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Novi student Eric Mazza, bottom, prepares to pass on a large ball during a relay race at last week's elementary school field day activities.

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By Holly Bowne  
 SPECIAL WRITER

When 42-year-old Mary Sekuloski ultimately lost her battle against cancer April 28, her daughter, Lainy, initially felt like giving up her fight as well.

The 17-year-old Novi High School senior is team captain of the Pavement Pounders and Luminaria Chairperson for the upcoming American Cancer Society's Relay For Life of Novi event.

"When my mom first died, I didn't want to think about Relay For Life at all," Sekuloski said. "But now, I'd say that I'm more driven than ever to find a cure."

The 24-hour event will take place Saturday at Novi Middle School, starting at 10 a.m.

Sekuloski has been an active member of Relay For Life for several years.

While Sekuloski and her family have struggled to accept the loss of a loving mother, wife, sister and friend, extended family and friends have stepped up to help in any way they can.

"People have come out of the woodwork," Sekuloski said. "And my team totally picked up the work on Relay For Life. They organized so many fundraisers that I didn't even know about, they did it all by themselves."

The 21-member team is really one over the 20-member maximum for their age group; but Sekuloski was given an exception.

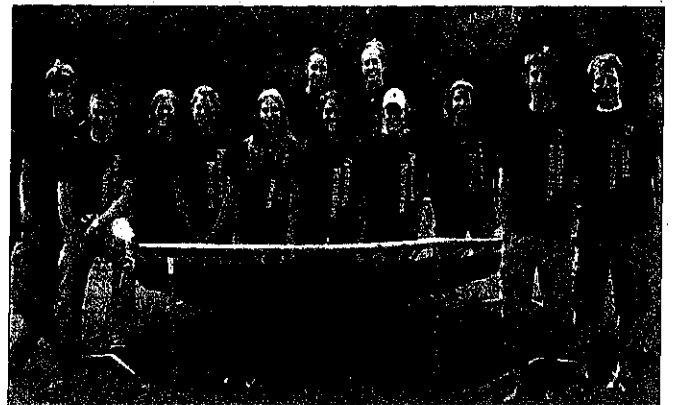


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Members of the Pavement Pounders will support founding member Lainy Sekuloski (top, left) as she remembers her mother during this weekend's Novi Relay for Life event. Sekuloski's mother passed away in April.

The Pavement Pounders team is moving steadily closer to its ambitious goal of raising \$10,000.

"We have about \$6,000 or so (that has been committed) online, and a lot of my team members have received cash donations that haven't been added in yet. So I'd say we're at around \$7,000-8,000 so far," Sekuloski said.

Many may recall the story about Sekuloski and her mother, Mary, in the April 17 issue of the Novi News. The story detailed Sekuloski's tireless work for the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life of Novi event.

Some positive results arose following that initial publication. Inspired by Sekuloski's story, a

former Novi High School student contacted her via Facebook, and told her he is establishing a summer house-painting business to earn money for college.

He now plans to donate a percentage of his sales to the cause.

In addition, Sekuloski received several requests for her unique "You've Been Flocked By Relay For Life" fundraising campaign.

A typical "flocking" occurs when, for a \$10 donation, someone arranges for Sekuloski to fill a friend's or neighbor's yard with 50 pink plastic flamingos during the night. It then costs the person \$5 to make the flamingos fly away.

Sekuloski arranged for her employer, Speedway, located at 14 Mile and Haggerty roads, to be "flocked." She set up some unique requirements, however, for the flamingoes to be removed. She requested the manager donate 50 cents for every sandwich sold by the Speedway store that day.

"Between customer donations and sandwiches sold, we raised about \$314," said Speedway Manager Linda Grammar. Staff and customers of Speedway were so inspired, they went on to form a brand new Relay For Life team called Mary's

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**InvestNovi Web site provides central hub for businesses**

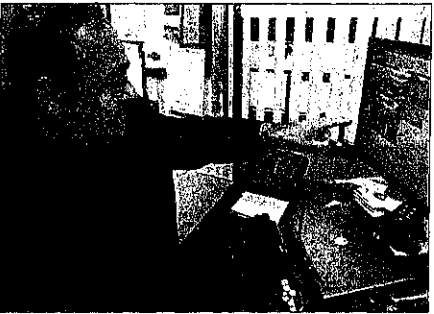


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Novi Economic Development Manager Ara Topouzian checks out the Web site he helped to create: InvestNovi.org.

By Chris Jackett  
 STAFF WRITER

Novi Economic Development Manager Ara Topouzian believes the City of Novi Web site has everything business owners need, but they are spending too much time looking for it.

So, in the spirit of maintaining the city's priority to encourage a stronger business community, www.investnovi.org was created.

"The city site has so much information, we wanted to pull out all the business information," he said. "It gives them, really, one Web site to get all their info from. We wanted to make it easier for businesses and site selectors to look at it. We want it to become a

one-stop source for the business community."

The InvestNovi site is a gateway to information about the city for businesses looking at moving to Novi. It has several facts and business demographics featured while also highlighting some of the city's finest businesses, both large and small.

"If you're a business looking to come into the city, you want to know what kind of businesses are already there. It gives the businesses a chance to see what exactly are the city policies," Topouzian said. "They can take a look at the different avenues, the different key ingredients of why people come here. This Web site will give the user a greater understanding of the market and business community. The Internet's a powerful tool."

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Realtors can also list non-residential properties for sale or lease under the "Available Sites" tab.

Aside from profiling Novi and providing business resources, the site is also a forum for key developments within the city.

"We wanted to use the site to promote our local businesses. This all goes toward our continual promotion of our business community," Topouzian said. "The idea is to promote businesses that may not get that recognition easily."

Web visitors will also have the opportunity to subscribe to e-Biz, a newsletter sent out via e-mail

every two months with updates on business developments in the city.

"It gives residents an idea of what we're doing in the business economy," Topouzian said of the site and newsletter. "It's an educational component for them. It gives them an idea of new businesses coming here."

Although the site just launched, Topouzian said businesses have already given him positive reactions.

"I think we're all very excited. It's gotten great response and it's only been launched for a little over a week. I'm looking forward to it growing," he said.

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**SATURDAY**  
 Nearly everyone knows someone who or has had cancer. Help raise awareness and funds for research at the annual Relay For Life at Novi Middle School, 49000 11 Mile Road. The 24-hour event begins at 10 a.m. and features booths for refreshments, games, entertainment, donations and more. For more information, contact Barb Iovan at (248) 663-3436 or Barb.Iovan@cancer.org, Kim Clark at (734) 276-0501 or kimclark@cs.com, or visit relay.acsevents.org.

**SUNDAY**  
 Enjoy classic automobiles? Check out the 5th Annual Classic Car Show and Barbecue from noon-3 p.m. at Crosspointe Meadows Church, 29000 Meadowbrook Road. The Ford and Mercury Restorers Club will have several vehicles on display and "The Chrome Grill" will be providing hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks. Call (248) 669-9400 or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org for more information.

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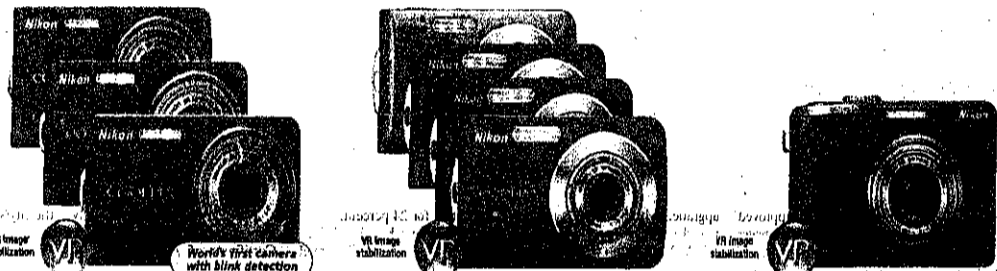
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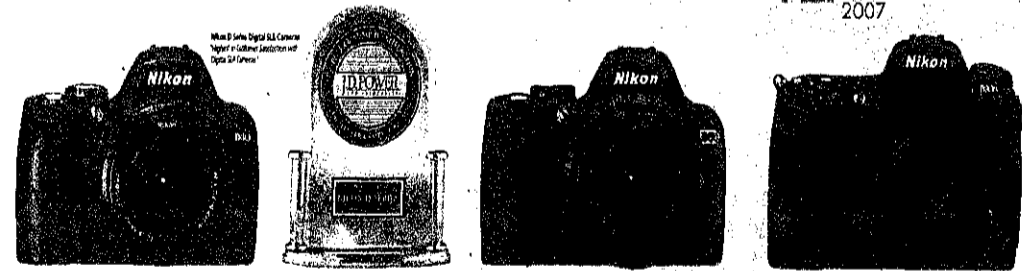
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# MY BUSINESS

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## Lotus Bank celebrates Novi grand opening

By Kelly Murad  
STAFF WRITER

Lotus Bank celebrated the grand opening of its Novi headquarters last Thursday with an open house and ribbon cutting ceremony.

"We are the only community bank of Novi," said Lotus Bank President and co-founder Satish Jasti. "Novi doesn't have a bank headquartered here."

The full-service community bank, which is located on 12 Mile Road, west of Novi Road, has been operating out of a temporary facility on Grand River Avenue since its inception February of last year.

"It's wonderful to have a financial institution here," said Ara Topouzian, economic development manager for the City of Novi. "It's a local bank, headquartered here. It's a unique business and I think that's what Novi's about."

Lotus Bank strives to provide customers a more personalized banking experience.

"We're not like every bank on every corner, we want to build relationships with the customers," said Jennifer Burley, Lotus Bank Assistant Vice President.

"Customers are more loyal when they have that recognition, when they walk in here and everyone knows who they are."

The customer service received by Lotus Bank employees is one of the reasons Farmington Hills resident Bharat Thacker chose the Novi location for his banking needs.

"The service is so good, sometimes the president will call me himself and tell me if something has changed," Thacker said.

Novi City Councilman David Staudt said he chose to invest in Lotus Bank because it is a local bank with local ownership.

Although Novi is currently the bank's only location, Jasti said they are looking to open branches in Canton and Troy in the next year or two.

"Our customers can use any ATM in the world for free," Jasti said. "We reimburse them."

Another way Lotus tries to make banking easier for its customers is by offering businesses Instant Deposit through Remote Check Scanning.

"It allows customers to make deposits from their office," Burley said.

The portable scanners have

front and back image sensors to capture both sides of the check. Currently there are 39 scanners in use by businesses who bank with Lotus.

"I like to say we have 40 branches, even though this is the only bricks and mortar," Jasti said. "We have customers from Grosse Ile, Grosse Pointe... they never have to come to the bank."

Aside from the services provided, Burley said Lotus Bank offers competitive rates for accounts such as money markets and certificate of deposits.

"This grand opening is something I personally have been looking forward to," said Novi Mayor David Landry. "This is a group of people from diverse backgrounds with an entrepreneurial spirit."

Although the bank is known for filling a niche for the Asian-Indian community, Jasti said Lotus is a bank for everybody.

"They're looking to reach out to the international community," Staudt said. "They have a different vision for how they want to operate."



Satish Jasti, president and CEO of Novi's Lotus Bank, stands in the lobby of the bank's 12 Mile Road branch. The bank held a grand opening last week.

## City of Novi receives high quality bond ratings from Standard and Poor's and Moody's

By Kelly Murad  
STAFF WRITER

Taxpayers will be happy to know the City of Novi's financial standing received two consecutive, high bond ratings, from Standard and Poor's and Moody's Investor Services.

The independent ratings agencies hired by the city, judged its municipal bond ratings to be of high quality.

"The rating translates to a

lower interest rate," said Novi City Manager Clay Pearson. "That translates to money saved on interest rates of the bonds."

Currently, the City of Novi has an overall outstanding debt of \$83.7 million, which includes the \$16 million for the approved water and sewer and road projects, and school bonds, among others.

In conjunction with the upcoming issuance of the library bond, Pearson, along with Novi Mayor

David Landry and Finance Director Kathy Smith-Roy, presented both agencies with the city's financial profile.

Standard and Poor's increased Novi's credit rating from an AA- to an AA+, a two increment upgrade. Moody's maintained the city's previous rating of Aa2, which places Novi among 15 percent of communities nationwide to receive such status.

Moody's cites Novi's diverse tax

base as one of the many reasons the city received an Aa2 rating.

According to Moody's analysis, residential development comprises 62 percent of the city's taxable valuation in 2008, with commercial and office development accounting for 24 percent.

"The city's tax base is relatively diverse," the analysis read. "Despite the declaration of new residential development, the city continues to enjoy its status as a major center for retail trade, high-

tech industry and convention activity.

**Excellence in Financial Reporting**

The City of Novi recently became a 12-time recipient of the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, which recognizes the city's comprehensive annual report.

Pearson said such recognition from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada demonstrates the city's strong fiscal management.

The GFOA also awarded the city's finance department with the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the past 10 years.

**NAWBO** introduces new board members

The National Association of Women Business Owners

Greater Detroit Chapter will welcome its incoming Board of Directors and present Chapter Awards at its annual meeting on Thursday, June 19. The following

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# MY ENTERTAINMENT

## Emagine shows hit 'Sex and the City'

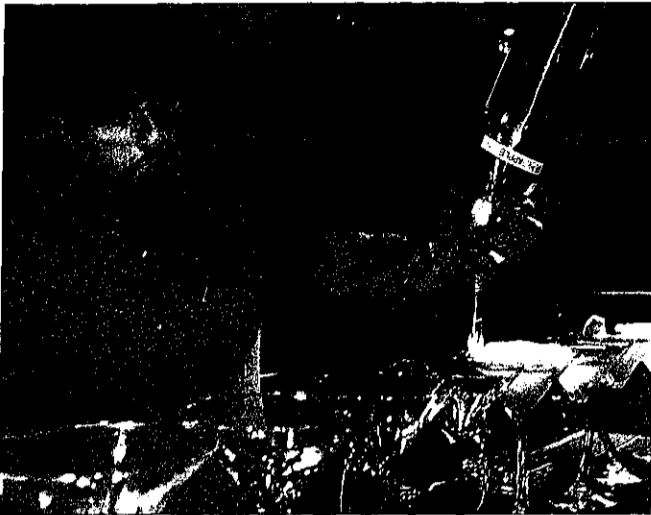


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Double Six bartender Sal Alnan mixes some of the Fountain Walk bar's many martini options. The bar was offering free cover to those with "Sex And The City" movie ticket stubs and was fixing to mix a lot of cosmos and martinis - the movie characters' favorite drinks.

By Kelly Murad  
STAFF WRITER

HBO's favorite New York City fashionistas exceeded industry expectations, with "Sex And The City" raking in \$55.7 million as the weekend's No. 1 domestic box office hit.

Carrie, Charlotte, Samantha and Miranda beat out last week's No. 1, "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull" bumping Harrison Ford to No. 2. In preparation of the highly anticipated reunion of the famed female four-some, Emagine Novi scheduled more than 60 show times for opening weekend.

Women flocked to the theater in Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk to see the 148-minute film, which featured all the sex, comedy, fashion and drama of the HBO series.

Although the movie is set three years later, the ladies' lives are generally the same as when the series came to a close four years ago, with the exception of Samantha now living in Hollywood.

Even with the same characters and similar story lines, the movie

"Sex And The City" at Emagine Novi

- "Sex And The City" (R) is 148 minutes.
- Emagine Novi is located at 44425 W. 12 Mile Road, in Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk.
- For show times and tickets call (888) 319-3456 or visit [www.emagine-entertainment.com](http://www.emagine-entertainment.com).

revealed to fans, in the movie, his full name "John James Preston," is exposed. Another revelation came at the end of the movie while the girls are sipping cosmopolitan martinis - which Carrie said they stopped drinking because everyone else started - celebrating Samantha's 50th birthday. Local bars such as Double Six Lounge inside Lucky's of Novi, catered to the "Sex And The City" crowd by offering the \$5 cover charge for movie-goers who presented their ticket stub at the door. Friday and Saturday nights.

O'Neill also said the bar was stocked full of ingredients to make "Sex And The City's" signature drink, the cosmopolitan martini.

"We actually have 12 signature martinis on the menu," she said.

## First Friday event to feature free art, online event, more

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

It's First Friday time again in downtown Northville tomorrow, with some rather unique events planned for this month's art and fashion walk.

Sherus Gallery of Fine Art in Northville Square at 133 W. Main St., will feature mixed-media artist Dana Harvey. The gallery will launch a unique concept in fine art shopping - Artissance.

Harvey will also sign the complimentary works, as well as any other works purchased at the gallery during the reception. Her exhibit and sale will be at the gallery through June 30. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday; noon-4 p.m. Sunday and by appointment only on Monday.

Harvey studied figurative painting in watercolor, collage and all mediums at the Glassell School of Art and the University of Houston.

Harvey discovered the beauty of encaustic painting and expanded her works to include a variety of subjects, including landscapes, which she finds offer a more subtle way to express emotions. (Encaustic paint is made from pigment mixed with melted beeswax and resin, then fixed with heat.)

She is interested in finding appropriate compositions and palettes to stir particular feelings, using the calendar/journal format and, more recently, the horizontal line, to evoke calmness. Harvey work has been shown at the Chase Gallery for the Boston Art Dealers Association for years.

traditional art gallery experience, there's something to be said for pouring a glass of wine, collapsing in an easy chair and shopping for art in the comfort of your own home.

During the 6-9 p.m. Wine & Cheese Opening Reception/Exhibit & Sale tomorrow, the first 50 registered guests will receive a free 12-inch by 12-inch piece on canvas of Harvey's work, "A Season Relived."

Guests must be at least 21 to register and receive the free work of art, which is also limited per household.

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Curated by Larson-Juhl, www.sherus-artmystyle.com features Harvey's work along with more than 100 artists, showcasing an exclusive collection of 2,000-plus selections that represent 18 genres of art, including still life, Americana, modern, abstract, landscapes, objects, contemporary and nature.

### Starring, The Gallery

"Starring, The Gallery," will feature photographer Glen Richter at its First Friday show from 6-9 p.m. Richter, of Bloomfield Hills, immersed himself in the artistic life of the West Coast in the 1970s with dreams of becoming a rock star.

While he hasn't yet appeared on the cover of Rolling Stone magazine, his years of work with cinematographers, directors, musicians and creative directors in the film and music industries have led to the production of some interesting photographs.

Currently, he is a freelance project manager, consultant, music and sound designer involved in numerous commercials and film projects, including Motor City Casino, the Detroit Red Wings, Country Crook and more.

He has had the privilege of working with many of the great people in the business - from Neil Young to Sam Rami, James Earl Jones to Eminem.

"I went after my dreams, and even though things never worked out as planned, it has been a very interesting journey," he said.

Nicole Jackson, owner of As the Page Turns Bookstore & Gallery at 149 N. Center St., Suite 102, will bring local artist and author Glenn L. Livingston at tomorrow's First Friday event.

Livingston, who has been painting for about 14 years, will discuss her work from 7-9 p.m. Her Caribbean-inspired oil paintings have been in shows throughout Oakland County.

Her book, "How I Got By: A Family Saga," is a historical novel based in part on the Underground Railroad through-out Michigan and Canada.

The piece is a passionately told story about courage, freedom and hope. It centers on an African-American family whose 100 years of history reveal its traditions, obligations and bonds of faith, trust, forgiveness and love. The story weaves a tapestry of lives when Nikki Alexander returns home for a family reunion after a 13-year absence. It takes the reader back to the 1800s when Alexander's great-great-grandmother, Lily, escapes slavery through the Underground Railroad, which takes her to Michigan.

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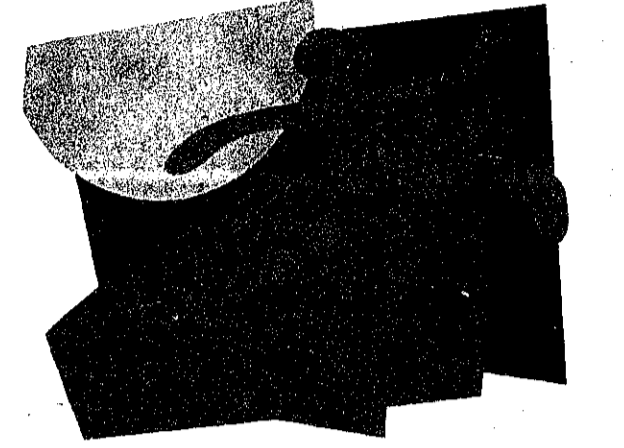
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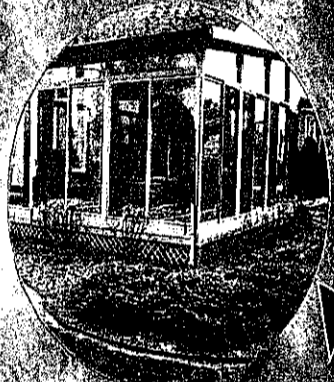
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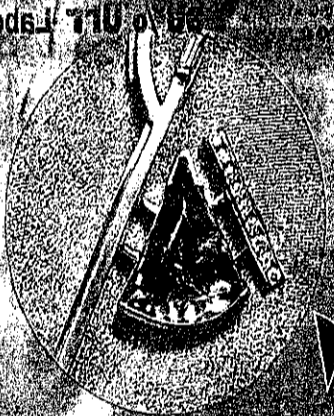
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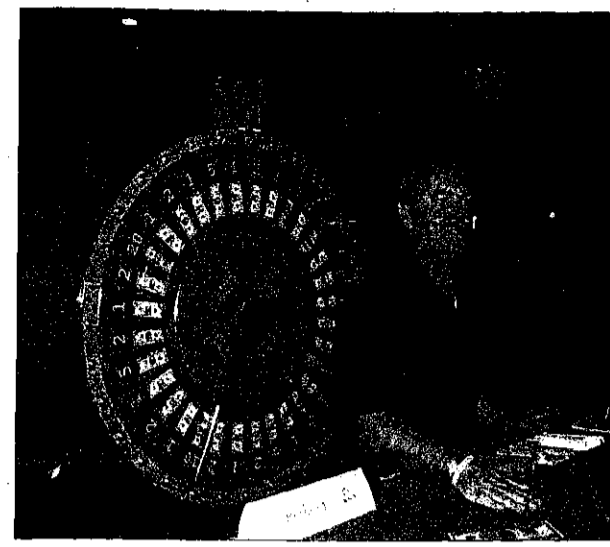
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The ITC Community Sports Park Dedication is open to all community members and will offer activities for children of all ages, including inflatable bounce, face painting, eco-friendly crafts, sports demonstrations, live kid's performances, free refreshments, giveaways and much more.

The roots of this occasion reach back to November 2007 when ITC announced they were making a \$500,000 donation to the Novi Parks Foundation to support development of parks, facilities and recreation programs in the city. The generous donation will be used to pursue the Novi Parks Foundation long-term strategic recreation vision in Novi.

For more information about the ITC Community Sports Park Dedication, please call (248) 347-0400 or visit [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org).

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**WEDNESDAY June 11**  
 4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Amusement Rides  
 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Circus Performance / Flying Pages  
 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Circus Performance / Flying Pages

**THURSDAY June 12**  
 2:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Amusement Rides  
 2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Boogie Bodies  
 2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Kid's Day  
 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Arts & Crafts  
 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Business Expo  
 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Look-Alike Contest  
 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Local Band Showcase  
 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Circus Performance / Flying Pages  
 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Jumper's Affair  
 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Grandiose Street Band  
 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Circus Performance / Flying Pages  
 7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Local Band Showcase  
 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Circus Performance / Flying Pages

**FRIDAY June 13**  
 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Care for Cats' Garage Sale  
 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Amusement Rides  
 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Boogie Bodies  
 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Arts & Crafts  
 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Business Expo  
 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Buddy Box Flying  
 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Circus Performance / Flying Pages  
 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Circus Performance / Flying Pages  
 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Body Mox & J.J.  
 7:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Circus Performance / Flying Pages  
 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Shades of Blue  
 10:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Fireworks / Laser Light Show

**SATURDAY June 14**  
 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Poker Run  
 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Care for Cats' Garage Sale  
 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Classic Car Show  
 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Antique Fire Truck Show  
 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. Amusement Rides  
 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Circus Performance / Flying Pages  
 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Arts & Crafts  
 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Business Expo  
 12:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Petting Zoo  
 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Spotlight Dance  
 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Talent Show  
 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Buddy Box Flying  
 2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Circus Performance / Flying Pages  
 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Circus Performance / Flying Pages  
 2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Boogie Bodies  
 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Toppermost  
 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Circus Performance / Flying Pages  
 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Reflections  
 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Circus Performance / Flying Pages  
 8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Midnight Spectacular  
 10:00 p.m. Fireworks/Laser Show

**SUNDAY June 15**  
 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast  
 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Amusement Rides  
 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Petting Zoo  
 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Boogie Bodies  
 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Buddy Box Flying  
 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Baggage Performance  
 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Veteran's Tribute  
 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Faith 4 Concert  
 2:30 p.m. Military Fly-Over  
 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Circus Performance / Flying Pages  
 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Father-of-the-Year Contest  
 5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Grandfather-of-the-Year Contest  
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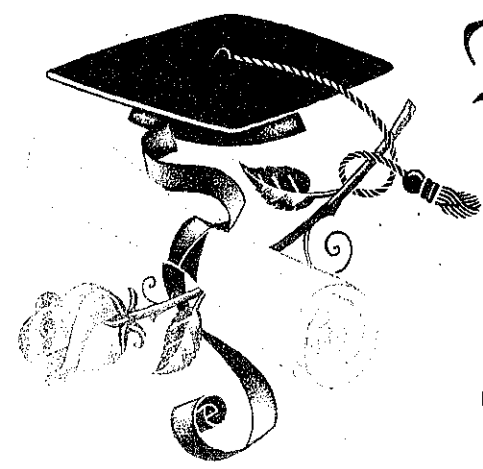
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## Class of 2008





# Presenting . . . . . The Grads Class of 2008



**Morgan Canup**  
Milford High School  
*Congratulations Honey! We're so proud of you. Make a little splash at Western University. Love Dad, Mom & Margaux*



**Shaun Giddings**  
Milford High School  
*May the blessed sunlight shine on you and warm your heart till it glows like a great great fire.*



**Bryant Ornes**  
Novi High School  
*We are so proud of you and your accomplishments at NHS. You are a class act. Love Mom, Dad & Spewer*



**Brad Wiley**  
Novi High School  
*Congratulations! We are very proud of you. Good luck at Wayne State. Love Mom, Dad & Morgan*



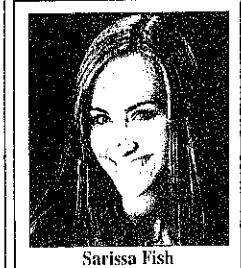
**George Nantian Mugerian**  
Novi High School  
*We are so proud of you. You have really turned your life around! Love Mom, Dad, Maryann and D-O-G*



**Niko Vlahakis**  
Northville High School  
*Congratulations Niko, we are so proud of you. Reach for the stars, work hard, the world is yours. Love Dad, Mom, George & Connie*



**Shaunt Markarian**  
Milford High School  
*You did it Shaunt! We're so proud of you. Love Mom, Dad, Kristina, Tiffany & Tyler!*



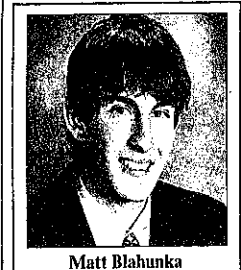
**Sarissa Fish**  
Northville High School  
*Sarissa, we couldn't be more proud of your accomplishments, character, loyalty and good decisions. Love Mom, Greg, Sierra & Blake.*



**Christopher Fowkes**  
Northville High School  
*We are so proud of all that you have accomplished! We love you! Mom, Dad & Josh*



**Amy Mitchell**  
Milford High School  
*We love you Amy. Best of luck at Central. Dad, Mom, Adam and Abby*



**Matt Blahunka**  
Novi High School  
*Matt, we are very proud of you and wish you continued success at college - keep up the great work! Love, Mom, Dad & Stephanie*



**Chrysta Niestroy**  
Milford High School  
*We are all so proud of you and your accomplishments. Continue to follow your dreams, as we know you will. Mom, Dad, Meagher's & Niestroy's*



**Daniel Poole**  
Milford High School  
*Congratulations Daniel! Mom and I and Chris and David are real proud of you! We love you.*



**Scott Davis**  
Novi High School  
*Scotty Boy, you are an amazing young man and we are so proud of you. Love always Mom and Dad.*



**Claudia Hernandez**  
Northville High School  
*Congratulations Claudia, we are so proud of you. You did a great job! Your Family that loves you.*



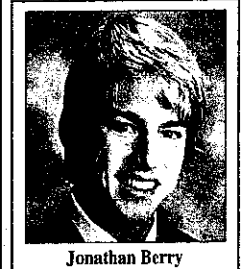
**Savanna Garrette**  
Milford High School  
*We are so proud of you. Mom would have been too. Focus on your future. We will always support you.*



**Nicole Ross**  
Milford High School  
*Congratulations Nicole! Great Job! Have fun at MSU! Love Mom, Dad, Chris and Casey*



**Ryan Belanger**  
Novi High School  
*We are so proud of you and your accomplishments. Your future will be bright at M.S.U. or DePaul University. Mom & Dad.*



**Jonathan Berry**  
Northville High School  
*When reaching for the stars, don't get lost in the night sky will be bright at M.S.U. or DePaul University. Mom & Dad.*



**Alex Parvana**  
Novi High School  
*Congratulations to our beautiful daughter. We are very proud of you. Love Mom, Dad and Jessie*



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**Alyssa Menovcik**  
Northville High School  
*Alyssa, we are so proud of the person you have become. This is just the beginning, make your dreams come true. Love Mom & Nathan*



**Daniel Klarr**  
Northville High School  
*Best of Luck at Albion. We are very proud of you. Love Mom, Dad and Tommy*



**Jordan Ajlouni**  
Northville High School  
*"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world" (Nelson Mandela). Love, Mom, Dad & Adam*



**Tori Brown**  
Milford High School  
*Congratulations & Good Luck Bowling for Bellarmine University in Louisville, KY. We are proud of you and your accomplishments. Love, Mom, Dad & Trey*



**Elijah Lee Filip**  
Milford High School  
*Congratulations Eli. Way to go... We are so proud of you! Love, Mom, Ken, Nate & Tess*



**Brianna Diegel**  
Northville High School  
*Hi, we are so proud of everything you've accomplished. There's no doubt, with your determination, that you will have much success in all you do. Love, Mom, Dad, Nick and Alex*



**Kristen Hansen**  
Novi High School  
*Your hard work and dedication paid off. Good luck at U of M. Go Blue! Love, Mom & Dad*



**Bridget Marie Lynch**  
Novi High School  
*You've come far as a student. Best always in your dance and chorus ability. Love, Mom, Dad, and Grandma Beiger*



**Chae Mamayek**  
Lakeland High School  
*Chae, your achievements amaze us. Keep flying, knowing we're here to get your plane. You make us proud. Love, Your Fam.*



**Brooke Vermillion**  
Novi High School  
*Congratulations Brooke - We are so proud of you! Love, Dad, Mom, Grandma & Grandmama*



**Robert Bell**  
Northville High School  
*Dear Robert, Thank you for filling our lives with joy! We are so proud of you. 2 Timothy 1:7 Love you, Mom & Dad*



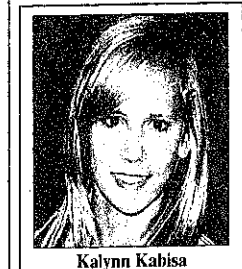
**Marissa Thomas**  
Novi High School  
*Marissa, your choices are endless but some require hard work. We will always be there if you need us. Love, Your Family.*



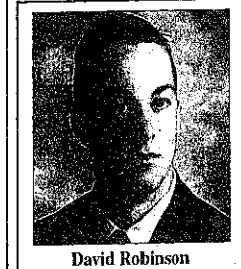
**Rachelle Anne Lotrey**  
Novi High School  
*May your future be filled with happiness and success. Congrats on your graduation. Love always, Dad, Mom, Kristen and Reanna*



**Jarad Gusta**  
Northville High School  
*We're so very proud of you! It was a long hard road... YOU did a great job! Love, Your Family*



**Kalynn Kabisa**  
Lakeland High School  
*We've watched you blossom from a little girl into a beautiful young lady. Very proud of you. Love, Dad, Mom & Cody*



**David Robinson**  
Detroit Catholic Central  
*We are very proud of your acceptance to Butler University and being recruited to play football. Love, Mom, Dad & Adriana*



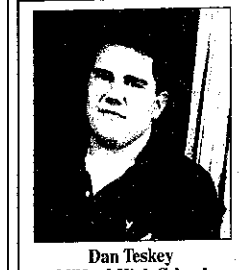
**Shannon Sparrow**  
Novi High School  
*Shannon, Congratulations! We are so very proud of your academic accomplishments and athletic achievements. All our love, Mom & Dad*



**Julie A. Crist**  
Novi High School  
*Congratulations to our young success! We are so proud of you! Have fun in college! Study hard too! We love you!*



**Ryan John Meier**  
Novi High School  
*Congratulations Ryan! We are so proud of you. Keep your Irish eyes smiling. Go get 'em. Love, Mom, Dad, Kenny & Patrick*



**Dan Teskey**  
Milford High School  
*Dan, Happiness and love surround you. Your high standards and quick wit will serve you well. "Shoot high" and you'll reach your goals. Love, Mom, Dad & Jake*



**Kaitlin Zack**  
Grand Valley State University  
*Congratulations Katie! We're proud of you! Love, Mom, Dad, Kristen & Andrew.*



# ALL AREA ACADEMIC TEAM



## Alex Shashlo

**SCHOOL:** Northville High School  
**EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:** Varsity Tennis, Travel Baseball, Hope Lutheran Youth Group, Marching, Jazz Band, Orchestra, National Honors Society, German Club Vice President, Quiz Bowl Captain  
**ACADEMIC HONORS:** NCTE Writing Award, AP Scholar Magna Cum Laude, National Merit Finalist, Presidential Scholar  
**POST GRADUATION PLANS:** Georgetown University  
**CAREER PLANS:** Become a lawyer and enter into politics.  
**WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST IN YOUR ACADEMIC CAREER?** My parents. They have always supported my every endeavor both in and out of school.  
**PARENTS:** Andrew and Donna Shashlo  
**SIBLINGS:** Leanne, 14



## Max Kolasinski

**SCHOOL:** Lakeland High School  
**EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:** LHS Marching Band, MITES  
**ACADEMIC HONORS:** Academic Excellence Award, Phi Beta Kappa, Michigan Technological University Presidential Excellence Scholarship  
**MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT:** Making waffles in the lunchroom with my friends  
**POST GRADUATION PLANS:** Attending the University of Michigan  
**CAREER PLANS:** Undecided  
**WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST IN YOUR ACADEMIC CAREER?** 11th grade math teacher, Mr. Michael Braden. Mr. Braden was such a fantastic teacher that I went from disliking math to having it become one of my favorite subjects. It was a hard class, but it really paid off in the end, as it gave me the motivation to enroll in AP Calculus AB the next year.  
**PARENTS:** Roger and Suzanne Kolasinski  
**SIBLING:** Kevin Kolasinski, 24.

## Sami Khan

**SCHOOL:** Novi High School  
**EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:** Quiz Bowl, Math Club president, Guitar, Science Club president, Novi Youth Council  
**ACADEMIC HONORS:** USA Biology Olympiad semi-finalist, National Merit Scholarship finalist, AP Scholar with distinction  
**POST GRADUATION PLANS:** Harvard  
**CAREER PLANS:** Medicine  
**WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST IN YOUR ACADEMIC CAREER?** My parents have taught me to be inquisitive and love learning.  
**PARENTS:** Muhammed and Raushan Khan  
**SIBLINGS:** Farah



## James Weaver

**SCHOOL:** Catholic Central  
**EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:** Marching/Symphonic Band, Varsity Ski Team, Spectrum school newspaper, church youth group, photography, woodworking, cycling  
**ACADEMIC HONORS:** National Merit Finalist, Gabriel Richard Club, National Honor Society  
**POST GRADUATION PLANS:** Vanderbilt University  
**CAREER PLANS:** Engineering  
**WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST IN YOUR ACADEMIC CAREER?** My parents and my elementary and middle school education at New Morning School in Plymouth have had the most profound influence on my academic career. New Morning taught me that learning is following a passion, not fulfilling an obligation. My parents, as well as the faculty at Catholic Central, have reinforced this concept by allowing me to discover and pursue aspects of education that reinforce the interests and aspirations I value most.  
**PARENTS:** Tom and Jane Weaver



## Cody Grebe

**SCHOOL:** Milford High School  
**EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:** HOT Robotics Team - Robot driver/Team Leader, marching band, National Honor Society, mountain bike racing, triathlons, Boy Scouts - Eagle Scout  
**ACADEMIC HONORS:** Salutatorian, National Merit Commended Student, Board of Education Award Finalist  
**MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT:** Playing for the 2008 Robotics World Championship in Atlanta, Ga., in front of 25,000+ people.  
**POST GRADUATION PLANS:** Earn a mechanical engineering degree from Kettering.  
**CAREER PLANS:** Research and Development Engineer  
**WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST IN YOUR ACADEMIC CAREER?** Ms. Gleason. As a teacher and a mentor of the HOT Team, she inspired me to always challenge myself and to get involved.  
**PARENTS:** Sam and Suzanne Grebe  
**SIBLINGS:** Casey, 14



## Nathaniel Bohn

**SCHOOL:** South Lyon High School  
**EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:** Soccer, swimming (captain), marching band, National Honor society, Student Council representative.  
**ACADEMIC HONORS:** Valedictorian, AP Scholar, All-State Academic for soccer, Academic All-American for swimming, 4 years Academic Varsity letter.  
**MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT:** Be crowned Winterfest King, but all four years have had amazing moments.  
**POST GRADUATION PLANS:** Attend the University of Michigan School of Engineering.  
**CAREER PLANS:** Biomedical Engineer  
**WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST IN YOUR ACADEMIC CAREER?** My teachers. They have shared the wonderful gift of knowledge with me and always believed in me.  
**PARENTS:** William and Bethany Bohn  
**SIBLINGS:** Alex, 20 and Emily, 15

