clubs, bags, golf balls, training aids and apparel, with sale items in each category.

"We also have a re-grip special in our club-making department which is 99 cents per club for labor only, usually \$2.99 per club. It's got our club builders pretty busy this month," said Dan Adair, general manager.

"We also offer free custom club fitting on all club purchases, using our Vector Launch Monitor," Adair said. "That's what all the tour players use."

Golfsmith also offers gift cards that can be used in the store, online or through the catalog.

The Sharper Image also has the Sky Caddy, which provides information about all golf courses in the United States.

"It will give you the course yardage, par for the course and location," Marsh said. "The two models at Sharper Image cost \$300-\$350."

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Georgia chopped pork, hot link sausage and country roasted or barbecued chicken. No reservations are necessary.

Custom fine wine for fathers

Vine to Wine Custom Winery, at its new location at 446 South Main Street in Northville, formerly on Mary Alexander Court, offers a wide selection of wines from all over the world.

"We don't sell by the bottle, but instead get customers involved in creating their own wine," which has fewer sulfites than store-bought wine, said Mark Zucker, owner.

Fathers can come into the store, taste different varieties of wine, then six-eight weeks later get involved in the bottling, curbing and labeling of their custom-made wine.

Patrons receive 30 bottles of wine, in-store parties can also be booked.

"This is a great Father's Day gift, and we also provide gift certificates," Zucker said.

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Cute kids!
Farmer John Beemer holds one of two kids that were born to a goat last Friday at Maybury Farm. Beemer was hand feeding the kids through a tube because their mother died during delivery. The farm has seen a number of other new births besides goats, with a quarter of lambs joining the livestock herd.

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MY OPINION

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the home towns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

In our opinion: Congrats Class of 2007

Our congratulations goes out to the Novi Community Schools, students, faculty, administrators and parents for a successful graduation ceremony held at Computware Sports Arena last Saturday. And further congratulations goes out to all the volunteers involved with the All-Night Senior Party immediately following the ceremony.

Nearly 500 students crossed the stage during the Novi High School's 39th commencement ceremony representing the Class of 2007.

"You have been an outstanding group of students," Novi Community School District Superintendent Peter Dion told the graduates Saturday. "You have represented Novi High School very well... I know that you are going to be tomorrow's leaders in Michigan, in the United States and even the world."

Nearly half of the Class of 2007 graduated with honors, and, as a group, the class was awarded or offered more than \$8 million in college scholarships.

This is \$2 million more than last year's graduating class. The graduating class included 239 students graduating with honors.

Sixty-one students graduated Summa Cum Laude (above 3.95); 80 students graduated Magna Cum Laude (3.75-3.94); and 98 students graduated Cum Laude (3.50-3.74). We applaud the district for reaching such high academic standards during a time when the state and national educational system is in flux, and for many communities in peril.

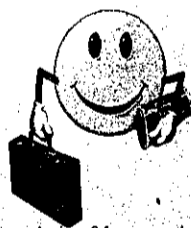
Urban districts throughout the nation applaud when they have a graduating class.

Thoughts of \$8 million in scholarships or nearly half of the student body graduating with honors are not even in administrators' grasp.

As the community celebrates the many accomplishments of the Novi High School Class of 2007, don't forget to also take a step back and soak in what this success really means.

It is easy to take for granted what we feel is owed to us — but never lose sight of the bigger picture.

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Head first! Shannon Cody goes up for a header during last Saturday's regional title soccer game, which the Wildcats won. The team squared off against Northville yesterday in its quest for the state title. For game results check www.novineews.com.

Tom Watkins: Take a vacation close to home

Do you need to remortgage the house to pay the gas tab for your recent trip up north? With gas prices exceeding \$3.50 a gallon during these uncertain and tough economic times, spending upwards of \$200 for a weekend getaway is tough on the pocketbook. Yet, the Michigan summer beckons you to kick off the safety boots, trade the tie in for a rod and reel and head "up north" where nature can refresh your soul — without going broke. What-yagonna-do?

If you seek a pleasant peninsula, look about you. We have "up north" surrounding us in the Metro Detroit Region. Here are some of my favorite close-by Michigan destinations: **Kensington Metropark** — www.metroparks.com. On the western edge of Oakland County is one of the jewels of the Metropark System, Kensington, a slice of "up north" in our backyard. This park has something to offer everyone — the lakes are dotted with canoes and sailboats, a par-3 golf course is speckled with duffers and more than 4,000 acres of woods with paved bike trails and hiking paths await you. A trip to Kensington, or any of the many Metroparks, adds substance to the old refrain, "Simple pleasures are the best."

Hines Park — www.waynecounty.com/parks. The Wayne County Parks slogan captures the essence of Hines Park with its slogan, "The Benefits Are Endless." I am fortunate to

live in Northville, a starting point for Hines Park, a slice of beauty that meanders through western Wayne County and follows the Rouge River.

The Friends of Rouge Park (www.therouge.org). Together with leadership from Wayne County's executive and commission, they have done a wonderful job of educating people about the importance of this watershed and helping clean up the park and river. Have fun the old fashioned way in the park with hiking, bike riding, throwing a line in the river, and tossing horse shoes. Bring friends and with the gas money you saved, grill a few steaks while enjoying the beauty only a few miles away from any neighborhood in the metro area.

Belle Isle — www.ci.detroit.mi.us. "The Jewel of the City of Detroit" No matter what direction you look, the beauty of the island is truly breathtaking. It is the Central Park of Detroit, a diamond glistening with Windsor, Canada, or the Detroit skyline as the backdrop. Bring your fishing pole, bike, cooler, Frisbee, a canoe or just a lounge chair — it is going to be a beautiful day of fun. Enjoy the five miles of shoreline and the views of the huge freighter traffic, framed by the towers of the Ambassador Bridge off in the distance.

Ann Arbor — It's more than just U of M. Cross a county line and take in the beauty of Ann Arbor in Washtenaw County (www.a2gov.org). A favorite activity of mine is to follow the bike trails that meander along the edges of the Huron River. Gallop on over to the Gallup Park Canoe Livery and lake in this 65 acre park on the Huron River. Enjoy nature real close to home.

Other activities nearby: Take in: The Henry Ford (www.thehenryford.org) - America's Greatest History Attractions are four distinct attractions in one: Greenfield Village, The Ford Rouge Plant Tour, the Henry Ford Museum and the Inmax Theater; The New Detroit Science Center (www.detroitssciencecenter.org); The Detroit Zoo (www.detroitzoo.org); The Detroit Historical Museum (www.detroithistorical.org); and the Detroit Institute of the Arts (www.dia.org). Clearly, there is nothing better than going to the ball park to catch a Detroit Tigers game (www.detroit-tigers.mlb.com) and having a ballpark hotdog smothered in mustard to make you appreci-

About Tom Watkins

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COMMENTARY Phil Power: Schools could learn from Ross

So you think all politicians only think of what's best for themselves? OK. Now let's meet a man who turns 65 this week, one of the brightest members of his generation. He's had a big-time Michigan political career: State senator; Department of Commerce director; assistant secretary of labor, candidate for governor.

And then he chucked all that to run a charter school in Detroit. His name is Doug Ross, and let him take the story from there.

I lost the 1998 Democratic gubernatorial primary to Geoffrey Fieger, actually finishing third behind East Lansing's Larry Owen.

Once the votes were in, I got to talking with Bill Beckham, who was the head of the Skillman Foundation, about how disgraceful the Detroit schools were. For a quarter of a century, 70 percent of high school students had failed to finish.

"So since I had time on my hands, I agreed to go around the country looking at what urban schools actually worked."

"We decided that the problem in Detroit was an obsolete learning organization, not bad people. So we decided to lift one of the successful school designs from cities around the country, start a school to see if it could work in Detroit, and hope the Detroit Public Schools would, in turn, lift that design to improve the entire system."

That's the story behind University Preparatory Academy, which Ross founded in 1999. Last Saturday, it graduated 128 seniors, more than 90 percent of those who started there as fresh-



About Phil Power

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men. Nearly 100 percent of the graduates are going on to college.

If Detroit Public Schools could copy that model, the city would be a far better place. And as far as I'm concerned, while Ross is Jewish, he's also Michigan's top candidate for immediate sainthood.

By using passion, smarts, a big heart and vast energy, he has conclusively demonstrated that it's possible to take a bunch of inner-city kids and get them to perform at academic levels nobody would have believed. He is a man who indeed knows the Detroit schools.

Ross graduated from the University of Michigan and taught for a year and a half in the Detroit public schools, at McMichael Middle School and at Northeastern High. But then he was fired, "because I looked like a potentially troublesome person."

I've known Doug for a long time, and he always was among the smartest, most creative, articulate and, all-around, energetic people around. But I never expected him to dedicate a decade of his life to helping a bunch of Detroit kids ... nor to succeed so enormously.

"You start with two core beliefs," Ross says. "First, as an urban public school, you have absolutely to accept

responsibility for developing college-ready graduates, regardless of what kind of background or educational deficits those kids bring with them.

"Second, you have to do whatever it takes to help a student succeed, not just 9-to-5 but whatever is necessary, whether it's evenings, trips to court, funerals, whatever."

"You then move on to operating principles. You have to have a deep knowledge of each child — academically, emotionally and socially — and have the flexibility to respond to that knowledge."

University Prep does that by making the fundamental learning unit the "advisory," a group of 16 pupils who stay together with the same advisor as an extended family through their entire school career. And you have to organize the school so as to individualize learning. A ninth grader who reads at the fifth grade level is only going to deepen his self-doubts if he's faced with a ninth grade book."

Ross started University Prep on the theory that if it worked, it would be a shining beacon and model other schools could copy.

So far, he's succeeded in meeting the achievement targets set out by his financial backer, Bob Thompson, the Plymouth-based former asphalt-paving titan (and another a proper candi-

date for canonization.) With Thompson's backing, Ross is starting up several more schools in Detroit, hoping that the model will gradually spread.

Frankly, I'm pessimistic about getting the Detroit Public Schools to voluntarily come along. Ross says that the requirements for his model to succeed — educational and budget decisions and hiring and firing — must rest in the hands of the individual school principals.

I doubt the centralized and bureaucratic culture of DPS would tolerate local decision-making. Nor do I believe the Detroit Federation of Teachers will tolerate someone else making personnel decisions.

But I would like it very much if I have to write a column in a few years saying, "OK, I was wrong." What is clear is that Doug Ross is succeeding in one of the hardest and most centrally important tasks in all of Michigan. He deserves every one of the plaudits he's been getting in "recent weeks."

And while I'm sure the angels in Heaven would be pleased to greet Doug Ross and Bob Thompson as they ascend to the cherubim, I hope they don't do so any time soon.

Right now, we very much need both of them here.

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LET'S TALK *Jewelry* WITH GARY S. WEINSTEIN GEMOLOGIST

IS BLUE YOUR FAVORITE COLOR?

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Presented by Michael S. Rowe, M.D., F.A.C.P., C.P.I.

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Physical Therapy Rehabilitation Update

by Dennis Engerer, P.T.

GETTING BACK ON YOUR FEET

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Democrats of West Oakland County TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday LOCATION: Novi Souvlaki and Kabob Restaurant, 31150 Novi Road

Free Self-Defense Seminars LOCATION: Choi Kwang-Do Academy CONTACT: (248) 735-0846 Women DATE: Tuesday, June 19 TIME: 6:45-8:45 p.m.

Kits DATE: Friday, June 22 TIME: 5-7:30 p.m. DETAILS: Topics include Bully Awareness and Stranger Danger, Smart Decision-Making, Avoidance Tactics, Confronting a Potential Attacker and Proven Effective Self-defense Techniques...

Go-Bowl/Bow-A-Thon TIME/DATE: 7-10 p.m. Friday, June 22 LOCATION: Novi Bowl DETAILS: Teens Aiding the Cancer Community Fundraiser.

Comedy for a Cause DATE: Saturday, June 23 TIME: 7 p.m. doors open; 8 p.m. show starts LOCATION: Wise Guys Comedy Club, 40380 Grand River Ave.

No-No's Garden Walk Adventure II DATE: Saturday, June 23 TIME: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. DETAILS: Lectures, artists, 6 home gardens, tickets \$10 at Gardenviews, Northville; Backyard Birds, Plymouth; Anglin Nursery, Novi; Bordines Nursery, Brighton; free plant to first 250 ticketholders.

Farmers Market DATE: Every Wednesday through the end of October TIME: 7 a.m.-1 p.m. LOCATION: Walled Lake City Hall Field (between Decker and Pontiac Trails), Walled Lake

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

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TIME/DATE: 8:30-9:30 a.m. today and June 28 (second and fourth Thursdays of month) LOCATION: Hoar's of Novi

Ambassador Committee Meeting TIME/DATE: 9 a.m. Tuesday 8:28 Breakfast TIME/DATE: 7:30 a.m. Wednesday LOCATION: SWOCC Studios, 33300 Nine Mile Road, Farmington

Experience West Oakland DATE: Tuesday, July 17 TIME: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. LOCATION: Crowne Plaza Hotel (formerly Novi Neighborhood)

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Michigan Association of CPAs Presents Mergers and Acquisitions Conference TIME/DATE: 8:30 a.m.-4:50 p.m. Wednesday LOCATION: Crowne Plaza Hotel, 27000 Stratton Drive, Novi

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Women's Business Affinity Group TIME/DATE: 8-9:30 a.m. Third Thursday of every month LOCATION: Walsh College Troy Campus

Novi Chamber of Commerce The chamber is celebrating 40 years of business, representing over 500 members. Our mission is to be a responsible, proactive advocate of business interests in the greater Novi area.

3743 Summer Kick-Off After Hours Mixer DATE: Thursday, June 21 TIME: 5:30-7 p.m. LOCATION: Post Bar, 42675 Grand River

Summer School Series "The ABCs to Achieving Business" TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Tuesdays, June 26, July 31 and August 28 LOCATION: Walled Lake Educational Center, 850 Ladd Road, Building D, enter from Maple Road

20th Annual Tycoon Tee-Off Golf Outing See "Golf Outings" section.

Michigan Association of CPAs Presents Mergers and Acquisitions Conference TIME/DATE: 8:30 a.m.-4:50 p.m. Wednesday LOCATION: Crowne Plaza Hotel, 27000 Stratton Drive, Novi

Waltonwood at Twelve Oaks LOCATION: 27475 Huron Circle, adjacent to Twelve Oaks Mall CONTACT: (248) 735-1500

Novi City Council Meeting TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 347-0470

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Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting DATE: Last Wednesday of each month TIME: 10-11 a.m. LOCATION: Holy Family Catholic Church, 24505 Meadowbrook Road

Bereavement Support Group DATE: Third Tuesday of each month TIME: 7:30-9 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center

Neighborhood Babysitting Co-op DATE: First and third Wednesday of each month LOCATION: Providence Park Hospital and Medical Center

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Church of the Holy Family LOCATION: 24505

Novi United Methodist LOCATION: 41671 W. 10 Mile CONTACT: (248) 349-2652

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SPORTS SPOTLIGHT: SOCCER PLAYOFFS

STORY CHAT: WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE NOVINEWS.COM STORY?

'Cats keep eyes on grandest prize

Novi claims third straight regional title

By Jeff Theisen
NEWS SPORTS REPORTER

Novi soccer has won eight straight postseason trophies in the last three years. But the ninth and final trophy is still up in the air.

Novi ripped formerly undefeated Okemos 4-0 in the regional finals Saturday at Holt.

The Wildcats (20-1-2) bucked the usual gnashing of teeth and chewing of the fingernails style of winning and just plain blew the Cats off the field.

"In the past few games, we've started the game with a lot of possession but we've never been able to knock one in quick," Novi head coach Brian O'Leary said. "This game we finally did. I think that helped a lot."

The quality chances started right off the bat, with senior Stephanie Crawford getting a couple of in close opportunities in the opening minutes.

Jamie Fratto changed a shot off the crossbar five minutes in. A few minutes later, Stephanie Janssens' point-blank shot fell right into the hands goalkeeper Sarah Blanks during a scrum.

Okemos (20-1-3) got its first quality chance and almost connected on a header in close by Kelsey Mullen that went over the crossbar.

It looked like the hitting of the crossbar and just misses were going to continue and make the day longer than it should've been for the Wildcats. But all the close calls and misses of the net ended with a goal by Emily Esbrook.

Fratto had the ball to the keeper's left and lofted a shot into the box that Esbrook easily headed into the net with 23:04 left in the



Novi's Shannon Cody delivers a Kung-Fu type kick in front of an Okemos player Saturday in Holt. The Wildcats claimed its third straight regional title with a 4-0 victory.

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NOVI NEWS Athlete of the Week

Novi senior Emily Esbrook, Soccer

Esbrook scored a pair of goals in the regional finals against Okemos. Her first goal came off a header in close and proved to be the game-winner Saturday in a 4-0 blowout. Her second goal put the Wildcats up 3-0 in the second half.



Sports Submissions
Bringing the camera to the game?
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Shamrock defenders try to keep a Brother Rice player from getting off a good shot in the state finals.

CC lacrosse finishes runner-up

CC makes second consecutive trip to lacrosse state finals

By Jeff Theisen
NEWS SPORTS WRITER

Novi Catholic Central lacrosse picked the best time of the year to have its best winning streak of the year.

After claiming the regional title, the Shamrocks (13-5) ripped off the first three goals of the game and stayed on the gas from there.

Shamrock senior Pat Nemes scored the final goal of the first quarter to cut the lead to 5-2, but the Warriors raced away in the second quarter and led 9-3 at the half. Nemes finished the game with three goals to lead the Shamrock offense.

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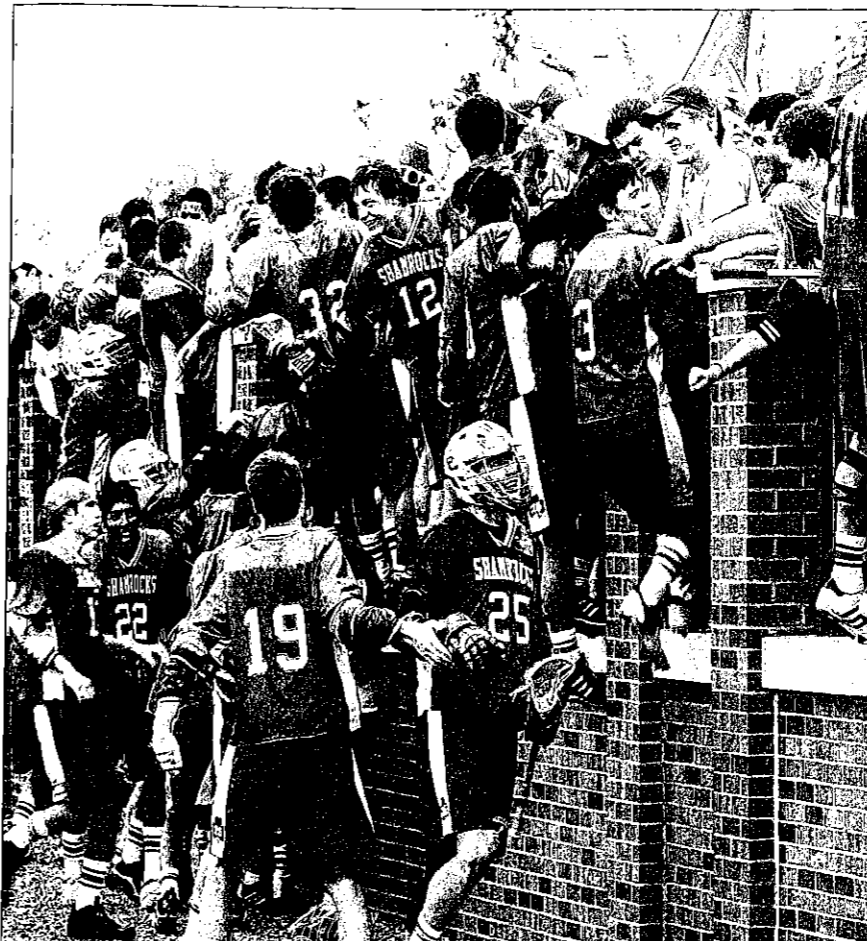
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Shamrocks run to the state finals



Catholic Central players jump into the stands to celebrate beating Troy Athens in the semifinals.



Above: Jake Marmul fights for a faceoff against Brother Rice in the state finals.



Below: Connor Bush brings the ball up the field against Brother Rice.

LACROSSE: CC 2nd in state

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the fourth quarter.

"I thought (Brother Rice) played exceptionally well," Wilson said. "I talked to their coaching staff after the game ... and they said flat out that's the best game they played all year."

Despite the obvious frustration of losing, Wilson knows his team accomplished something special to get to the finals for a second straight season. But he also wanted to thank the local support of the team.

"I just thought that our fan base was awesome," he said. "It's wonderful to be part of that community that really supports our team."

Moving on

Several Shamrocks will move on to play lacrosse at the next level.

Nemes will take his game to powerhouse Syracuse. He led the team with 58 goals and 37 assists. He also received All-American honors.

"He has excellent determination, drive and will to be the best and win," Wilson said. "Justin Burgin is off to U-of-M

to play, and Jake Marmul will probably compete against his Shamrock teammate at Notre Dame. Marmul was also an Academic All-American.

"Justin Burgin had an excellent season," Wilson said. "I thought he was very solid. We normally put him on the other team's best guy."

Bush is undecided, but he plans to attend medical school. Lacrosse may or may not be in his future.

"A key to our team is Connor Bush," said Wilson of his Third Team All-Stater. "When he's running to go, the team really goes."

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Above: Pat Nemes attempts a flying shot against Troy Athens in the semifinals.



Left: Shamrock keeper Nick Garry minding the net during the Catholic Central playoff run to the state finals.

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REGIONAL CHAMPS



Novi's Katie Chaklos beats an Okemos player to the ball during Saturday's regional final in Holt.

SOCCER: Novi blasts Okemos

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first half.
"The first one never would've happened if it wasn't for Fratto passing me the ball," Esbrook said. "It's something we've been working on the day before in practice."

The goal seemed to get bigger for the Wildcats once they found their way onto the scoreboard.

With 17:56 left in the half, Ellen Brinza sent a feed to Jenna Carosio, who fought through two defenders and scored a goal from just a few yards out for a 2-0 lead.

Novi had five more quality chances in the first half but had to settle for a 2-0 lead at the break.

Second half
Okemos came out fired up to start the second half in hopes of knocking off the defending champs. Megan Farhat just missed a goal, hitting the crossbar four minutes in.

Both teams missed quality chances before Novi's Stephanie Crawford sent a shot off the crossbar. Esbrook picked up the rebound near the top of the penalty area, moved in close and sent a shot across the goal line and into the side of the net. Her perfectly placed shot was not just lucky.

"In practice we get two points for hitting the side netting," Esbrook said. "I practiced that, and it ended up working pretty well."

The final goal came with 23:12 left to play. Alyssa Freer stole the ball from the defense, moved in and easily scored on another low shot into the corner.

Wildcat sophomore goalkeeper Erin Zerio earned her 18th shutout, standing tall for the few times Okemos managed to make her work. Despite the usual small talk to and helping to set up her defense.

"It's fun knowing that you are

going to have a great defense and teammates protecting you," Zerio said. "During the games I concentrate very hard and not lose my focus. I tell 'Man on,' and I talk to them as much as I can to keep them flowing and keep me in the game."

Zerio loves to get shutouts, but she does out the credit for them. "As a team, we get that shutout together," she said. "It's definitely a gift to them."

Regional opener

In the first round of regional play, Novi shutout Portage Central 2-0.

Ellen Brinza started the scoring 20 minutes into the first half. Crawford sent a pass to Brinza, who beat the goalie to the ball and poked it home for the 1-0 lead. Crawford scored eight minutes later. Shannon Coyle sent a pass into the box that Crawford settled before turning and firing it into the net.

The Wildcat defense put the Wildcats on the second half, and Zerio recorded her 17th shutout.

Semifinals and state

The seniors left right after the game to attend graduation. Though the school year might be over for the seniors, the season continues.

The regional win set up another contest with Northville, played yesterday in Brighton. Novi won the earlier season matchup 3-0, and another win would put the Wildcats in line for a third state title in as many years.

The Division I state finals is 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Troy Athens.

Alive before Wednesday's games on the other side of the bracket are Rochester and Grosse Pointe North.

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Wolves claim title!

The Michigan Wolves cornered its first state cup title in the U17 boys state championship Saturday afternoon. Novi resident Michael Ujick drove in the game-winning goal in the first half of overtime and added another in the second half of overtime in a 5-3 victory. The Michigan Wolves finally overcame arch rival Vardar, which has won the state title five years running. The Wolves now travel to Des Moines as the Michigan representative to compete for the regional championship. Defender Cortlan White, also a Novi resident, helped shut down the other teams' top players throughout the tournament.

Sport Shorts

Westside Football Camp

Catholic Central head football coach Tom Mach will hold the 25th annual Westside Football Camp from June 18-21 for kids entering grades 5-9. The camp runs 9 a.m.-3 p.m. each day at Catholic Central and costs \$180.

Registration forms are available online at www.catholiccentral.net or by calling (313) 531-7251.

Novi girls basketball camp

The Novi basketball camp for girls in grades 2-9 will take place June 18-22.

An emphasis will be placed on all game phases including dribbling, shooting, pivoting, faking, rebounding, team play, sportsmanship and an introduction to the Wildcat offensive and defensive schemes. Gym clothes and shoes are required. All participants will receive a T-shirt and

outdoor basketball.

The camp for grades 2-5 will run from 8:30 a.m.-noon each day in the fieldhouse. The camp for grades 6-9 will run from 1-4:30 p.m.

The camp is run by Wildcat head coach Bill Kelp. The fee is \$140, and registration begins April 16 by calling Novi Community Education at (248) 449-1206.

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Bringing the Heat!

The 9U Novi Heat Travel Baseball Team earned a co-champion title last weekend at the Triple Crown NFWB Cobra Classic in Farmington. A great team effort paid off. Front row, from left: Sean Garcia, Joe Cooper, Matt Deskins, Roy Spencer, Jared Robson and Luke Gulau, Middle row: Jack Colliau, Zack Megyesi, Stevie Davis, Joey Carn, Evan Thomas and Scott Beaton. Back Row: Jeff Colliau, Dave Beaton, Jim Megyesi (Head Coach), Chuck Deskins and Rod Robson.

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Novi's Stephanie Crawford fights for the ball with Okemos' Lauren Roffle during the regional title game.



Wildcat Stephanie Janssens falls down with Okemos defender Emma Newton during Saturday's game.



Above: Emily Esbrook, No. 3, gets a hug from teammate Stephanie Janssens after winning the regional title 4-0 against previously undefeated Okemos. Below: Jenna Carosio fights past an Okemos defender. Carosio scored one of the four Novi goals in the shutout.



Novi goal-keeper Erin Zerio secures the ball with an Okemos forward closing in. Zerio earned her 18th shutout of the year in a 4-0 blanking of the Chiefs in the regional finals Saturday in Holt.



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NAME: Vivek Athalye
PARENTS: Ravi and Sanju Athalye
SIBLINGS: Shilpa, age 24
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Medical School
CAREER PLANS: Neurosurgeon/Brain mapping research
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- Varsity Tennis (Captain)
- Math Team/Club (Co-Founder)
- International Club (President)
- Chess Club (President)
- High School Orchestra (Assistant Concert Master)

ACADEMIC HONORS:

- National Merit Winner
- National AP Scholar
- AP Scholar with Distinction
- Provisional patent on "Wireless Power Supply for Laptop Computers"
- Seagate First Year Award for project in Minnesota Academy of Science State Fair

WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My family has shaped who I am; their influence is so woven into my fabric that it is hard to separate their threads from my own.
SCORE: 1993.75



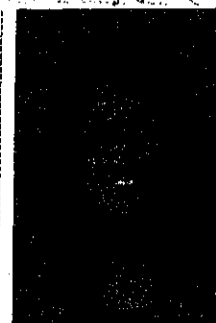
NAME: Suni Liang
PARENTS: Daming Liang and Fei Ding
SIBLINGS: Amy, age 10
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Northwestern University, Honors Program in Medical Education
CAREER PLANS: Medicine/medical research
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- Science Club (Vice President)
- Teen Court (Vice President)
- National Honor Society
- DECA
- Cross Country

ACADEMIC HONORS:

- National Merit Finalist
- AP Scholar with Distinction
- DECA District Finalist
- Michigan Math Prize Finalist
- Honor Roll

WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My parents. They have inspired me to achieve success in my own way.
SCORE: 1979



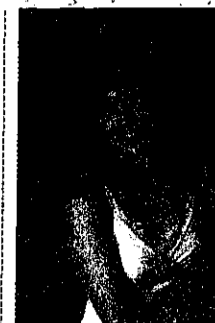
NAME: Asra Shaik
PARENTS: Makar Shaik and Mayara Mulla
SIBLINGS: Shabeen Sheikh, age 15
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Michigan State University and medical school
CAREER PLANS: Medicine
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- Model United Nations (President)
- Quiz Bowl (Varsity B Captain)
- Volunteer tutor

ACADEMIC HONORS:

- Michigan Math Prize Competition (2006 Top Female Scorer and Bronze Award)
- US Chemistry Olympiad
- National High Honors
- National Merit Finalist
- National AP Scholar

WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My parents. They supported me the whole way.
SCORE: 1973.75



NAME: Liang Chen
PARENTS: Pushing Chen and Xiaoliang Wu
SIBLINGS: Liwen Chen, age 9
POST GRADUATION PLANS: University of Michigan
CAREER PLANS: Medicine
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- Teen Court (President)
- Model United Nations (Vice President)
- National Honor Society
- Novi Meadows Elementary Teacher Aide
- Science Club

ACADEMIC HONORS:

- Michigan Regents Scholarship
- James H. LaPrete Scholarship
- AP Scholar
- National Merit Finalist
- Presidential Scholars Semifinalist

WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My family. Knowing my brother sees me as a role model inspires me to work hard; my parents pride in me encourages me to expand my knowledge.
SCORE: 1972.23



NAME: Xiaoyi Ma
PARENTS: Jianzhong Ma and Xin Qiu
SIBLINGS:

- George Mathew (26)
- Elizabeth Mathew (24)

POST GRADUATION PLANS: University of Michigan
CAREER PLANS: Medicine
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- Quiz Bowl
- Model UN
- Math Club
- Chess Club
- Tennis

ACADEMIC HONORS:

- National Merit Finalist
- Phi Beta Kappa
- Honor Roll
- Summa Cum Laude

WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: Mr. Wheaton, a former math teacher. He inspired me to take on challenges.
SCORE: 1972.23



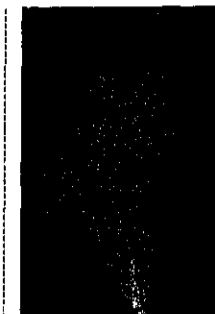
NAME: Thomas Mathew
PARENTS: Mariamma Mathew and Matthew George
SIBLINGS: George Mathew (26) and Elizabeth Mathew (24)
POST GRADUATION PLANS: University of Michigan
CAREER PLANS: Medicine
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- Quiz Bowl (Captain)
- French Club
- Science Olympiad
- Volunteer Work
- Church Youth Group

ACADEMIC HONORS:

- Outstanding Senior in French Award
- National Merit Finalist
- AP Scholar with Honor
- Susan B. Anthony Award for Excellence in Social Studies
- Top 202 Michigan Math Prize Competition

WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My brother because he has always pushed me to work to my full potential.
SCORE: 1993.25



NAME: Carl Nelson
PARENTS: Eric Nelson and Michelle Groven Nelson
SIBLINGS: Elaine (15), Monica (10) and Mary (7)
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Rice University
CAREER PLANS: Biomedical Engineering
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- Symphonic and Marching Band (President and trombone section leader)
- Boy Scouts (Troop Guide)
- Quiz Bowl
- Orchestra, Pit Orchestra
- Wrestling

ACADEMIC HONORS:

- National French Contest Silver Medal
- Gabriel Richard Club
- National Merit Finalist
- Rensselaer Math and Science Medal
- Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition Finalist

WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: Mr. Schuermann because he made me a much better writer and taught me to love literature.
SCORE: 1955.98



NAME: Donald Tappan
PARENTS: Don and Rosemary Tappan
SIBLINGS: Elizabeth (21), Cath (19), Chrissy (15), and Carolyn (13)
POST GRADUATION PLANS: University of Michigan, College of Engineering
CAREER PLANS: Automotive Engineering
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- Quiz Bowl
- Catechism Teacher (First Grade)

ACADEMIC HONORS:

- Fishbeck Grant
- National Merit Scholar
- Two Time Fr. Enright Writing Contest Third Place Salutatorian

WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: Mr. Weiss by getting me interested in learning about things.
SCORE: 1929.46



NAME: Eric Muller
PARENTS: Mary and Steven Muller
SIBLINGS: Evan (15) and Alyssa (13)
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Michigan State University
CAREER PLANS: Computer Programmer
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- Quiz Bowl (Co-Captain)
- Honor Roll
- National Merit Finalist
- Full Academic Scholarship at Michigan State University

WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My mother because she has always emphasized that I must work hard to live up to my potential.
SCORE: 1922.50



NAME: Adam Budde
PARENTS: Greg and Anna Budde
SIBLINGS: Francis (22), Steven (21) and David (20)
POST GRADUATION PLANS: University of Michigan
CAREER PLANS: Biomedical Engineering
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- Marching Band (Section Leader)
- Band Council (Vice President)
- National Honor Society
- Jazz Band
- Music Ministry

ACADEMIC HONORS:

- National Merit Finalist
- Honor Roll
- School Writing Contest runner up
- Winner of two scholarships awarded to CC students

WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My English teacher, Mr. Schuermann. His classes stressed the value of a strong intellect and their difficulty encouraged me to strive for academic excellence.
SCORE: 1909.70

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



NAME: Kamal Yechoor
PARENTS: Prasad and Lata Yechoor
SIBLINGS: Aparna, age 11
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Columbia University
CAREER PLANS: Engineering/Finance
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- Varsity Quiz Bowl (President, Vice President)
- DECA Marketing Competition (State Finalist, State Champion, National Qualifier)
- National Honor Society
- Jazz Band
- Model United Nations

ACADEMIC HONORS:

- National Merit Finalist
- AP Scholar with Honor
- Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition Finalist (Four Years)
- American Examination Finalist (Three Years)
- Summa Cum Laude

WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: Mr. Hill, my 4th grade teacher, because he helped me to set my goals high and reach my full potential.
SCORE: 1972.23



NAME: Ravi Rao
PARENTS: Mohan and Dipika Rao
SIBLINGS: Retu, age 20
POST GRADUATION PLANS: University of Michigan
CAREER PLANS: Mechanical Engineer
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- Varsity Aiding the Cancer Community (Vice President)
- National Honor Society (Activities Director)
- Novi Varsity Tennis
- FIRST Robotics Team 503 - Frog Force

ACADEMIC HONORS:

- National Merit Finalist
- Summa Cum Laude
- Academic Letter

WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My parents always provide inspiration and keep me focused.
SCORE: 1963.98



NAME: Payel Gangopadhyay
PARENTS: Anup and Gopa Gangopadhyay
SIBLINGS: Mounak, age 11
POST GRADUATION PLANS: University of Michigan
CAREER PLANS: Medicine
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- Varsity Cross Country (Captain)
- International Club (Vice President)
- Varsity Track and Field
- Model United Nations

ACADEMIC HONORS:

- National Merit Finalist
- University of Michigan Regents Scholarship
- U of M Engineering Scholarship of Honor

WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My parents. They exposed me to hospital volunteering and supported my interest in biology and chemistry.
SCORE: 1956.25



NAME: Sushan Yang
PARENTS: Ruimin Yang and Wen Deng
SIBLINGS: Grace, age 8
POST GRADUATION PLANS: University of Michigan
CAREER PLANS: Business
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- Piano (National Competition Winner)
- DECA (Honors in the State)
- Violin (Honors in orchestra)
- National Honor Society
- French Club

ACADEMIC HONORS:

- National Merit Winner
- AP Scholar
- Michigan Math Prize Competition Finalist

WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My parents. They have given me many opportunities and have always supported me.
SCORE: 1956.25



NAME: Kevin Lai
PARENTS: Hao-Jan and Shu-Hwa Lai
SIBLINGS: Judy, age 21
POST GRADUATION PLANS: The Wharton Business School at the University of Pennsylvania
CAREER PLANS: Investment Banking, Management
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- DECA
- Novi Youth Council
- Research at the University of Michigan Medical Center
- Varsity Tennis
- Debate Club (Captain)

ACADEMIC HONORS:

- AP Scholar with Distinction
- Presidential Spirit of the Community Award
- PSAT Letter of Commendation
- Certificate of Distinction for the Canadian Open Mathematics Challenge and Pascal Mathematics Exams

WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My parents. They taught me the importance of achieving my goals and pursuing my interests.
SCORE: 1950



NAME: David Bushart
PARENTS: Daniel and Lisa Bushart
SIBLINGS: Julie, age 15
POST GRADUATION PLANS: University of Michigan
CAREER PLANS: Medicine
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- French Club (President)
- National Honor Society
- French Foreign Exchange Program
- Youth Group Leader at St. Valentine
- Alma Mater Choir

ACADEMIC HONORS:

- National French Contest
- National Bronze Medalist
- Gabriel Richard Club
- Detroit Art Fair
- Departmental Awards for French, English and Theology

WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: Fr. John Wheeler with the French Exchange Program.
SCORE: 1909.42



NAME: Evan Tindall
PARENTS: Denise and Timothy Tindall
SIBLINGS: Todd, age 22
POST GRADUATION PLANS: University of Michigan
CAREER PLANS: Business
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- Varsity Football
- Varsity Baseball (Manager and Statistician)
- Brother's Club
- Senior Alma Mater Choir
- Monogram Club

ACADEMIC HONORS:

- National Merit Commended
- Gabriel Richard Club
- National Honor Society
- Certificate of Merit
- Michigan High School Football Coaches State Championship Academic Team Member
- University of Michigan Regents Scholarship

WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My parents gave me the opportunity to attend Catholic Central and supported my desire to challenge myself by taking honors courses.
SCORE: 1885.702



NAME: Zachary Crawford
PARENTS: Kevin and Teresa Crawford
SIBLINGS: Robert (7), Michael (14), Daniel (19), Nicholas (21), Gabriel (21) and Joshua (23)
POST GRADUATION PLANS: University of Michigan
CAREER PLANS: Work with the CIA
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- Student Council
- National Honor Society
- School Newspaper (Associate Editor)
- Baseball
- Choir

ACADEMIC HONORS:

- National Merit Finalist
- Gabriel Richard Club
- Dedicatorian

WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My little brother because he always gives me the inspiration to work harder.
SCORE: 1881.92



NAME: Jake Marmul
PARENTS: Larry and Laurel Marmul
SIBLINGS: Kelli (30) and Kati (28)
POST GRADUATION PLANS: University of Notre Dame
CAREER PLANS: Undecided
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- Varsity Basketball
- Football
- Lacrosse (seven time varsity letter winner, three time Captain)
- Student Council Vice President
- Senior Choir

ACADEMIC HONORS:

- National Honor Society
- National Merit Commended Scholar
- Gabriel Richard Club
- Dedicatorian
- Departmental Awards

WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: Mr. Jason Jones because he pushed me to do better every day.
SCORE: 1874.92



NAME: Michael Dunleavy
PARENTS: Patrick and Susan Dunleavy
SIBLINGS: Alison (24) and Gaten (21)
POST GRADUATION PLANS: University of Michigan
CAREER PLANS: Doctor
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- Varsity Lacrosse
- National Honor Society
- Spanish Club
- Right to Life Club

ACADEMIC HONORS:

- Honor Roll
- Gabriel Richard Club
- Catholic League All-Academic
- Departmental Awards

WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: Mr. Jason Jones because he pushed me to do better every day.
SCORE: 1837.396

CATHOLIC CENTRAL H.S. 2007 TOP TEN GRADUATES

WALLED LAKE WESTERN - 2007 TOP TEN GRADUATES



NAME: Bianca Butler
PARENTS: Karen and Scott Butler
SIBLINGS: Megan, age 14
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Michigan State University Honors College
CAREER PLANS: Interdisciplinary and Journalism majors
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:
 • Cross Country
 • National Honor Society
 • Violin
 • Part-time job
 • Babysitting
ACADEMIC HONORS:
 • Letter of Commendation - National Merit Society
 • Congressional Award for English
 • Honor Guard
 • Academic Letter, 3 years
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: Ms. Benjamin made me appreciate science and work the hardest I ever had to in a class.
SCORE: 1909.92



NAME: Randall Bryce Liposky
PARENTS: Randy and Pam Liposky
SIBLINGS: Adam, age 15
POST GRADUATION PLANS: University of Michigan, double major in Aerospace Engineering and Astrophysics
CAREER PLANS: NASA engineer or astrophysicist
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:
 • F.I.R.S.T. Robotics League
 • Oakland County Competitive Robotics Association
 • Vikings for Christ (Member and Treasurer)
 • Active community and church volunteer
 • Rocket building
ACADEMIC HONORS:
 • National Honor Society (Board Member)
 • Special Congressional Recognition for science
 • Second-place, Utah Science Fair for research on animal behaviors and habits
 • Highest Honors Award
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: Mrs. Benjamin was the first teacher to introduce me to the depth and breadth of science.
SCORE: 1888.896



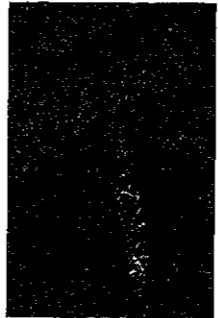
NAME: Joe Marshall
PARENTS: Robin and Ed Marshall
SIBLINGS: Jennifer (16) and Nicole (14)
POST GRADUATION PLANS: University of Michigan to study business
CAREER PLANS: Own my own business
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:
 • Varsity Basketball Team (Captain)
 • National Honor Society (Vice President)
 • Student Council
 • DECA
ACADEMIC HONORS:
 • Congressional Award for English from Thaddeus McCotter
 • MHSAA Scholar Athlete
 • Honor Guard Escort for senior graduation
 • Academic All-State Basketball Team
 • Interview committee for new English teachers
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: Mrs. Terry Carlson taught me to think on a much deeper level.
SCORE: 1888.896



NAME: John Nielsen
PARENTS: John and Carolyn Nielsen
SIBLINGS: Katie, age 14
POST GRADUATION PLANS: University of Michigan, School of Engineering
CAREER PLANS: Aerospace Engineering
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:
 • Theater
 • Student Council (Treasurer)
 • Choir Council (Treasurer)
 • National Honor Society
ACADEMIC HONORS:
 • Special Congressional Recognition for outstanding student achievement
 • Performing Arts Award of Excellence
 • Award of Academic Highest Honors
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: Choir Director Mary Rashid because of all the different and difficult challenges that she has thrown my way over the past 4 years.
SCORE: 1888.896



NAME: Steph Walden
PARENTS: Jim and Mary Walden
SIBLINGS: Jeff, age 20
POST GRADUATION PLANS: University of Alaska Fairbanks, majoring in Wildlife Biology
CAREER PLANS: Wildlife Biologist
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:
 • Cross Country
 • Softball
 • Theater Tech
 • German Club (Historian)
 • Exchange Student Host
ACADEMIC HONORS:
 • National Honor Society
 • Honor Guard at 2006 graduation
 • Scholar-Athlete award for cross country and bowling
 • Accepted to MSU's and UAF's Honors College
 • Highest Honor Roll
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: Mr. Meyer because he is a friendly man I can easily talk things over with.
SCORE: 1861.118



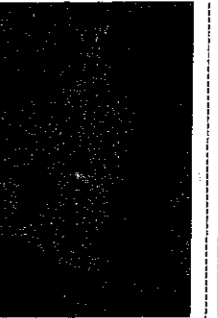
NAME: Sudarshan Sivamakrishnan
PARENTS: Siva Aranaclahan and Nirupama Siva
SIBLINGS: Sandeep Siva, age 11
POST GRADUATION PLANS: University of Michigan
CAREER PLANS: Scientific Research
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:
 • Varsity Tennis (Team Captain)
 • National Honor Society
ACADEMIC HONORS:
 • Highest Honor Roll
 • Academic Excellence Award
 • Scholar Athlete Award
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My parents because they taught me the work ethic and attitude that helped me succeed.
SCORE: 1930.202



NAME: Steven Wang
PARENTS: Lulu and Stan Wang
SIBLINGS: Michael, age 15
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Possibly the University of Michigan
CAREER PLANS: Engineering or Business
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:
 • Varsity Tennis (Team Captain)
 • National Honor Society
ACADEMIC HONORS:
 • Highest Honor Roll
 • Academic Excellence Award
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My parents because they pushed me to strive for the best.
SCORE: 1925



NAME: Venlet and Leela Rao
PARENTS: Venlet and Leela Rao
SIBLINGS: Samir, age 20
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Yale University
CAREER PLANS: Undecided
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:
 • National Honor Society (President)
 • Spanish Club (Treasurer)
 • Forensics (Co-Captain)
 • JV Tennis Team (Captain)
 • Community Service through Temple
ACADEMIC HONORS:
 • National Honor Society
 • Highest Honor Roll
 • National Merit Semifinalist
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My parents have always pushed me to strive for the best.
SCORE: 1892.702



NAME: Caroline Whitaker
PARENTS: Jeff and Lynn Whitaker
SIBLINGS: Andrew, age 20
POST GRADUATION PLANS: University of Michigan
CAREER PLANS: Biomedical Engineering
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:
 • Marching Band (Drum Major)
 • Jazz Band, Jazz Combo
 • Symphony Orchestra (Principal Percussionist)
 • National Honor Society (Treasurer)
 • St. Matthew Lutheran Church Youth Group
ACADEMIC HONORS:
 • National Society of High School Scholars
 • National Honor Society
 • Academic Excellence Award
 • Outstanding Performance in German
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My parents because of their guidance and support.
SCORE: 1888.896



NAME: Marissa Cann
PARENTS: Jim and Cari Cann
SIBLINGS: Shane, age 16
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Michigan State University Honors College
CAREER PLANS: Pediatrician, high school science teacher or medical researcher
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:
 • Student Council (Treasurer and President)
 • National Honor Society (Vice President)
 • French Club
 • SADD
 • Girls' Soccer (Captain) and Tennis
ACADEMIC HONORS:
 • National Honor Roll Award
 • Outstanding Performance in several subjects
 • Outstanding Academic Excellence Award
 • Invited to Walled Lake Western Leadership Camp
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My teachers because they are the ones who have challenged me intellectually but also taught me how to have a passion for science and math.
SCORE: 1888.896

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NAME: Nicholas Linkous
PARENTS: Roger and Wanda Linkous
SIBLINGS: Haley, age 13
POST GRADUATION PLANS: University of Michigan, chemistry major
CAREER PLANS: Medicine
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:
 • German Club (Secretary)
 • Model U.N.
 • Soccer
 • Wrestling
 • Symphony Orchestra
ACADEMIC HONORS:
 • Model U.N. Top Delegate
 • Special Congressional Recognition, Social Studies
 • National Honor Society
 • National Honor Roll
 • High School Honor Roll
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My parents have instilled goals and encouragement my whole life.
SCORE: 1861.118



NAME: Aishan Khan
PARENTS: Mayscen and Saameeta Khan
SIBLINGS: Ayesha (20), Sarah (13) and Anam (9)
POST GRADUATION PLANS: University of Michigan
CAREER PLANS: Doctor
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:
 • Model U.N. (President)
 • Tennis
 • French Club
 • Environmental Club
 • Diversity Club
ACADEMIC HONORS:
 • Apple Award
 • Special Congressional Recognition of Outstanding Achievement
 • National Honor Roll
 • National Honor Society
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: Mrs. Barjanin has shown me the fascination of chemistry and the importance of hard work and perseverance.
SCORE: 1854.173



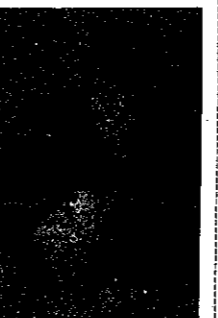
NAME: Brian Hurd
PARENTS: Barry and Kendra Hurd
SIBLINGS: Kelly, age 19
POST GRADUATION PLANS: University of Michigan, law or medicine
CAREER PLANS: Business, law or medicine
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:
 • Varsity Tennis
 • National Honor Society
 • Model U.N.
 • Spring Hill Teen Service Team Program
 • Guitar playing
ACADEMIC HONORS:
 • Apple Award
 • Special Congressional Recognition of Outstanding Achievement
 • National Honor Roll
 • National Honor Society
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My parents always encouraged my learning, provided love and support, also my grandfather who instilled his work ethic upon me.
SCORE: 1805.562



NAME: Andrew Lieberman
PARENTS: Michael and Lori Lieberman
SIBLINGS: Mami (15) and Alana (12)
POST GRADUATION PLANS: University of Michigan, then law school
CAREER PLANS: Attorney or politician
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:
 • National Honor Society
 • B'nai B'rith Youth Organization
 • Friendship Circle of Metro Detroit
 • Varsity Baseball
 • Employed at Prewarehouse Gym
ACADEMIC HONORS:
 • Honor Roll
 • Academic All-District for baseball
 • Academic All-State for baseball
 • McDonald's High School Athlete of the Week for week of April 15
 • Academic Highest Honors
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My parents for being strict when it came to my schoolwork; could not participate in extra-curriculars unless grades were up.
SCORE: 1798.617



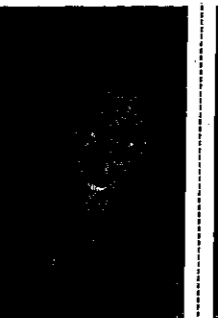
NAME: Zainab Khan
PARENTS: Naita Imitiaz and Nadi Kahn
SIBLINGS: Mustafa (16), Aamna (14) and Khadia (11)
POST GRADUATION PLANS: To study Political Science and then go to Law School
CAREER PLANS: To work in a law firm, eventually the government
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:
 • A.I.M. (Addressing the Issues of the Middle East) Club member
 • Diversity Club
 • Model U.N.
 • Positive Peer Influence
 • German Club (Secretary)
ACADEMIC HONORS:
 • Congressional Achievement Awards
 • Golden Apple Award
 • Highest Honor Roll
 • National Honor Society
 • National Society of High School Scholars
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: Mr. Froning and Mr. Lewis both show faith in me. This encourages me to work hard and do my best.
SCORE: 1787.5



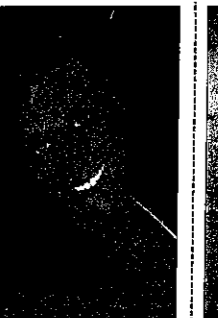
NAME: Dahnahnoo Park
PARENTS: Choonhee Kim
SIBLINGS: Siblings: Sora, age 16
POST GRADUATION PLANS: New York University, Stern School of Business
CAREER PLANS: Business or International Relations
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:
 • Spanish Club
 • Art Guild
 • Current Events Club
 • St. John's Hospice Volunteer
 • Track and Field
ACADEMIC HONORS:
 • Highest Honor Roll
 • Queensbridge Scholar
 • Most Valuable Volunteer of 2006 at North Korean Human Rights Movement
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My mom because she has always encouraged me to work harder and try my best in everything I do.
SCORE: 1880.25



NAME: Alexander Hoffman
PARENTS: Jeffrey and Susan Hoffman
SIBLINGS: Eric, age 20
POST GRADUATION PLANS: Wharton School, The University of Pennsylvania
CAREER PLANS: Finance concentration
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:
 • Managing Partner and Founder of E & A Designs, LLC
 • Founder of Friendship Connection
 • Founder/Director of "at risk" tutoring club at Meadowbrook Elementary School
 • Varsity Golf
ACADEMIC HONORS:
 • Scholar Athlete
 • Attended month-long program "Leadership in the Business World" at Wharton School
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My family by knowing what I could do at each critical stage of my life.
SCORE: 1818.118



NAME: Stephanie Lazar
PARENTS: Joan and Theonas Lazar
SIBLINGS: Siblings: Brandon (20) and Chad (14)
POST GRADUATION PLANS: University of Michigan
CAREER PLANS: Medical doctor
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:
 • Pom-pom (Team Captain)
 • SADD member
 • Spanish Club (Treasurer)
 • National Honor Society
ACADEMIC HONORS:
 • Highest Honor Roll
 • Two Academic Pins
 • Academic Letter
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My parents have always encouraged me to strive for academic excellence. They have supported me in all of my educational goals and helped me accomplish them.
SCORE: 1805.562



NAME: Jodie Schram
PARENTS: Kim and Walter Schram
SIBLINGS: Brandon (20) and Chad (14)
POST GRADUATION PLANS: University of Michigan
CAREER PLANS: Medical doctor
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:
 • Poms
 • SADD
 • Spanish Club
 • National Honor Society (Secretary)
ACADEMIC HONORS:
 • Highest Honor Roll
 • Two Academic Pins
 • Academic Letter
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My parents have influenced me to succeed and follow in their footsteps.
SCORE: 1798.562



NAME: Danielle Weeratunga
PARENTS: Breege and Don Weeratunga
SIBLINGS: Neal, age 14
POST GRADUATION PLANS: University of Newcastle Upon Tyne, England
CAREER PLANS: Oncologist
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:
 • National Honor Society
 • Tennis Team
 • Track
 • Forensics
 • French Club
ACADEMIC HONORS:
 • Highest Academic Honors
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: My parents because they taught me to be focused and self-motivated.
SCORE: 1798.312

Congratulations!



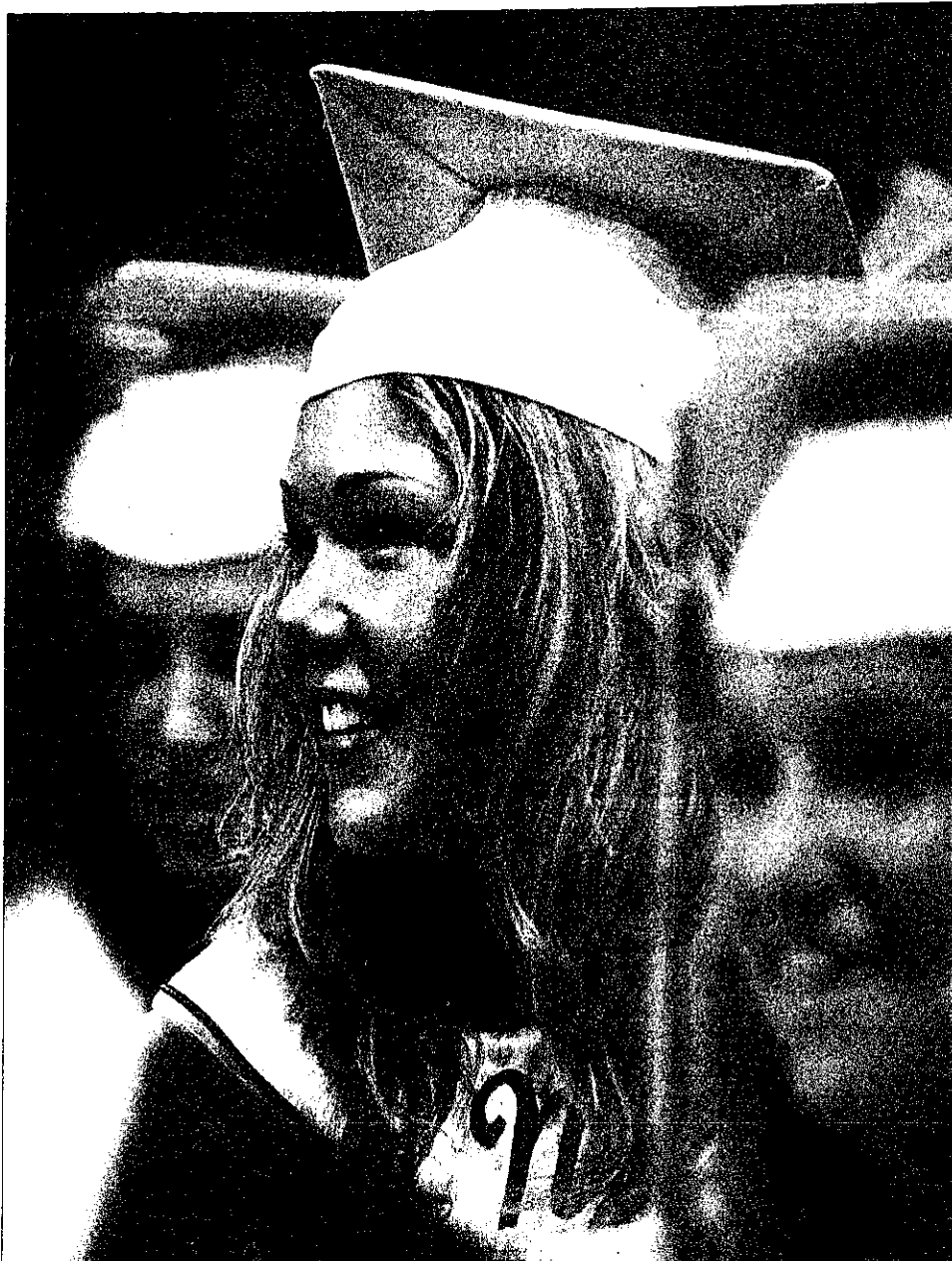
Novi High School class president Matt Lee addresses Saturday's Class of 2007 at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

Photos by
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A Novi High School student listens to a speaker during the NHS graduation.



A Novi High School graduate smiles during Saturday's commencements.



Novi High School graduates applaud for one of the distinguished speakers addressing the students during graduation.



Ryan Adams receives his diploma on Saturday night at Compuware Arena.



A few hours after playing a soccer game in Holt, Wildcat Stephanie Crawford receives her diploma.

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Pride of the Green and white

Novi High School graduates the class of 2007

By Renee Gates
NEWS SPECIAL WRITER

Congratulations Novi Green. Congratulations Novi White.

Parents, family members and friends filled Compuware Sports Arena Saturday to cheer and celebrate their graduating seniors as Novi High School held its 39th commencement ceremony for the class of 2007.

"I'm happy, but I'm sad as well," said Novi parent Mona Holland. "It happened so fast. One day you're walking them to kindergarten and the next day you're seeing them graduate."

"But pride was the main sentiment of the attendees. You could see it in the faces and expressions of parents as they vied for the best location to position their camcorders and digital cameras to capture the moment of their

graduates walking across the stage.

You could also hear it in the comments of Novi Community School District Superintendent Peter Dion, as he commended the 496 graduates on their collective achievement.

"You have been an outstanding group of students," Dion told the graduates. "You have represented Novi High School very well... I know that you are going to be tomorrow's leaders in Michigan, in the United States and even the world."

Nearly half of the class of 2007 graduated with honors, and as a group, the class was awarded or offered more than \$8 million in college scholarships.

"Seniors, we are extremely proud of you and your accomplishments," Dion said.

A four-year scholarship to Central Michigan University is going to magna cum laude graduate Staci Johnson, just for following her dad's advice.

"She asked me what she needed to do to get a scholarship to college," said Louis Johnson while propped behind his camcorder.

"I told her, 'get your ACT scores up... and stay on the honor roll all four years.' She said, 'That's what I'm going to do dad.'"

Staci marched with her classmates wearing the ladies' ceremonial Novi white cap and gown, a class of 2007 medallion and a golden lapel, signifying she maintained at least a 3.75 grade point average during her high school years.

"I'm very proud," Louis said. Proud sister Michelle Kim took a minute to laud over her summa cum laude, graduating brother, Christopher.

"We're very, very proud of him and expect many great things from him in the future," she said.

Christopher marched in the men's ceremonial Novi Green with his golden lapel and medallion.

The students experienced a wide range of emotions. As they waited to enter the auditorium, many looked relaxed, some nervous, but the majority probably echoed summa cum laude Allison Yee's comments.

"I'm excited and ready to leave (high school)," she said.

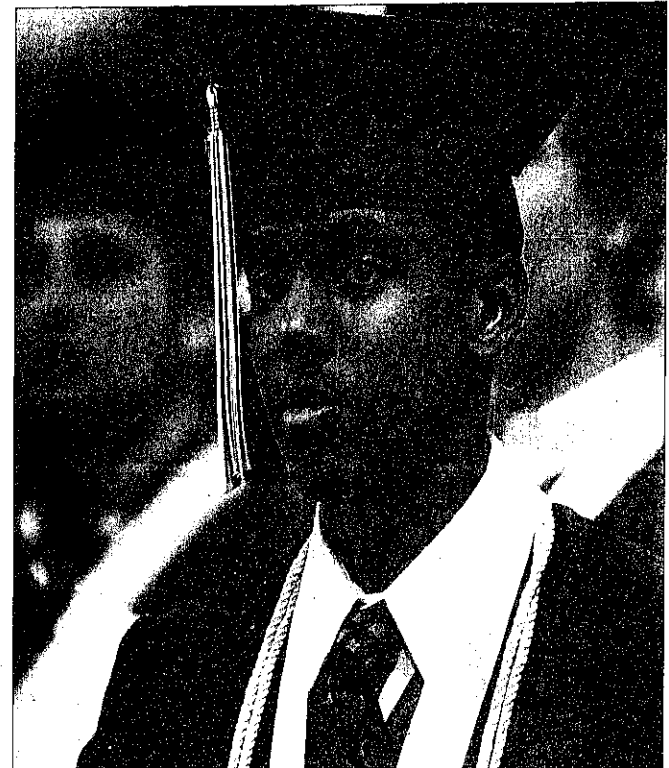


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Four hundred and ninety-six students graduated from Novi High School Saturday. Here one of them enjoys the commencement ceremony.

CLASS OF 2007 MEET THE GRADS



Dustin Abrego
Novi High School

Dustin, you have the ability to be whatever you want to be!! Congratulations, Love, Dad, Mom and Cheyenne



Kaylynn Cesarz
Novi High School

Congratulations KK! We are very proud of you. Love, Mom and Dad.



Victoria (Tori) Roney
Novi High School

Congratulations Wildcat class of 2007! Tori, we are excited and proud for you. Watch out MSU. She's a Spartan now.



Danielle Paulk
Novi High School

Congratulations Danielle! Trust us, your future will be bright and fulfilling. We love you, Mom and Dad.



Megan Sanctorum
Novi High School

Megan, we are so proud of you. Follow your dreams. Be true to your heart. Love, Mom, Dad and Kristen.



Stefan & Ryan Figurski
Novi High School

Congratulations! We are so proud of all your accomplishments. Good luck at MSU. Love, Dad, Mom, Keaton, Papa & Grandma.



Megan Spitz
Novi High School

Congratulations on your successful high school career. Good luck at U of M in the fall. Love, Grandma



Alexander Tempinski Prasad
Novi High School

Off to U of M you go, where did all the years go? Thanks for being you! Love, Mom, Dad and Hal.



Christina Lynn Masfrangelo
Novi High School

Congratulations Christina! Best wishes at Western! May good health, happiness and love of life always be with you. Love, Mom, Dad and Frankie.



Corey Burgol
Novi High School

Let the journey begin! We are all very proud of you Corey. Congratulations! Love, Dad, Mom, Jamil, Hanna and Adam.



Heather Johnson
Novi High School

Heather, we are so proud of you! Love, Mom, Dad and Holly.



Brendan Dellicelli
Novi High School

A Dream believed is a Dream Achieved! All our love, Dad, Mom, Anthony and Nanna.



WANT MORE? Check out photos and a video of the ceremony at www.novinews.com

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MY GRADUATION



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Novi High School Class of 2007 by the numbers

- 496 graduates
- 239 with honors
- 61 - Summa Cum Laude (above 3.95)
- 80 - Magna Cum Laude (3.75-3.94)
- 98 - Cum Laude (3.50-3.74)

Novi High School graduates were awarded or offered more than \$8 million in college scholarships, \$2 million more than last year's graduates (\$6 million). This makes a total of \$14 million in scholarships offered throughout a two year period.

Source: Novi High School



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I'm Next!
A Novi High School Class of 2007 graduate watches as her fellow classmates receive their diplomas.

Crossing the Stage
A Novi High School graduate crosses the podium and receives her diploma at Saturday's commencements.

Congratulations Class of 2007



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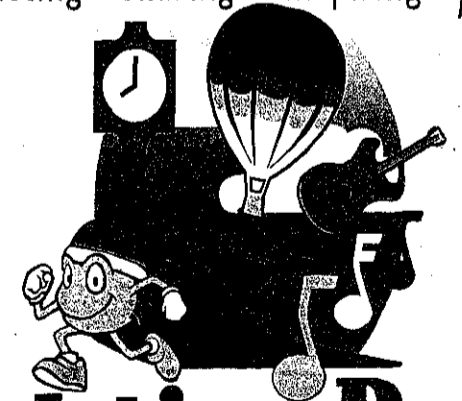
Andrew Aaron	Jacob Hansen	Brian Parkinson
Joseph Aiello	Kenneth Hermann	Conor Parks
Nicolas Ansara	Ryan Houska	Dustin Parmenter
Aditya Athavale	Eric Ingrody	Michael Pienta
Matthew Aubrey	Thomas Jablonski	Ronald Pluszczynski
Scott Bachor	Emery Jacques	Patrick Polzin
Zakary Belisle	Bradley Janer	Zachariah Polzin
Kenneth Bennett	Daniel Jonik	Casey Quinn
Steven Bokshan	Melwin Joseph	Joshua Radtke
Thomas Bolig	Ronald Kadykowski	Jordan Reilly
Nicholas Bolz	Paul Kemenu	Shayne Rodgers
Joseph Broderick	Joseph Khalil	Gabriel Rogers
Stephan Broderick	Ryan King	Eric Sarlito
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Kyle Cubr	James McDowell	Steven Strycharz
Charles Daly	Kevin McLean	Jordan Szetela
Shawn Davis	Gregory Merrill	Nathan Thrasher
Mark Dawson	Marcello Migliore	Matthew Tolkaez
Arun Dutta	Conor Milroy	Hendrik VanHolsbeeck
Michael Erlingis	Daniel Miner	Ross Verploegh
Austin Ewart	John Mizzi	Douglas Wagner
Scott Farida	Michael Morelli	Andrew Walters
Melvin Farr III	Brian Murphy	William Waterstreet
John Fitzpatrick	Matthew Muscat	James Weaver
Dean Fouchia	Grant Nelson	Ethan Whitesell
Eric Franz	Harrison Nguyen	Thomas Wyatt
Ryan Gage	Ryan Obarzanek	Brian Zardus
Adam Gasior	Michael O'Keefe	Vincent Zydeck
Jensen George	Zachary Oleski	
Harrison Hall	Kyle Pankow	

Novi High School 2007 National Honor Society Inductees

Majeed Abdul-Wahab	Summer Griesinger	Nicky Powell
Treesa Antony	Emily Hall	Camille Press
Radha Arghal	Mami Hashimoto	Saigal Reddy
Heather Armiak	Christine James	Ellen Robinson
Michelle Barber	Paige Janer	Sarah Robinson
Andrew Burkhardt	Jennifer Jocz	Victoria Roney
Megan Burns	Srilakshmi Kadiyala	Priya Roychowdhury
Ashley Bush	Navina Kapur	Chris Shen
T.J. Butler	Jina Kim	Spencer Shepherd
Jacob Carless	Abhigna Kodali	Michelle Simon
Anisha Chadda	Vikas Kodali	Rachel Sionkowski
Stephanie Chen	Kelsey Lash	Alexandra Smith
Michael Chung	Catherine Leszcz	Sara Snyder
Kara Collins	Melissa Levoska	Stephen Sorensen
Stephen Cook	Andi Li	Chip Switzer
Satya Dalavayi	Yangcheng Liu	Navya Talluri
Katherine Dale	Melissa Ludke	Alison Thomas
Zachary Danks	Kaitlyn Lynch	Kyle Tice
Leslie Davies	Shwetha Maddur	Evan VanBuhler
Hilary Diacono	Mani Mahadevan	Nathan VanNortwick
Dayna Dines	Consuelo McAboy	Tyler Vincent
Alessandro Donini	Hollie McDonald	Kellie Wallen
Danielle Fahoome	Sean McDonald	Kyle Williams
Justin Farooq	Robert Mitchell	Sarah Wizinsky
Jordan Feight	Sudharshan Mohanram	Brent Wornack
Jennifer Felcher	Kaley Moore	Laura Yee
Michelle Fernandez	Annalisa Morgan	Fumitoshi Yonemura
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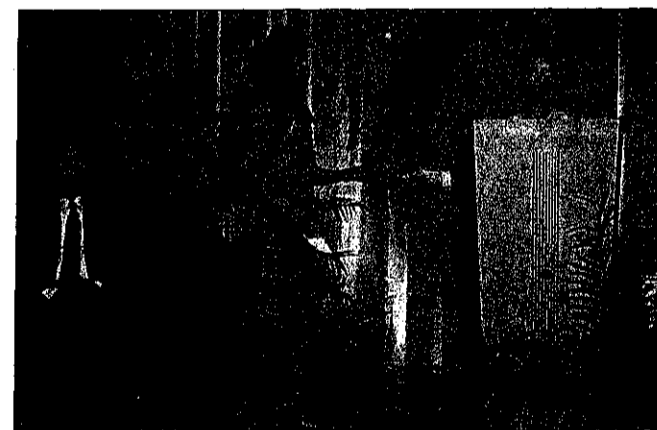
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Home Owners Do You Know... Repairs Can Improve The Value of Your Home

HOME REPAIRS BEFORE SALE CAN ADD VALUE

Many homeowners often overlook easy and relatively inexpensive fixes that can add real value to a home's value. While major remodeling is costly and may not address the needs and tastes of owners, these repairs and maintenance suggestions have universal appeal and may help a home increase in value.

INTERIOR - If You Are Planning To Sell

- Bathrooms and the kitchen should be given a deep cleaning. Homeowners should consider hiring a cleaning company that offers "move-in / move-out" cleaning services to do the job.

- If kitchen cabinet surfaces are in bad shape, refacing may be an option. Far less expensive than new cabinetry, refacing can give old and worn cabinets new life and can visually update a kitchen.

- Consider replacing kitchen or bathroom counters with a neutral colored laminate surface if the current material is badly worn or stained. This gives everything a fresh look and prevents buyers from focusing on an eyesore.

- Fresh paint on the walls and ceilings will do wonders for all rooms in the house. Stick to neutral colors so that buyers aren't distracted by the color. They'll be able to imagine themselves and their furniture in the space much more easily.

- If carpet is covering hardwood floors, consider having the carpet removed to expose the hardwood flooring. Hardwood floors are desirable, so they should be shown off. If carpet is to remain, it should be thoroughly cleaned.

EXTERIOR

- If the entire exterior needs painting, it should be done. Buyers notice if paint is faded and peeling. If the paint is in good shape overall, renew the doors and trim with a fresh coat.

- Clean the windows inside and out so they sparkle. It's amazing what a difference this can make in a home's appearance. Hiring a professional window cleaning company is the easiest and safest way to get the job done on a multi-story home.

- Clear clutter from the yard, keep the lawn mowed, and trim any overgrown shrubs that are detracting from the home's appearance. The home should look well maintained even at first glance.

- Plant some bright, colorful flowers along an entry path and doorway to add a welcoming touch. Homeowners should save their major remodeling projects (and budget) for their new home, not the one they are about to sell, but implementing some of the steps above can increase the appeal to prospective buyers without a huge investment of time or money.

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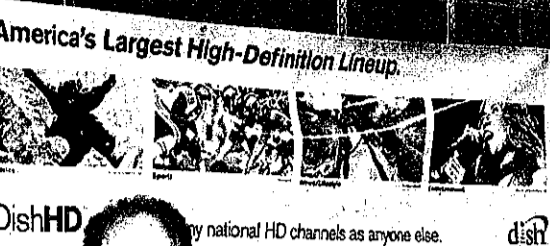
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100 MB hard drive space and an Ethernet card are required.

With a Macintosh — computer 300 MHz or faster processing speed, 128 MB RAM, OS 10.2 or higher operating system. A hard drive with 100MBH of space and an Ethernet card are required.

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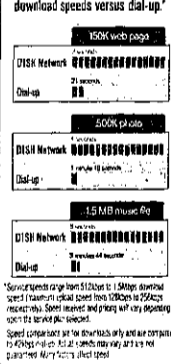
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Important Things You Should Know About Your DISH Network High-Speed Internet powered by WildBlue Service

Offer subject to change without notice. Available in the continental United States only. At installation, you are required to sign DISH Network's Customer Agreement. You may review the full Customer Agreement by visiting www.dishnetwork.com.

For your convenience, we have included below some of the key terms and conditions of the DISH Network Customer Agreement, which incorporates the additional policies set forth in DISH Network's web site. If you do not agree to the terms of the Customer Agreement or DISH Network's policies, your installation technician will not install the service.

All DISH Network High-Speed Internet service plans require an 18-month minimum service term ("Minimum Service Term"). If you elect to terminate this Agreement or downgrade your programming below the required minimum service of the Silver Package, or your service is disconnected for any reason, and all services and other fees are charged to you by the Initial Term have not been paid in full as of such termination, downgrade or disconnection, you agree to pay, and we will automatically charge a cancellation fee equal to \$25.00 multiplied by the number of months remaining in the Initial Term to your DISH Network High-Speed Internet account or your credit card as defined by your DISH Network High-Speed Internet Prepayment Agreement, at our option. You are required to return the DISH Network Equipment provided to you at the time of installation as outlined in your customer agreement (orders and TFA). DISH Network is not obligated to re-install the leased equipment assigned to you.

To ensure that all DISH Network High-Speed Internet customers have equitable access to the service, DISH Network has set a monthly 30-day limit on data usage per customer called Usage Threshold, created in our Fair Access Policy (FAP). We will notify you via other DISH Network contact and/or address of your Usage Total reaches 80% or more of the Usage Threshold. If at any time your Usage Total is above the Usage Threshold, we will reduce your DISH Network High-Speed access speeds, typically up to 128 kbps, in the downstream (from the Internet to you) and 28 kbps in the upstream (from you to the Internet) until your Usage Total is 50% less than the Usage Threshold. Once your Usage Total reaches 50% less, your access speeds will be restored to the original speed levels by the next day. Please note that speed reductions of the FAP may result in an interruption of your DISH Network High-Speed Internet subscriber agreement, and you will owe the cancellation fee described above, if you have not satisfied your Minimum Service Term at that point. Usage Thresholds are as follows:

Silver Package - Upload Threshold is 2,000MB and the Download Threshold is 7,500MB
Gold Package - Upload Threshold is 3,000MB and the Download Threshold is 12,000MB
Platinum Package - Upload Threshold is 5,000MB and the Download Threshold is 17,000MB

*Upload Threshold is the volume of data that can be uploaded during the previous 30 days before the Fair Access Policy may restrict the user's speeds.
*Download Threshold is the volume of data that can be downloaded during the previous 30 days before the Fair Access Policy may restrict the user's speeds.

PC/Windows: 300 MHz or faster processing speed, minimum 128 MB RAM, and Windows 2000, XP Home or SP Professional operating system. 100 MB of hard drive space and an ethernet card are required.
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