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Through the efforts of the Wixom Firefighters Association and the Wixom Fire Department, the City of Wixom will receive a small portion of structural steel from the World Trade Center. This steel will be memorialized at Fire Station #1 and will serve as a reminder of the sacrifices made during and after the terrorist attack on Sept. 11, 2001.

As part of Wixom's welcome of this piece of history, a short ceremony was held June 8.

Upcoming blood drives

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Hope Drogmiller, 12, waits with her mother Kathy Drogmiller for the opening lap of the Novi Relay for Life last weekend. Kathy is an 11-year cancer survivor.

Youth rules the day at Relay

Teams raised nearly \$65,000 for cancer research

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Kids were the story of the annual Relay for Life in Novi last weekend as they flooded Puert Park to show their support for finding a cure for cancer.

A total of \$64,815 was raised by the 26 teams and over 360 participants, with 8-year-old Grace Price leading the way with an individual fundraising total of \$4,500.

And for one of the oldest participants, long-time Novi resident Virginia Barnes, 90, being surrounded by their enthusiasm was a "wonderful" thing.

"It's absolutely marvelous," she said while sitting under the Deerfield Explorers team tent on Saturday. "The fact they are so aware about how

terrible this disease can be is a good thing."

Barnes was there with her daughter JoAnne North, an art teacher at Deerfield and seven-year survivor. Cancer has had an unfortunate impact on their family as two of North's sisters also are cancer survivors and her father, Earl Barnes, recently died from lung cancer.

Spending the day together was emotional for both Virginia and North.

"I am just so proud of her," Virginia said.

North helped spearhead the first-time Deerfield team, and more than 200 kids participated in the event. The team finished second in fundraising with \$7,455, trailing only Team Grace, which raised \$8,054.

"We wanted to find a way

to touch a lot of kids' lives and help them feel empowered," North said. "We taught them they have the power to make change."

Price, a five-year survivor who gave the opening speech at the event, said it felt good to have many of her classmates there supporting her.

Her mother, Nicole Price, said five years ago she had to push her in a stroller around the track. This year she was out front carrying the banner.

"It's just so awesome to have her up there, and everyone" has been so instrumental in helping her go through this," she said.

Karri Standish, from Dearborn Heights, was attending her first Relay for Life as a member of Team OBRENOVICH.

The Novi Middle School principal has sported several titles throughout his time in Novi. He started as a middle school teacher before moving to the high school; started and ran the community education program for the school and city; and was an assistant principal at

Saying goodbye

Three Novi principals with more than a century of experience calling it quits

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Three of Novi's five elementary school principals will be seeing their students out of school one final time on Friday as they head off to retirement.

And when they leave, the three men — Paul LePlae, Richard Njus and Milan Obrenovich — will be taking a combined 127 years of educational experience and history with them.

Two of them, Obrenovich and LePlae, spent 45-plus years in Novi, and admitted leaving will be tough.

"I am planning to wear sunglasses at dismissal time," said LePlae, who has been in education for 42 years and Novi for 37 years including the last 25 as the principal at Orchard Hills. "Every year the staff stands outside the school and waves goodbye to the buses and to me it truly is going to be my last day."

Obrenovich, the Novi Middle School principal, is the longest tenured of the bunch, finishing his 45-year career that started and ended in Novi. He admitted that he "would have been here forever," but after taking the retirement incentive last year and using the one-year extension, he must now officially retire.

"I just thought someone else ought to experience this enjoyment and fun," he said.

Njus is the least experienced of the group with 40 years in education and 12 as the principal of Deerfield Elementary.

The three replacements have already been hired by the district with Stephanie Schriener taking over at the middle school, Pam Quinquit at Orchard Hills and Kim Warren at Deerfield.

OBRENOVICH

The Novi Middle School principal has sported several titles throughout his time in Novi. He started as a middle school teacher before moving to the high school; started and ran the community education program for the school and city; and was an assistant principal at

the middle school and high school before taking over the top spot at the middle school, a place he has been for the last 21 years.

Obrenovich also coached several sports including football, basketball and track.

Novi was just a village when he started, and the district did not have its first high school graduation until 1969.

When asked why he never left, he stated simply, "It's the people."

"It's like a coach getting a talented team every year," he said. "How can you go wrong?"

Obrenovich said he is proud of being part of the district's success over the years, crediting much of that success to the increased diversity in the district. Retirement wasn't something he necessarily planned for, even though he knew it was coming, and he said his outlook for the future will be the same.

"I have always been in the moment, and when I get there I will deal with it," he said. "I will continue to enjoy life how I have for the last 45 years."

LEPLAE

Novi was an "upcoming" district when LePlae came to town as the district's first administrative intern.

He said Northville was considered "big brother," but as time went on Novi continued to improve as it grew.

"Today we have become, through a lot of effort, one of the top districts in the state of Michigan and the country," he said. "I think we are on equal footing now."

LePlae spent the majority of his career at Orchard Hills, something he said has been a blessing because he had an opportunity to grow relationships with families and his staff over the years.

He has worked as a contracted employee for the district for the last seven years, following his first retirement, but said it's the end this time.

He said he wants to spend

Longtime Novi Road eatery to reopen under new name

10 North to feature sports leagues, interactive experience

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

It's been quite some time since the bar and restaurant formerly known as O'Toole's bustled with action.

But that should be changing soon as the unique facility, which features an outdoor patio, sand volleyball courts and a softball field, is set to open under a new name and with a facelift.

The new business, called 10 North on Novi

Road near 10 Mile Road, is being run by Jim Olekszy, a Novi resident who had been coming to the establishment and played softball for O'Toole's since moving to the area in 1991.

He said it always had a hometown feel, and he plans on keeping it that way.

"My hope is it remains a locally supported place, and we want to make sure we have a good balance between sports bar and family-friendly restaurant," he said. "You go to a place

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more time with his grandchildren and do some traveling. As far as his legacy, LePine said he hopes it starts with putting students first. "I hope to be remembered as someone who was caring and supportive to students and my staff and a good listener with parents," he said.

NJUS
Deerfield Elementary was still in the planning stages when NJus was called on to open the school.

It opened in 2000 as a magnet school before transitioning to a neighborhood school six years later. It was that transition that NJus called the "most difficult" in his career as an educator.

"We had to live in questions of why is this happening," he said. "It was a difficult time as a school community because we did not want to change. But because of what we lived through together, we became stronger."



Retiring Deerfield Elementary principal Richard Njus gets a hug from second grader Zora Jovicevic. When asked what he'd miss the most about being a school principal, Njus simply stated, "the kids."

Njus is a believer that a school's culture is more important than programs or a building, and he sought to create a "culture of soul" within Deerfield.

He is always encouraging his staff and students to adapt and think the role of educa-

tion should also be changing with society. "We need to have a much more global and digital understanding of where we need to be," he said. "It's not about tests, and it's very important we reexamine that. Schools should prepare students to

compete globally and we have to keep pushing ourselves." When the school year ends, Njus will be moving to Florida — fittingly, next to a school. His advice for his successor is simple — be a leader.

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Novi Middle School principal Milan Obrenovich is retiring in June after spending his entire 45 year career working for the Novi Community School District. Obrenovich also noted that a student once told him that he had "Novi" within his last name.



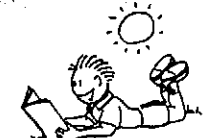
Retiring Orchard Hills Elementary principal Paul LePine hugs student Kaylin Stevenson, 8, at a party on May 24 commemorating his many years of service to Novi.

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Bananas, which was honoring a pair of friends who died from cancer. She said it was great to see all the support and plans to be back in the future.

"It makes you feel good to see all these people here fighting for the same thing," she said. "This was the first time the event was held at Fuerst Park, moving from Novi Middle School. Rachael Cook, community representative for the American Cancer Society, said it was well received by the teams."

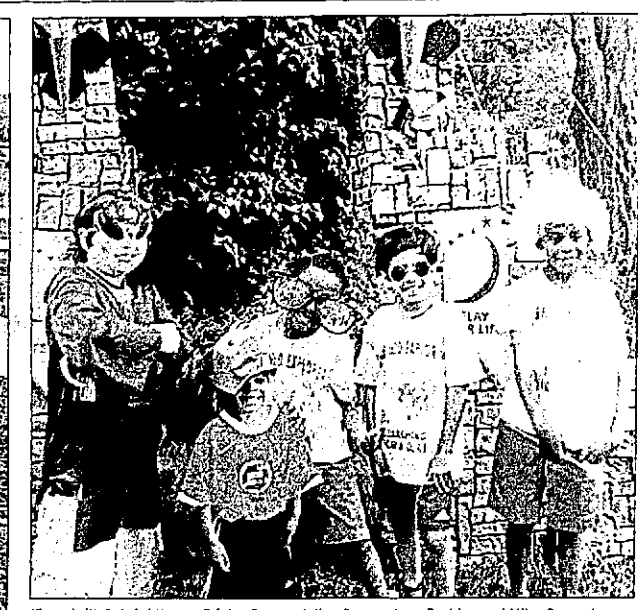
"It was definitely different and unconventional, but the teams really seemed to enjoy it," she said. "It's a beautiful park and we are hoping to be able to call that our home for the next few years."

As far as any advice for those battling cancer, Price shared some tips on what helped her overcome it. "You should never give up, stay strong and don't say you can't," she said. "You always have to believe in yourself."

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Grace Price, 8, (center) leads the cancer survivors on their walk around Fuerst Park at the annual Relay for Life in Novi last weekend.



(From left) Gabriel Young, Tristan Brown, Julian Brown, Arun Rushton and Miles Brown have some fun at the Novi Relay for Life last weekend. The event raised nearly \$65,000 for cancer research.

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The interior of the building has been renovated, complete with horseshoe bar design in the middle. There will be 15 flat-screen televisions visible from every seat in the place, and state-of-the-art technology will be at everyone's fingertips.

That technology is a new-to-Michigan point-of-sale system that uses Apple iPads and iPouches to take and process orders. Every server will have one of the devices, which will allow them to show customers a picture or video of the menu item, take an order at the table and send it to the kitchen and bar immediately.

Also credit cards will be swiped at the table and receipts can be e-mailed to the customers. Dave Danese, general manager, said wait staff will be encouraged to update Facebook and Twitter during their shifts, and a new customer profile system will remember a person's favorite items and give them discounts on those.

"It's going to truly be an interactive experience," Danese said. Olekszy has been working on the building since mid-October and expects to open by mid-July.

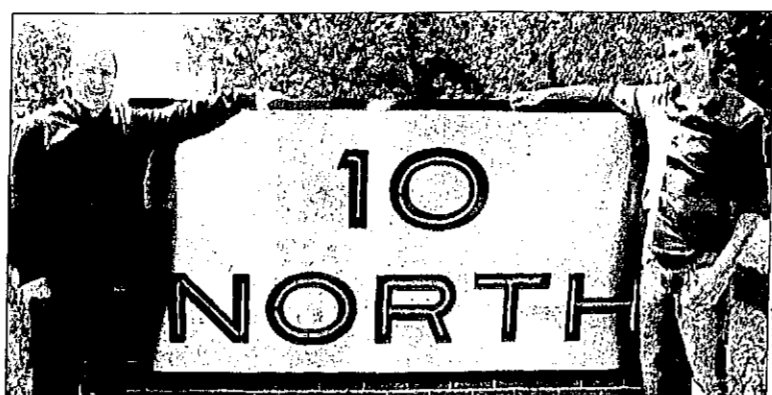
They will be running coed softball leagues, as well as men's, women's and coed sand volleyball.



10 North general manager Dave Danese, left, and co-owner Jim Olekszy relax at the bar's marble countertop on June 13. The pair are hoping to have the facility open by mid-July.

While there will be plenty of action at 10 North, Olekszy said the number one focus will be on food and service. The menu will feature American cuisine with some signature items, as well as a large beer selection with a Michigan focus. "Food first is our deal," he said. "To keep up-to-date on 10 North's progress, find them on Twitter or Facebook or visit www.10NorthBar.com."

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Jim Olekszy, left, and Dave Danese at their 10 North location on Novi Road, the former O'Toole's establishment.

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Novi teen shines in Chrysler's spotlight



Novi High School hockey player Mason Pew was chosen for the latest 'Imported From Detroit' Chrysler television ad.

BY TRACY ESTES
CORRESPONDENT

Who would have thought the once considered underdogs would become nationally recognized thanks to the Chrysler Corporation.

As part of their "Imported From Detroit" ad campaign, Chrysler chose 2011 state ice hockey champions the Novi Wildcats for a spot in their latest commercial previewing the Chrysler Town and Country minivan.

Wildcat's defensive player Mason Pew, 18, was chosen as the actor in the commercial along with his father, Paul.

Mason said the entire experience was completely serendipitous on his half. "I was actually sleeping when my mom told me it was a huge deal," Pew said. "I thought she was kidding. I pictured a local dealership commercial with me standing there holding a hockey stick. (Mom) said it was

going to be a nationally aired commercial, and I couldn't believe it."

The Wildcats won their first-ever ice hockey state championship against St. Mary's, 4-0, taking away the title from rival Catholic Central.

Chrysler's commercial made a point of proving that with hard work, nothing is impossible.

Pew said the shoot took place during his spring break April 9-10; his part taking 14 hours to tape.

When all his friends were in Mexico, Pew was taping a commercial.

my dad Hollywood and Hollywood, Jr. now."

Pew said he believes he was chosen to be in the commercial because unlike many of his teammates, he is not going on to play hockey in college.

"It is against the rules to accept any money for playing hockey before entering college," he said. "I did get paid for the commercial, which might have been a problem for some of the other team members."

The commercial aired for the first time May 22 during the final Oprah Winfrey Show. Pew said he and several teammates watched the entire show so they wouldn't miss the Chrysler commercial. He said it aired the last few minutes of the show.

"Even more than being honored I'm in (the commercial), I'm super pumped Novi was in it," Pew said. "Everyone was so excited. Not only was it Novi, the Pew family was put in the

spotlight. "Some people try their whole lives to get into a commercial. I just jumped the line and they came to me."

He said it was great being able to share the experience with his dad. He also said it was "cool to see the next generation of Chrysler minivans."

"Through this whole journey, really the only reason I got to do any of it is thanks to our coach, Todd Krygier," Pew said. "He got us to play-offs. He taught us to win, and he took us to the state championship. That's why I got to do the commercial."

Pew recently graduated from Novi High School and does not plan to pursue an acting career. He said he will be attending Michigan Technological University in the fall to study sound design and production.

To view the commercial via YouTube, click on http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z2uqDNYQ38&feature=relmfu.

New Farmers Market opens this Saturday
More than 30 vendors will kick off opening day

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Organizers are hopeful that a new location and new day will increase interest in the Novi Farmers Market as it heads into its second season.

Visibility was at the top of the list for changes, and the new spot at the Suburban Collection Showplace on Grand River Avenue will provide just that. Also the market has switched from Sunday to Saturday, a request voiced by many of last year's vendors and customers.

The market opens this Saturday at 9 a.m. and will be open every Saturday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. until Oct. 1.

Scott Stevenson, market master, said it's only a matter of time before the market is booming.

"There is great potential with this new location. And once people know where we are, this place should take off pretty significantly," he said. "We have a lot of room for growth."

More than 30 vendors ranging from fresh produce, baked goods, chocolates, jams and honey to candles, arts and crafts and flowers among others will be manning booths at the market when it opens.

Linda Daly, Novi Chamber of Commerce director, said the vision and purpose is to give people a local place to buy fresh produce.

"It's important for people to eat healthy, and all the produce will be picked the night before or day of," she said.

Stevenson said there has been a renewed interest in buying fresh and buying local over the last several years, and he believes Novi's market will meet the customer's needs.

"So many controversies have sprung up in terms of where our food comes from and what it has been through and what it might contain. And here people can get it right from the source and talk to the farmer to know where it comes from," he said.

Live entertainment and face painting also will be part of every market experience, with Gia Warner kicking off the festivities on Saturday. There also will be live cooking demonstrations, including one on June 18 that will support Mitch Albom's "Have Faith Haiti Mission."

The chef will be preparing rice and beans so shoppers can get an idea of what children in Haiti are eating, said Daly.

The market is being put on by a partnership with the Suburban Collection, the Novi Chamber of Commerce and Providence Park Hospital.

For more information, visit www.novifarmersmarket.net.

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Novi Choralaires director Jan Wassilak is retiring after 34 years leading the city's community chorus.

Farewell song

Longtime Novi Choralaires director retires

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Jan Wassilak didn't know what to expect when she showed up for her first day as the director of the Novi Choralaires in 1977 and only six people showed up. The group had only been in existence for two years, and Wassilak had her work cut out for her. But after getting word out in the community, the group grew to about 24 year in year one and has grown drastically since.

Wassilak said within five years they were "very successful."

"We were an overnight sensation, it just took us five

years," she said. "I thought it was time for the group to get fresh ideas and fresh talent," she said. "It was a very hard decision, but I wanted to leave when I felt good about what I accomplished, and I do."

The Novi Choralaires have been around since 1975 and perform two main shows per year, one before Mother's Day and the other at Christmas time. They also perform a few other times during their season that runs from September to May.

The group consists of more than 90 men and women ranging in age from early 20s to late 80s. Anyone in the community can audition for a spot in the group in September, and they practice every Tuesday night from Labor Day until the first week in May.

Some of the people who were with Wassilak when she started still sing with the group, including Becky Staab, who has been with the Choralaires for 30 years.

She said she will always remember Wassilak's knack for recalling music and picking out the right pieces. "She has always been able to get us to blend personally and musically," she said. "It will be different not having her here, and we have all accepted the fact she will be missed."

Wassilak said directing the group has "been a labor of love," calling the members the "nicest" people she has ever worked with.

"It was like an extended family, and we created a lot of friendships over the years," she said.

What stood out most to her was everyone's loyalty, and she encourages the next director to tap into their minds as well.

"My advice is to not be afraid to do something you really believe in and try something new," she said. "And also take the suggestions of the people there even if you aren't going to use them."

Even though she is retiring from the Choralaires, Wassilak still will be involved in music at the First Methodist Church in Farmington.

"I have no plans to give that up, but I don't know what I am going to do on Tuesday nights now," she said.

The city has posted the job, and plans are to have her replacement in place by the end of July.

"We are looking for someone with a good knowledge of music and will get us ready for our Christmas concert right away," said Staab.

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NOVI ON CAMPUS

Olivet Nazarene

Novi resident O'Malley King, a junior majoring in art during the 2010-2011 academic year, recently received a Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference All-Academic award. King competed on Olivet's women's track and field team. The Tiger athletes earned 48 of the 218 Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference All-Academic awards this spring, the highest total of any school in the 15-team conference.

Mississippi College

Novi's Veronica E. Salens was named to the list of academic scholars for the spring 2011 semester. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must maintain a 3.5 or better grade point average based on a 4.0 system.



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

City recognized for use of fed grant

The City of Novi received an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) in the amount of \$633,100 from the Department of Energy in March 2010. Since then, approximately 220,365 square feet of municipal building space has been retrofitted by installing various energy conservation measures which are anticipated to reduce energy consumption within six municipal facilities by 12.5 percent and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 15 percent, while reducing annual operating costs by an estimated \$97,153.

Novi was recently recognized as a leader in the implementation of the EECBG grant by the Department of Energy citing exceptional work accomplished not only in the execution of projects, but also in exceeding federal program requirements. According to Joseph Vig, Member of the U.S. Green Building Council, "Novi has done an excellent job, both with administration and using the (EECBG) money for its intended purpose."

"Novi's successful implementation of energy conservation measures is a direct result of exceptional teamwork and we are certainly looking forward to realizing the benefits," said Marina Neumaier, assistant finance director.

The movie biz

Have you ever wanted to know what it's like to work on a film set? "Production Algebra" is a book packed with information that will help you get into the film and video industry. Meet the author, Mark Adler, at Biggby Coffee on Grand River in Novi from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, June 25. Adler will sign and talk about the book and the industry; Biggby Coffee will offer a dollar off coupon for each book sold.

Industry professional and co-founder of the Michigan Production Alliance, Adler provides an overview of the film industry and detailed descriptions of the many roles that a production assistant plays on the set. Chapters include types of production assistants, specific duties, a day in the life on a set, terms and lingo, as well as examples of forms. This hand-book is your launching pad into the film and video industry.

Pontiac Trail closing coming next week

The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) expects to close Pontiac Trail to through traffic between M-5 and Welch Road in Commerce Township starting around June 22.

The closure is needed as part of the ongoing reconstruction of the M-5/Pontiac Trail intersection. The intersection is being reconstructed as a modern roundabout.

This section of Pontiac Trail will then remain closed until approximately Nov. 1, when the roundabout project is expected to be completed.

Any local traffic wishing to access homes or businesses within the closed section of Pontiac Trail should access the closed section via Welch Road (no access will be available from the M-5/Pontiac Trail intersection).

The detour route for Pontiac Trail through traffic during the closure will be Welch Road to West Maple Road to M-5 and back to Pontiac Trail and vice versa.

Gospel Music & Story Festival

An exciting new event celebrating faith-based music, story telling and fellowship is coming to southeast Michigan this summer. The Gospel Music & Story Festival will be celebrating faith-based music, story-telling and fellowship in Novi from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13 at Providence Park Hospital (Grand River Avenue and Beck Road).

Admission to the festival is free and open to the public. Families are invited to bring lawn chairs, picnic baskets and a spirit of fellowship. Food and beverage vendors and more will be available on site.

Those wishing to perform are required to fill out a no-fee application which is available at gospelmusicandstoryfestival.com on the festival's web site. The festival is seeking representatives from local congregations to sign up to share a compelling personal story of God's love.

If you have any questions, or would like to sign up to perform, please contact Elisa Balon, the festival's music and artistic director, at gospelmusicandstoryfestival@gmail.com or (248) 465-4522. More information can be found at GospelMusicAndStoryFestival.com

Salvation Army camp registration

Registration is open until June 16 for The Salvation Army's Farmington Hills Corps Community Center's annual summer day camp program.

The day camp is open to children ages 7 to 12 and will be held from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday at the Farmington Hills Corps Community Center, 27500 Shawwassee Rd, from June 20-Aug. 12. Cost is \$390 for the eight-week camp.

Camp programs focus on helping kids build self-esteem, avoid boredom and stay active during summer break. Daily activities at the camp include arts and crafts, field trips, educational and community events and a variety of recreational and social activities while providing spiritual enrichment through daily Bible lessons.

Early registration is encouraged as space is limited. Before and after care is also available upon request from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to 5 p.m. at \$5 per hour, per child.

For more information or to register, please call Community Center Director Julie Dorony at (248) 477-1153.



Assisting youths

Dave Johnson presents a \$5,000 check to Bob Steed at Novi Youth Assistance board meeting June 7 at the Novi Civic Center. The money was raised by Oak Pointe Church and a few other local churches by having a Men's GIANT Garage Sale on May 14 at the Novi Civic Center. Approximately 80 men from Oak Pointe Church set up and manned the seven tents of manly garage sale stuff from lawn mowers and weed eaters to bicycles and roller blades to televisions and electronics. The group barbecued hot dogs and brats for those who shopped. The weather was cool and rainy but that didn't deter the hundreds who came out looking for a good deal on golf clubs, snow blowers, tables, compound mitre-box saws and just about anything manly was donated and sold. A group that supports The Disabled Veterans picked up the remaining items to sell in their Thrift Store in the Livonia/Westland area.

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Tips to save broken electronics

BY JON GUNNELLS
GUEST COLUMNISTTech Savvy
Jon Gunnells

I'm the type of person who never puts his phone in the same pocket which also means I'm the kind of guy who always drops his phone and then blames it on poorly designed pockets.

During a golf outing earlier this month, I placed my phone in one of those faulty pockets and by the 18th green — the golf balls weren't the only things I had lost on the course. By the time I located my phone it had already been run over by a golf cart (can't blame that on bad pockets). The cart smashed the phone into the wet fairway. The unit and the battery had significant water damage and even after I dried them both off with a towel — they still wouldn't work.

When I returned home a few hours later I tried a last ditch effort to get the water out of my phone. Remembering something I read on the Internet a few years earlier, I took the battery out of my phone and placed it in a plastic storage container full of uncooked rice.

Within three hours, the LED indicator at the top of the phone started lighting up. In six hours, the screen began lighting up. After eight hours,

the audio capabilities on my phone were back to normal. Because I had previously linked my phone with my car's hand-free calling system via Bluetooth I was even able to access my contacts and make calls.

Although my phone's water damage was too significant to overcome, the moisture the dry rice absorbed helped my phone enough to let me call my service provider and have a new phone mailed to me.

The ability to dial out with my half-broken device was essential, because like many people, my cell phone is the only phone I own.

If your cell phone, MP3 player or other handheld device has a run in with liquid, follow these steps to try and bring it back to life.

• Take the item apart. Remove batteries, memory cards, SIM cards and anything else that can be taken off the device.

• Place the phone face up in a warm area like a closet, or better yet, place it in a plastic container full of uncooked rice. It may take up to a day

for your phone to slowly dry out.

• You can try placing your device in front of a fan, or even under a hair dryer but make sure the unit is not exposed to extreme heat.

• Most importantly don't put your phone in a pocket it is likely to fall out of and you won't drop it and end up running it over with a golf cart. Seriously though — purchase insurance for your device if it is available because accidents happen and electronics are expensive — especially cell phones.

Cell phone providers often times hand out new phones for free or discounted rates and offset the phone cost with a commitment for a monthly phone plan. But when you break your phone, those deals aren't available and a smart phone could cost \$300-\$400 more than you paid for it when you signed your contract.

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New biz

A ribbon-cutting was recently held for Physicians Weight Loss Centers, 44150 Twelve Mile Road, Suite 200, Novi, (248) 348-0007. Pictured (front, from left) George J. Miller, director Department of Health & Human Services of Oakland County; Dr. Amit Dahi, center physician; Lynnda Chiusano, nutrition and food science weight loss specialist; and family members.

OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars in July offered by the Oakland County Business Center. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months.

Unless otherwise noted, all workshops take place at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 3100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, in Waterford. For pre-registration and location specifics, visit oakgov.com/peds/calendar or call (248) 858-0783.

Pre-Business Research

Are you thinking of starting your own business and want to research your business idea? Are you a business owner who wants to understand which research sources to use for your business plan and where to find the information you need? Presented by The Oakland County Business Center, The Entrepreneur's Source, Oakland County Market Research division

and a business reference librarian. Attendees will receive an orientation to the FastTrack NewVenture program, making them eligible to receive a scholarship to the next 10-week program, reducing the cost \$700 to just \$140.

Thursday, July 7, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This workshop is free but pre-registration is required.

Social Media Marketing Part I

Millions of people use social media for fun, but these technologies are also powerful business tools that encourage communication and collaboration. Before you start using social-media tools, learn how they work and what they offer, particularly for small businesses. They can enable internal collaboration, allow information-sharing with external partners, exchange information with your customers, and harness the collective ingenuity of the public to build brand advocates.

Tuesday, July 12, 9 a.m. to noon. Fee: \$40. No refunds.



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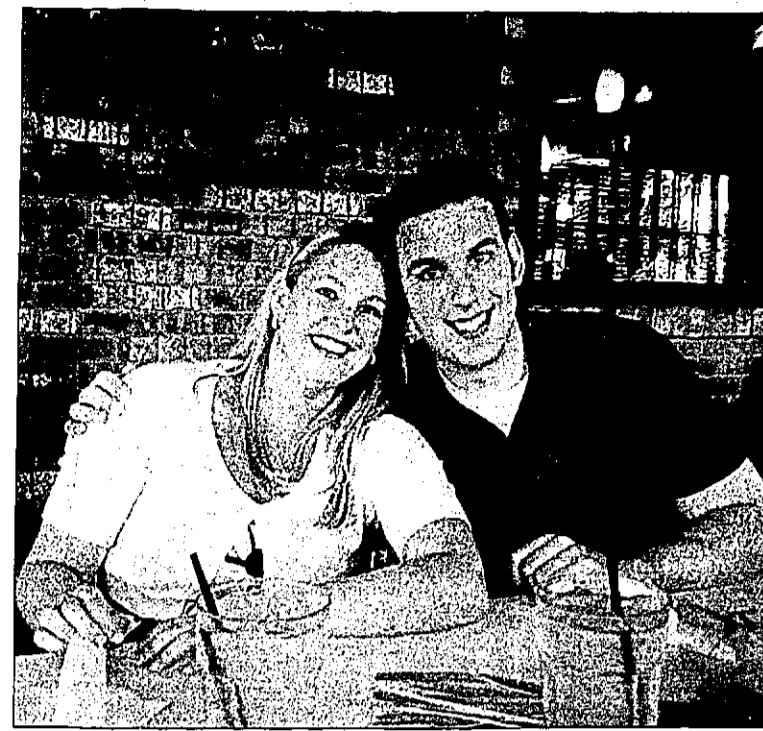
More than \$120,000 was raised for the Walsh Student Hardship Fund and the General Scholarship Fund from the generosity of 365 alumni and friends, including Novi resident Bob Cummings (right) and Kathy Kosmatka, who attended the May 6 Walsh College Wine Gala at Warren's Andiamo Italia. Guests enjoyed a strolling dinner, wine-tasting, and had a chance to learn about Scotch and Irish whiskeys. Walsh alumna and whisky master Cheryl Alagna led two presentations in a Scotch-tasting room sponsored by Miller Canfield. Jason Ruff, master glassblower, displayed a handmade glass wine decanter and allowed guests to taste the difference firsthand. For more information: www.walshcollege.edu/winegala.

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Brandi and Jeff Tobes met at Biggy Coffee in Novi and were married June 4 — and they stopped by the coffee shop after the ceremony.

Got a whole latte love

Novi's Biggy Coffee part of couple's romance

BY TRACY ESTES
CORRESPONDENT

It all started over a tall Teddy Bear and a skinny Nutty Buddy — the drinks of choice of Novis' Brandi and Jeff Tobes.

The couple met on a blind date in 2009 at Biggy Coffee. They later made Novis' Grand River Avenue location their home away from home several times a week.

With the planning of their nuptials, which took place June 4, the Tobes decided to incorporate their favorite coffee shop and place where it all began in their special day.

"We both grew up in Lansing, and Biggy is based there," said Jeff, 29. "We had that in common, so we thought it would be a perfect place to meet for the first time."

Jeff said he and Brandi get coffee several times a week on their way to work and together on the weekend as a couple.

"It's a big part of our lives,

and we wanted to make sure we included everyone at Biggy in our wedding day," he said.

The Tobes' ceremony took place at Northville's historic Mill Race Village gazebo, then they took a trolley to Biggy in Novi for pictures before heading to their reception.

Mike Waltersdorf, owner of Biggy, said he was honored the Tobes wanted to include his store and staff in their wedding. He said staff was dressed in Biggy's summer blue shirts, as requested by the bride, and champagne and balloons helped set the ambience.

"It's nice to see something like their relationship blossom at Biggy," Waltersdorf said. "I'm there so much, and I know when a first date is going on. I notice. It's fun to watch."

Waltersdorf said his store, which has been open just over three years, is very community friendly and regulars often request staff members they've come to know over a good cup of Joe.

The Tobes spent 45 minutes at Biggy taking pictures after their wedding.

"We had an absolute blast," said Brandi, 28. "They even let me behind the counter to make coffee. They made it absolutely amazing and definitely went above and beyond for us."

Wedding guests received customized Biggy travel coffee mugs and a cozy that reads "Started over coffee brewed into love, thanks a latte for sharing in our special day."

After the wedding, the Tobes said they were taking a break from coffee to set out on their honeymoon. They said they will be back at Biggy as soon as they return home.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jirasek & Sisson
Ruth Ann and Mike Jirasek, of Novi, announce the engagement of their daughter, Arlie Jirasek, of Denver, to Trenton James Sisson, of Denver, son of Julie and Keith Sisson, of Novi. The bride-to-be graduated from Novi High School in 2004 and Northwood University in 2008. She is a senior marketing manager for Silver Chalice New Media in Boulder, Colo. The groom-elect is graduated from Novi High School in 2004 and Carnegie Mellon University in 2008. He is employed by KRG Capitol in Denver. A July 9 wedding at Meadowbrook Country Club, Northville is planned.



NOVI NEWSMAKERS

Angela Hospice physician receives the 2011 Dream Team Physician award

Novi resident Irena Zmitrovic, M.D. was honored with the 2011 Dream Team Physician award for her outstanding dedication and exemplary care in the hospice profession.

Presented by the Michigan Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, the Dream Team awards recognize the most highly regarded hospice and palliative care professionals of their disciplines in the state of Michigan. Only one individual is awarded in the state per discipline each year.

Each Dream Team candidate is nominated by his or her peers or hospice program. The nominees must be a participating member of a hospice clinical team and actively working in hospice for the past two years for at least 1,000 hours per year.

"Dr. Zmitrovic has a tenderness toward patients and families that is always obvious, regardless of the task at hand, and an amazing sense of compassion, competent medical care and true advocacy for a patient's wishes," said Nurse Practitioner Marianne Potter, who nominated Zmitrovic for the award. "She exemplifies what hospice is all about and really understands the impor-

tant things in life." Zmitrovic became passionate for the hospice profession after moving to the United States in 2004 and participating in a one-month study program at Angela Hospice. Born in Lithuania, Zmitrovic left her family at 18 to attend a prestigious medical school in Poland. Zmitrovic later completed her rotations in Canada and England. In the United States, she completed her residency in Family Medicine at Providence and began her fellowship training at Wayne State University. During her fellowship, Zmitrovic worked as a physician at Angela Hospice. She today remains passionate about her position and the rewarding experiences received while working for the organization.

Fox Run resident makes her TV guests feel comfortable
The fast-paced world of television suits Rose Lieberman just fine. Lieberman, a resident of Fox Run retirement community in Novi, hosts "Rose's Neighbors," a 15-minute show that airs on the community's closed circuit TV station. Her show recently began airing three times daily, Monday-Sunday, because it is so popular among its nearly 1,000 viewers.

"Rose's Neighbors" is taped every other week. It has told the stories of more than 70 Fox Run residents ever since it first aired three years ago. "I've always been interested in people and their stories,"

Lieberman said. "They're so fascinating. Lieberman, who once studied ballet and practiced acrobatics as a young girl, enjoys the chance to share stories of residents with her viewing audience. She prepares meticulously for each of her shows by talking with her guests on the phone or in their apartment homes at Fox Run. She has an uncanny ability to make her guests feel comfortable on-air.

Guests on "Rose's Neighbors" have included resident Roland Barlow, who once worked in a quarry that produced iron ore that became steel cables for the Golden Gate Bridge. Another guest has been resident Evelyn Noveck, whose mother, Sophie Sislis, was a close friend of Golda Meir.

Lieberman is a past recipient of the "Eight over 80" award for her work as co-chair of the National Council of Jewish Women's Greater Detroit Section Casa Program that provided volunteers to the court-appointed special advocates for minor children cared for by guardians. She has lived at Fox Run for the past six years with her husband, Al. Fox Run's closed circuit TV station's programming airs on channels 8 and 13. A rotating cast of 25 volunteers work the cameras and assist in other aspects of production. The TV station is operated under the auspices of Andrea Peragine, the community's senior community resources manager, and Michael O'Hara, the station's lead coordinator.

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**CITY OF NOVI
NOTICE OF ADOPTION
ORDINANCE NO. 11-23-27**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 11-23-27 TO AMEND CHAPTER 22, "OFFENSES," ARTICLE II, "OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION," SECTION 22-36, "PENALTY FOR EXCESSIVE FALSE ALARMS," TO AMEND THE STANDARDS FOR THE REGULATION OF ALARM SYSTEMS TO CLARIFY THAT RESIDENTIAL BURGLAR ALARMS ARE SUBJECT TO THE EXCESSIVE FALSE ALARM PENALTIES.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, June 6, 2011 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED 2011-2012 BUDGET**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Thursday, June 23, 2011, at 7:00 o'clock p.m. at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan, the Board of Education of Novi Community School District will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2011-2012 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2011-2012 budget until after the public hearing. Beginning June 20, 2011, a copy of the 2011-2012 proposed budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, will be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education

George Kortlandt, Secretary
Novi Board of Education

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION
ORDINANCE NO. 11-177**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 11-177 TO AMEND CHAPTER 27, "PLANNING," OF THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES ARTICLE II, "PLANNING COMMISSION," IN ORDER TO CONFORM TO P.A. 33 OF 2008, AS AMENDED, BEING THE MICHIGAN PLANNING ENABLING ACT, M.C.L. 125.3801 ET SEQ. FOR THE PURPOSE OF HAVING PLANNING AND ZONING IN THE CITY OF NOVI; TO CONFIRM MEMBERSHIP OF SAID COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATUTE; TO ENUMERATE ITS POWERS AND DUTIES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF LAND AND THE COORDINATED AND HARMONIOUS DEVELOPMENT OF THE CITY OF NOVI; AND TO FUNCTION IN COOPERATION WITH OTHER CONSTITUTED AUTHORITIES.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, June 6, 2011 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk

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EDUCATION

Thursday, June 16, 2011 hometownlife.com

Maintenance director retiring after 25 years

School board approves replacement, looks into bus purchases

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER



Setzen

Jeff Setzen's 25-year career as the director of maintenance and operations for the Novi Community Schools district will come to an end this summer.

Setzen is one of several employees in leadership positions leaving the district at the end of the school year, and judging by the comments of Assistant Superintendent Gail Credit, his guidance will be missed.

"He has had the weight of all our facilities on his shoulders day and night, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year," she said. "And I can attest to the 365 (days) because I talked to him Christmas morning one year when we had a flood at Deerfield."

"He has done an outstanding job for this district," Setzen and his staff handle work inside and outside district buildings, completing repairs and maintaining the

grounds. Credit said he is responsible for over \$200 million worth of buildings, over 1.5 million square feet of facilities and 230 acres of site.

Some of the projects Setzen's crew handles are preparing all the grass fields for athletic competition, working on landscaping around all of the schools, responding to work order requests from staff members and more.

Setzen called it an honor to work for the district, and still remembers his first days working at the home of the Fuerst sisters, now the site of Fuerst Park and Novi High School.

"It's hard to believe it's been 25 years," he said. "It has been a tremendous career for me."

Novi Board of Education President Bruce Bagady also had high praise for the outgoing director.

"I wish there was a way we could bottle everything you know and access it," he said. Credit believes the district has found the "closest we could come" to Setzen's clone by promoting Mike Drago to lead the department.

Drago has worked for the district for 12 years, and Credit said he was highly recommended because of his skill and demeanor. He will be making \$74,755.

"Over the years, we have gotten a lot of positive feedback about how a personable gentleman he was but also capable," she said.

OTHER BOARD INFO
The Board of Education will be looking at purchasing three new school buses at its next meeting on June 23.

Credit told the board last Thursday that three buses need to be removed from the fleet this year after delaying bus purchases last year. The recommendation is to purchase two regular passenger

buses at a cost of \$81,623 each and one special lift-equipped bus at a cost of \$95,948 for a total of \$259,194.

"We are in good shape with the average age of our fleet, but it really is the particular condition of the buses that would remove it from service," she said.

The cost of purchasing the buses has been factored into the 2011-12 budget, but the district is going to look into whether it would be in its best interest to purchase them outright or borrow funds.

Board Vice President Dennis O'Connor was not in favor of the bus purchases, saying until the district talks with other districts about sharing routes or buses he cannot support it.

Also at Thursday's meeting, the board was to approve the hiring of Fredericka Williams as the assistant superintendent of human resources, but Williams pulled her name out.

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South Lyon principal to lead Deerfield

Warren: 'I was looking to do something different'

BY DIANE ANDREASSI
STAFF WRITER



Kim Warren

The Novi Community Schools district has filled out its vacant elementary school principal openings with the hiring of Kimberley Warren on Thursday.

Warren, who has been the principal at Deerfield Elementary in South Lyon since 2004, will see a slight change as Hardy housed kindergarten through fifth grade, as well as five self-contained special education classrooms, while Deerfield is a kindergarten through fourth grade school.

"I was up for a change," Warren said. "I've been here at Hardy for seven years — since they opened. I love my staff and the South Lyon community. I like challenges. One thing we don't have in South Lyon that they do have in Novi is diversity, and I was looking to do something different."

Warren said she loved opening a new school and working with a brand new group of people.

More recently, she has been fielding concerns by parents unhappy about a redistricting plan moving students out of Hardy. At board meetings, many of these parents referred to Warren as a shining star and expressed how lucky they felt knowing she was leading the school.

Another challenge Warren faced at Hardy is that her educational background was in general education, while Hardy has a large special education population. "That was the biggest learning curve for me," she said.

Novi's incoming Superintendent Steve Matthews said she will be an "outstanding addition" to Novi.

"She demonstrated all along the way her passion for learning, her love of children and her commitment to her staff," he said.

South Lyon has not begun interviewing for her position, but the job has been posted.

Warren's advice to the person who is eventually hired: "Take care of the students and staff at Hardy. They are the best. It's a great building, great parents, great kids and great teachers. Enjoy that and keep school fun. South Lyon Community Schools do a phenomenal job. They are amazing."

Staff writer Nathan Mueller contributed to this story.

NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS

Four Novi students among Fox Run scholarship recipients

Four Novi students are among 19 high school students from Oakland and Wayne counties will receive scholarships to help them attend college at a Monday, June 20, ceremony at Fox Run retirement community, where they have worked part-time. They will receive a combined total of \$95,000 raised by Fox Run residents during the past two months to show their appreciation of the students' work and to

help assist them financially in their post-secondary education.

"Many of our scholarship recipients have worked hard for the past two years to maintain their grades while working at Fox Run in addition to the many school and extra-curricular obligations," said Marianne Mikkelsen, the community's philanthropy manager.

She said 87 percent of Fox Run's residents participated in this year's scholarship fundraising drive.

This year's scholarship recipients

(with their respective high schools) are Novi: Colleen McClure, Davana Beal-Greer, and Michelle Weinert; South Lyon: Aaron Chlebik; Southfield: Austyn Driver, Christopher Norris-Robinson and Shelby Parker; Ferndale: Bryan Williams; Walled Lake Northern: Chelsea Smith; Walled Lake Western: Connor Vercellino, Daniel Rose, Julian Pierce, Kevin Aubrey, Steven Coats and Vincent Jarbo; Franklin Road Christian: LaTina Jackson; Belleville: Tayla Howard; and Livonia Churchill: William Bowles.

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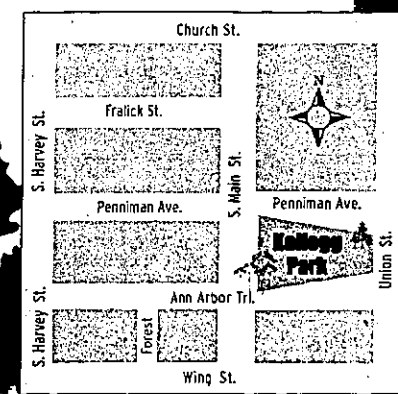
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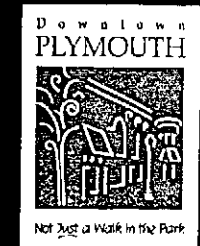
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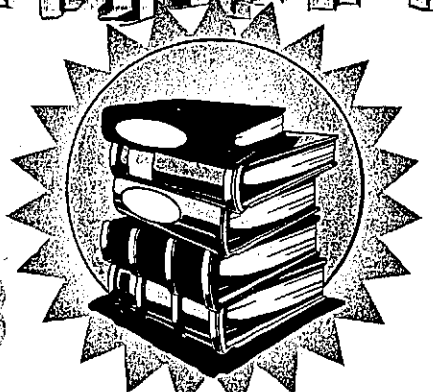
* **Friday, June 24 at 8 p.m.** Pops Plus at Kensington Metropark. Enjoy an evening of great music on the lake in a beautiful park setting. Concert is free. \$5 park entry fee is required to Kensington. I-96 Exit 153 at Millford Road.



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Spend Tuesday mornings at Fuest Park enjoying free entertainment such as Cirque Amongus, The Amazing Clark, Mr. Seley, and the Ann Arbor Hands On Museum. Friday nights will feature a family-friendly movie and movies. Highlights include Jill Jack, Toppermost Beatles Tribute Band, The Candy Band, Despicable Me, How To Train Your Dragon, and Toy Story 3. Be sure to vote at cityofnovi.org for the 2011 viewer's choice movie to be shown on Friday, Aug. 19.

Call the Novi Parks hotline at (248) 347-0473 for updates in the case of inclement weather. For more information about the Sizzling Summer Art Series and other fun summer community events, visit cityofnovi.org.

SCHEDULE

Terrific Tuesdays

10:30 a.m. at Fuest Park

June 14: Jojo the Fish - The Amazing Clark

June 21: Cirque Amongus

June 28: Ann Arbor Hands On Museum

July 12: Mr. Seley - Songs for Kids

July 19: The Magic Carpet Theatre

July 26: The Amazing Clark Magic Show

Friday Family Fun

8 p.m. at Fuest Park

July 8: Movie - Despicable Me

July 15: Toppermost Beatles Tribute Band

July 22: Movie - How to Train Your Dragon

July 29: Jill Jack Band

Aug 5: Movie - Toy Story 3

Aug 12: The Candy Band

Aug 19: Movie - Viewer's Choice, vote at cityofnovi.org

Aug 26: The Grove Council - Motown Band



Book signing
Nancy and Victor Cassis purchase a signed copy of Dick Morris' latest book, 'Revolt,' at the recent dinner meeting marking the one-year anniversary of the Tea Party Patriots of West Oakland County.

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BABCOCK, MARGARET M.
Of Redford, MI, age 81, passed away on April 11, 2011. Margaret was born on February 2, 1930 to William and Rose McInerney in Detroit, Michigan. Margaret was married for 35 years to John P. Babcock until his death in 1957. Margaret taught for many years. Surviving Margaret are her children; Susan (Joseph) Sullivan of Ann Arbor, Kathleen Babcock of Ann Arbor, John (Emily) Babcock of NC, Margaret (Matt) Delaney of South Lyon, siblings, Winifred, Harriet, Livonia, Rose Marie Dziadon of Pinckney, Daniel McInerney of Farmington Hills, Michael McInerney of TX, George McInerney of FL, and 8 grandchildren. A memorial service is planned for June 16, 11AM, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in South Lyon, with a luncheon at the VFW Hall in South Lyon following. Donations can be made to Michigan Humane Society or the YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit, Strong Kids Campaign.

HAVELKA, LORNA M. (MOORE)
At age 89, Lorna passed away June 13, 2011. She was born September 7, 1921, in Lansing, MI, to the late Cephas and Lydia Moore. Beloved wife of Henry Havelka Jr., who preceded her in death. She is survived by three children, Barbara Sugar (Danny) Cook of Northville, MI, Patrick "Smoky" (Cathy) Havelka of Mesa, AZ, and Patricia "Suds" (Terry) MacArthur of Carlsbad, N.M. She also leaves five grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, and two great great grandchildren, one sister, Ann Moore. She had three brothers and two sisters and one grandson that was preceded in death. Lorna was noted around town for her hubbub, she would make her friends. Lorna's wishes were to be cremated with no service. Memorial contributions can be sent to Lakewick Christian Home of the Southwest Inc., Northgate Unit, 9315 W. Pierce, Carlsbad, New Mexico, 88220.

COE, HAZEL A.
Age 88, passed away, June 10, 2011. She was born on February 19, 1923 in New Hudson, daughter of the late Forest and Lula Harding. Hazel spent her entire life in South Lyon. On March 24, 1945 she married Don Coe. She was an educator with the South Lyon Schools for many years. Along with her late husband Don, she owned and operated Coe's Menswear, a staple in South Lyon from the 1960s-1980s. Hazel will always be remembered as a loving and selfless woman. She is survived by her children; Candice (James) Bruner, Pamela Coe, Handal Coe and James (Kathy) Coe, her grandchildren; Amy Bruner and Betsy Bruner and one great granddaughter Luna Zimmerman. She is also survived by her sister, Virginia Wetmore. She was preceded in death by her husband Don in 2001. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 18th at 1:00pm at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. Online guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

HEFNER, BRUCE CALEB
Age 80 of White Lake Twp., June 9, 2011. Memorial Services were held at the Oakwood Lake Baptist Church, White Lake, Monday, June 13, 2011. For further info, Lynch & Sons, Milford, 248-894-6645 or visit: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

HOKANSON, DOROTHY C.
Passed away June 9 at her daughter's home in Northville. She was a long time resident of Manistee, Michigan who moved to Northville nine years ago. She was preceded in death by her husband Edwin in 1931. She is survived by her children John (Ulrike) Hokanson, Carolyn (James) Loch, Elsa (Don) Jahneke, Diane (Tom) Lanhi, Kristine (William) Gilley and fourteen grandchildren. A private graveside service will be held on Saturday, June 25 at 11AM at First Presbyterian Church of Northville. The family requests memorial donations to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Manistee or Manistee Public Library in lieu of flowers.

GARDNER, JEREMIAH C. "JERRY"
Age 79, passed away, June 8, 2011. He was born to Jeremiah & Ethel Grace Gardner in Jackson, MI on December 23, 1931. He married Elizabeth J. (Betty) VanBonn of South Lyon in April of 1951. He is survived by his wife Betty, one daughter Randie (Harvey) Schurstein, and two sons; Mark (Rachel) Gardner and Richard (Kathy) Gardner, and one daughter-in-law, Chris (Brad) Gardner. He is also survived by seven granddaughters: Kelly (David) Kramer, Kim, Kristy, and Karen Schurstein, Shannon (Jon) Shi, Lindsay (James) Utz and Sarah Gardner, and five grandsons; Jacob Andrew, Josh, Eli and Christopher Gardner, and one great granddaughter, Breanna Price. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Bradley, his two brothers, Edward (Bea) Gardner and Thomas (Ruby) Gardner. He served his country in the Armed Services during the years 1953 thru 1955. Jerry worked at Edwards Bros. in Ann Arbor for over 20 years in the Folder Department. He was an active member at Liberty Baptist Church and served as a deacon for many years. Jerry volunteered at Youth Haven Ranch for the past several years mowing lawn and taking care of the grounds, something he truly loved to do. Visitation was held on Friday, June 10 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Funeral services were conducted on Saturday, June 11 at Liberty Baptist Church in Howell. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Youth Haven Ranch, P.O. Box 97, Rives Junction, MI 49277. Online Guestbook at: www.phillipsfuneral.com

KERN, CARL J.
Age 69, of Highland Twp., passed away on Saturday, June 11, 2011. Services were held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home in Milford. For further information please phone 248-954-6645 or visit: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

LAWSON-GLASS, PATRICIA
Age 64, of Plymouth Twp., passed away, June 8. A memorial service was held on Monday at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon, MI.

MOROCH, MARIE L.
Age 85, of Plymouth. Beloved wife of the late Peter. Loving mother of Cheryl (David) Kaszuba, Susan Moroch and Cindy Nimey. Proud grandma of Joel (Kate), Corey and Alexandra and great-grandma of Kaye and Oskar. Preceded in death by daughter Leigh Marie. Dearest sister of Jane Regan and Nancy Quintero. Also survived by many other loving family and friends. Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice. She was laid to rest at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Please visit online guestbook: fredwoodfuneralhome.com

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Man caught with weed
A 56-year-old man was arrested for possession of marijuana at 11 p.m. on May 31 after he was stopped for speeding on Meadowbrook Road south of 10 Mile Road. According to the report, the driver was traveling 42 miles per hour in a 30 mph zone before he was stopped. When the officer approached the car, he could smell the odor of suspected marijuana coming from inside. The suspect admitted to having some of the drug next to the passenger seat and in the driver's side front door. Police found two small burned roaches in a pill bottle and another next to the seat. The man was arrested and transported to the Novi Police Department where he was issued a citation and released after posting bond.

Wheels stolen off Charger
A 2011 Dodge Charger was left on blocks overnight on June 1 while it was parked in an apartment complex on North Hills Drive. According to the report, the victim said he did not see anything wrong with his vehicle when he saw it at midnight, but when he went to the car in the morning all four rims and tires were missing. The value of the wheels is over \$2,500. Police have no suspects. **Drunk caught driving with expired plate**
A 42-year-old woman was arrested for drunk driving at 11:28 p.m. on June 1 after he was stopped by police for an expired license plate.

Novi man sentenced in sister's knife slaying
A Novi man who authorities say fatally stabbed and nearly severed the head of his sister before dumping her body in a park has been sentenced to life in prison without parole. Court records show that Marc Rosenthal was sentenced Monday in Oakland County Circuit Court in Pontiac. The 59-year-old pleaded guilty last month to first-degree murder. The body of Southfield resident Ilene Moore was found Dec. 9 at Kensington Metropark in Milford. Authorities have said Moore may have confronted Rosenthal over his use of money set aside for care of their father.

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OUR VIEWS

Emphasize education

Sacrifice current name of the game in schools

We can appreciate the statements made by protesting teachers Tuesday outside of the local public schools. Carrying signs like "Kids First" and "Stop the attacks," their aim was to generate pressure to be placed on the state Legislature to stop cuts to education.

It's a noble gesture, but it's doubtful that it will have much of an impact on state government. Never have we seen the state so determined to make cuts. We can understand that. Michigan has been dealing with a budget deficit of nearly \$2 billion, and an economy that has been in the skids for years.

A bit of good news was delivered this week on reports that Michigan's economy grew by 2.9 percent, which is in sharp contrast to recent years when the economy shrank by 4.3 percent in 2008 and 5 percent last year. So even a modest growth is welcomed.

Assuming this continues — and that's a big assumption, we admit — the state can change its focus from sealing back to reinventing and reinvigorating itself.

With the re-energizing of General Motors and its recent commitments to growth, coupled with the inherent strength of the Ford Motor Co., and even signs of modest prosperity at Chrysler Corp., the manufacturing sector is rebounding. But it likely will never again be the same as it was in years past.

So the state must seek new directions to excel. We pretty well have kicked off any future with the motion picture industry, but the state still has a solid infrastructure in the area of education.

Michigan has some of the finest universities in the nation, even the world. And despite the tragedy that is the Detroit Public School system, it has many of the finest public and private schools in the nation. Some of them — like the International Academy — are of world-class status.

This is where the state should concentrate its efforts for the future. Make Michigan a model of providing education.

Gov. Rick Snyder is quite right when he says he wants to see the schools and municipalities implement progressive ideas and creative solutions to their problems.

Here's one for the state to embrace: Michigan a model of education that will attract the best and brightest to our state.

This will require sacrifices by the teachers and their unions, but sacrifice is coming one way or another.

Keep caution level high this summer on roads

Next Tuesday, it's officially summer — and the living may be easy, but the driving isn't.

Just because there is no snow and ice on the ground doesn't mean there is little reason for drivers to let up on their watchfulness. Just the opposite is true.

Sure, there won't be any school buses on the roads in Northville and Novi, so drivers won't have to slow down and come to a stop when a bus driver turns on flashing red lights and stops. So where do you suppose all those kids go when school lets out for the summer?

Well, there is no telling, and that is the point. Full of anticipation of a dip in their friend's pool or anxious to begin a summer camp experience, our kids won't be thinking much about watching for traffic when they step off of the curb. Let there be any doubt, think of your own childhood summers and how careful you weren't.

Clearly, parents need to remind their children about safety issues even in summer, but drivers can't assume that such instructions actually sink in.

Be especially watchful around recreation centers, libraries, parks and playgrounds. Take it slow when passing by lanes of parked cars, in case a child darts out between them. Remind the young drivers in your own household that they must do the same.

Better yet, accompany your children — if you can — to popular venues, and show them by example what you mean.

It's almost summer, and the driving won't be easy, but a little caution will make for a pleasant summer for all.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What are your plans after graduating from Novi High School?



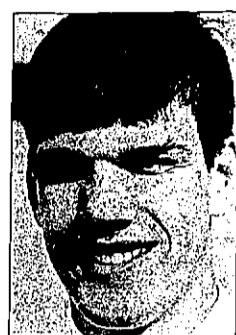
"I'm totally not sure right now. I might go into the military."

David Brandenburg
Novi High class of 2011



"I'm going to EMU to study occupational therapy, and I'm going to hang out with my friends this summer."

Rebecca Richter
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"I'll be wrestling at U-M next year, but I'll have some time for fun this summer."

David Sperling
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"I'm going to Alma College to major in theater performance, but before that I need to find a job this summer."

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LETTERS

Definitions matter in sex education

The Novi Board of Education recently approved a new and expanded sex education curriculum. I'm a bit perplexed, though, by the final definition of the word "abstinence" used by the district in what is supposed to be an abstinence-based curriculum.

In a previous meeting, many board members expressed concerns with different portions of the curriculum content. One specific area revolved around the inconsistency of this definition and how it would be taught.

Initially, the curriculum included a document titled "So What's an Abstinence, Anyway?" In it, students were asked to select which specific acts (from a list of 15) they believed they could engage in and still be abstinent. Understandably, school board members asked that this be taken out.

After some investigating, I found that "abstinence" will be defined as "choosing not to have sexual intercourse (oral, anal or vaginal sex)."

This definition is extremely narrow, especially for a public school curriculum. It will do nothing more than make a mockery of this choice and is counterproductive to the expectations most parents have for their children.

I'm somewhat disappointed that the school district conducted two public forums on this sensitive topic, encouraged parents to come in and evaluate the curriculum binder, and then later in the game changed and approved this definition.

Defining abstinence as "choosing not to engage in sexual activity" would have been more appropriate. Then, parents could help define it as broad or narrow as they see fit. And if they decide to limit it to those three acts, then so be it.

During last Thursday's meeting, one board member asked, "How does a classroom teacher handle a question about a specific sexual activity that's

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ling me to Providence Hospital. In these times of budget cuts, cities are tempted to cut emergency services. I hope Novi doesn't consider cutting the basic human emergency services: medical, fire and police. That's the backbone of what governments were formed to provide.

The percentage of our citizens that are of senior age is growing and with it, the need for medical emergency services.

We've had those services since we were growing up. Now, many other services have been tacked on — the icing on the cake. But in tough economic times we have to skip the icing and maybe the cake, too. Let's stick to the basics and save the cake and icing for better days.

Top teacher laid off

How would you like being honored by your peers and bosses as the best at what you do? Policeman of the year, nurse of the year, or maybe editor of the year, only to find your self out of a job? Well this is exactly what's happening to our teacher of the year, Paul Polanski at the Northville High School.

Here's a great teacher whom the students love and respect. He also takes time to help coach the boy's JV lacrosse team. But, unfortunately, he now finds himself on the layoff list. How can such a travesty occur? The insane ways of the teacher unions and their tenure rules. We need to thank Gov. Snyder for his attempts to inject some common sense into a system that is clearly flawed in this and many other issues. Hopefully, for our kids' sake, he will prevail. Good luck, Mr. Polanski.

Services needed
Let's not cut human emergency services, even in tough times.

My wife — we're both senior citizens — called EMS in the middle of the night for what we thought was a heart attack. They were there in minutes.

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The best form of advertising is word of mouth.

While sitting on a flight to South Florida, my seatmate and I got talking about the beauty of Michigan.

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My seatmate told me that when he can coax/encourage his Florida friends to venture north (summer only), they are amazed by the vastness and glory of Michigan and return for vacations here, again and again.

That's when it hit me — those of us who call Michigan home often forget what our mitten state has to offer, taking our state for granted.

Perhaps we have let the woes following the Great Recession and our imploding economy and auto industry that once buoyed us for many decades weigh us down.

Perhaps it is time to revisit our state motto: "If you seek a beautiful peninsula, look about you."

Look about us indeed. I shared the idea of turning all Michiganians into state promoters with Mike Finney, president and CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, asking that his job development and tourism agency consider providing us all with the tools to invite family and friends to enjoy/promote/explore Michigan.

What if we made it easy for individuals and families to "sell Michigan"? Could we put packages together containing discount coupons, maps, videos and other Michigan goodies and give them to Michiganians, thereby encouraging us all to share with relatives and out-of-state friends? It could help us make the beauty of Pure Michigan more attractive — and give our tourism industry a boost!

What about using social media networks to promote Michigan? How about making these spectacular Pure Michigan commercials available to everyone and encourage them to load them on to Facebook, MySpace, and Twitter feeds, thereby promoting Michigan to family and friends, and making ourselves self-promoters of our state?

As it turns out, the crew at MEDC, under the leadership of the governor and Finney, has just finished the beginnings of such a word-of-mouth campaign to promote Michigan.

As Joseph J. Serwach, managing director of communications for MEDC, stated in an e-mail to me: "In communications and marketing, we've continually learned that a simple conversation is the best way to educate, to influence, to make a case and change minds."

Word of mouth works! Joe informed me the MEDC just completed a video, "Why Michigan?" The goal is to promote Michigan via social networking and are encouraging everyone to share "Why Michigan?" widely (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wYz1BaXYLg&feature=channel_video_title).

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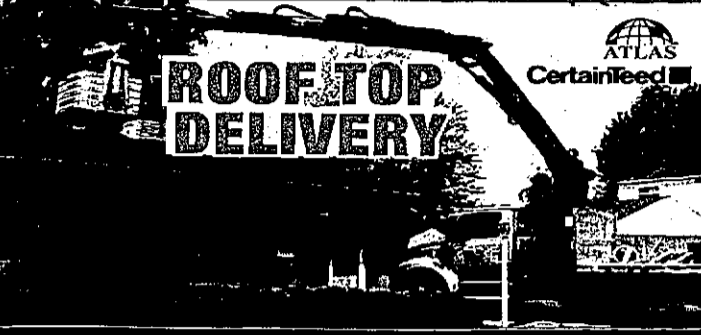
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BY AILEEN WINGBLAD
Staff Writer

Liberty Street in downtown Milford is THE place to be on Thursday afternoons.

That's when a block-long stretch from Main Street to Union Street is transformed into a bustling mecca for food and fun—the Milford Farmers Market.

Running from 3-8 p.m. through October, the market is far more than a typical summertime emporium of fresh corn and green beans, baked goods and flowers. Sure, visitors will find plenty of seasonal produce, meats, salads and sweets to wet their appetites, and annuals and perennials to add color to their surroundings. But thanks to efforts by members of its organizing committee, along with its 30+ some vendors each week the market is also a hub of music, cooking demonstrations and plenty of family-friendly activities.

One recent visitor, for instance, was overheard on his cell phone saying he was at the Milford street fair.

"That's what this is all about—you can compare it to an Italian town square," said Kelley Kuchner, a member of the market's organizing committee. "It has become not just a place to buy produce, but a social environment too."

"It's also a great way to draw people to downtown Milford," she added. After spending time at the market, folks often head over to Main Street stores and restaurants for some shopping and a bite to eat.

"It increases foot traffic in this very walkable town," said Linda Love, committee chair.

EBT/Bridge Cards are accepted at the market to purchase food and food-producing fruit and vegetable plants, she added.

"I'dandra White, another committee member, said the goal each week is to have a variety of vendors for the market so that there's a diverse selection of goods to choose from as well as varied entertainment.

"We want a good mix," she said. "Different vendors do different things, different cooking demonstrations."

Kuchner added there is also an underlying pulse throughout the market that reminds people to buy from "healthy sources," and the demos offer ideas on serving and preparing food that even the busiest families can manage. So it's really about education, too. "We want to show people how simple it is to buy local, bring it home and provide their recipes and techniques to use," she said.

For those who have not yet visited the Milford Farmers Market, Kuchner strongly encourages them to do so. "If you haven't been to it, you are really missing out on something great. It's a great, friendly environment," she said.

County Executive of Commerce said she and her husband bring their three kids to the market from weeks. "The kids love the market," she said. "My kids love the crafts, the vendors, and my husband loves the hot dogs."

For more information, visit www.huronvalleyfarmersmarket.com or call (248) 685-1507, ext. 261.

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Novi wins battle of top-ranked teams Wildcats defeat Eisenhower 2-0, advance to semifinals

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

With the top two teams in the state facing off for a regional title last Friday, plenty was on the line, as the winner would be the favorite to win the state title this Saturday.

No. 1 Novi (20-0-2) and No. 2 Ulica Eisenhower (20-1-2) battled at Troy Athens last week and the Wildcats came away with a 2-0 victory on a pair of goals off low crosses.

Neither team could get on the board early, as Eisenhower carried early momentum before Novi—who was ranked No. 1 in the nation last week—had several near goals from seniors Nicki Caruso and Nikki Greenhalgh in a four-minute span with 15 minutes remaining in the half.

"She's a workhorse," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said of Greenhalgh. "That girl, she plays hard, she's fast, she's extremely strong and the first word I think of with her is 'relentless.' She will crash bodies with you. She will chase loose balls into the corner 100 times whether she wins them or not and she'll always be back the next time. It's something we build a lot of our play around her, a lot of her relentlessness up top."

It wasn't until 2:27 was left in the first half when Caruso made a well-timed run up the left side to beat the offside trap. Caruso carried the ball about 30 yards to the end line before crossing it low toward the left post.

Eisenhower junior goalkeeper Danielle Purgar (eight saves) slapped the ball down to the ground as she fell to her knees, but Novi sophomore Erin Dircks ran up from behind her and used her long legs to poke the loose ball into the goal before Purgar could get a hand on it.

"We wanted to send as many ball forward into the goalmouth as we could," O'Leary said. "Our strategy was really to get the ball up to our forwards against their defense."

The Eagles nearly tied the game 3:15 into the second half when senior Monika Lee took the ball up the right side from the halfway line to the goal box and fired a high shot toward the back post.

Novi senior netminder Gabby Gauruder (13 saves) had been moving forward to cut off the angle when she had to suddenly backpedal and slap the ball away. However, her slap toward the back of the box landed at the feet of Eisenhower senior Aubrey Sudomier as Gauruder landed on her side. She scrambled to block the shot, forcing the Western Michigan recruit to shoot high and over the crossbar.

"We've been playing really good, so luckily I haven't had to do too much of my job. But games like these when it does come down to it, it's good to help out the team. They finish goals and I have to keep them out," Gauruder said. "We knew the second half was a whole new game and it was going to be a battle, so we tried to keep our heads thinking that. It was a great team we were playing, so we knew they were going to be in our end a lot of the time because they wanted to tie it up. It was good we just really came together and finished the game."

O'Leary said the play could have been a game changer.

"It was one of the most dangerous ones. It was 1-0 and that ball came across the top and it was going over her head into the goal and I think maybe she thought it was going low so she took a couple steps forward and she did a great job pairing it up in the air and going out and getting the rebound," O'Leary said. "She plays goalie for us and a lot of people don't think it's a hard job, but it's harder than a lot of people think because usually if something goes wrong, the game is on the line. In her career, she's made a good 10 saves in the state tournament that allowed us to



Novi senior netminder Gabby Gauruder (13 saves) had been moving forward to cut off the angle when she had to suddenly backpedal and slap the ball away from Eisenhower senior Aubrey Brady during the Wildcats' 2-0 regional final win June 10 at Troy Athens.

Forest Hills Eastern hands Novi second loss to end season Mikkelsen named All-America

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

Hawks squad.

"Mitch is coming along," Stephano said. "Some of those kids have been playing since second grade. I have some kids who this is their second year playing."

Novi's lacrosse team had one of its best seasons in program history and only lost to one team in doing so.

After a 14-9 loss to Forest Hills Eastern (17-2) on April 16, the Wildcats (16-2) rattled off 12 straight victories until they met the Hawks again in the Division 1 semifinals at Holt.

Eastern's experience limited Novi's powerful offense. Junior Curtis Herzog netted two goals, while All-State seniors Taylor Howell, Greg Kolls and All-America senior Joe Mikkelsen scored one apiece.

Mikkelsen and senior Zach Moir were also recently named All-State, while Mikkelsen's honors came on the heels of a senior campaign where he battled through a hamstring injury to win 81 percent of his faceoffs. He won 15 of 20 last week against Eastern.

"We're losing a few important guys, but we have some good ones returning," Stephano said of next season, which he expects the Wildcats to challenge for a second-straight K.L.A.A. title.

With 17 seniors graduating, 11 juniors are poised to return, joined by three underclassmen and several potentials from the junior varsity squad.

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former Novi News staff writer.

Local prep stars power club team to State Cup Wilson, Winkler lead Waza to U16 crown

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

"I did not think that we would win that easy, but we were very confident of ourselves because we did everything that we could to prepare those games," Waza coach Dan Dine said. "Our focus was not on winning the State Cup. Our focus was on trying to play nice soccer, soccer that will help us get positive results. I think that three-to-four goals differential was a result of the type of soccer we were looking to play."

That type of soccer has spurred the team to success throughout the season, as the team has only lost one game between all the regular season and tournament games they have played together.

"When we started the season off, after the first couple games, I thought there was something really special about this team," said Winkler, a captain and State Cup MVP. "Everybody on our team is just playing soccer."

Waza outscored three opponents by a combined score of 12-1 in the group stage before defeating both LCSC 95 Meteors and Michigan Wolves 95 by 4-0 scores May 21-22 at the Saginaw Township Soccer Complex to secure a spot in the championship game.

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ON TAP

The No. 1 nationally ranked Novi girls soccer team (20-0-2) was scheduled face Grosse Pointe South (16-4-1) last night at Farmington Hills Harrison in a semifinal contest. A victory over the unranked Blue Devils would land the Wildcats in the state championship game for the second straight year.

"A lot of us know what the pressure feels like," Novi senior goalkeeper Gabby Gauruder said. "It's crazy, but it does make it a lot more fun and gives you the opportunity to depend on your teammates."

The Division 1 championship takes place at noon Saturday at Michigan State University in East Lansing against the winner of No. 4 Troy (19-2-2) and No. 7 Forest Hills Central (21-1-0).

Marsack continued to create threats on offense for Eisenhower while junior Sophie Maccagnone set plays up in the middle.

"The same thing happened two days ago against Athens, so they had a lot of confidence that they could come back," Eisenhower coach Mehrdad Nekooogar said. "It was close. At 15 minutes, we thought we could get that."

The Wildcats sent Caruso to guard Maccagnone in the midfield and it nullified a large part of the Eagles' production.

Novi netminder Gabby Gauruder throws the ball in after making a save during the Wildcats' June 7 game against Fraser. Gauruder pitched a shut-out, as it were, soccer-wise, and Novi won the game 5-0 in the MHSAA regional semifinal.

Novi netminder Gabby Gauruder (13 saves) had the ability to make clutch saves in clutch situations.

Sudomier, Lee and senior Megan

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Michigan Elite Gymnastics Academy, located in Novi, qualified Rachel Dickson to the Junior Olympic National Championships...

Boosters Club awards scholarships

The Novi Athletic Boosters honored four scholar athletes recently with the annual Novi Athletic Boosters Scholarship.



The Waza FC West 95 Black team won the under-16 State Cup earlier this month. Team members include (front row, from left) William Juang (Ann Arbor)...

STATE CUP

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team is a threat. Everybody's been playing since they were 9 or 10 years old. Dan has developed each one of us to improve each practice.

SOCCER

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STUDENT AWARDS

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Boys golf

An eighth-place finish at last Thursday's regional meet on Lyon Oaks Golf Course in Wixom ended Novi's season just shy of the state meet this weekend.

The team earned 325 points, 29 strokes back from third-place Pinkney, Bloomfield Hills Broke Rice (293) and Detroit Catholic Central (301) also qualified...



Wildcat John Walker tees off at Lyon Oaks on June 9.

Student awards

Michael "Kuni" Hotta, Alan Mencer, Meghan Robinson and Molly Sutika were presented with scholarships from Novi Athletic Boosters President Jay Dooley during senior honors night May 25.

Each \$500 Boosters club scholarship is awarded annually to honor two male and two female student-athletes for athletic and academic accomplishments, as well as their leadership abilities.

attend and the camp will be broken into two age groups (2-5 and 6-9), with 8-foot baskets for the younger group and usual 10-foot baskets for the older group.

Emphasis will be placed on all game phases, including dribbling, shooting, passing, pivoting, faking, rebounding, team play, sportsmanship and an introduction to the Lady Wildcats' offensive and defensive schemes.

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With less than 30 minutes left, Novi senior Katie Rudzinski had pushed up into the right corner and cross the ball low across the middle. Caruso was crashing the left post and knocked the pass in

from about 10 yards to give the Wildcats a security buffer.

"Sometimes your best defense is a good offense and that helps. We've been very fortunate in the state tournament to come out and score some goals early. In previous games, we've scored some goals early, which loosens the other team up and we've been able to take that up with the extra space out there," O'Leary said.

"I think today was the first day it was a true battle throughout. We really earned our shutout today. The more close games you can find yourself in and come through in the winning end, the better you are prepared for it next time, the more comfortable you are feeling uncomfortable."

The extra goal rattled the Eagles enough where the 'Cats cruised through the final few minutes of play with few threats from Eisenhower's offense, despite allowing 10 of 13 shots from the Eagles in the second half.

"Experience of Novi and some bad luck on our side, they got nervous and the last 15 minutes there was no way we could do anything," Neokoogor said. "We had our chances and we didn't execute on those chances."

The regional championship is Novi's fifth for the girls soccer program. The other four all led to Division 1 state titles, including last year's run.

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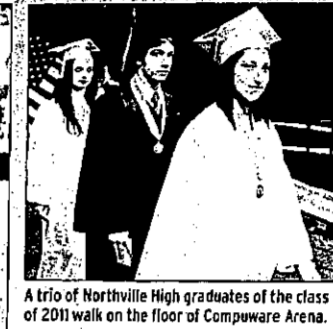
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Class of 2011

A Novi High School graduate of the class of 2011 smiles up into the stands at EMU's Convocation Center.



Retiring after 38 years of teaching mathematics at Catholic Central, teacher Neal Apiner addresses the class of 2011.

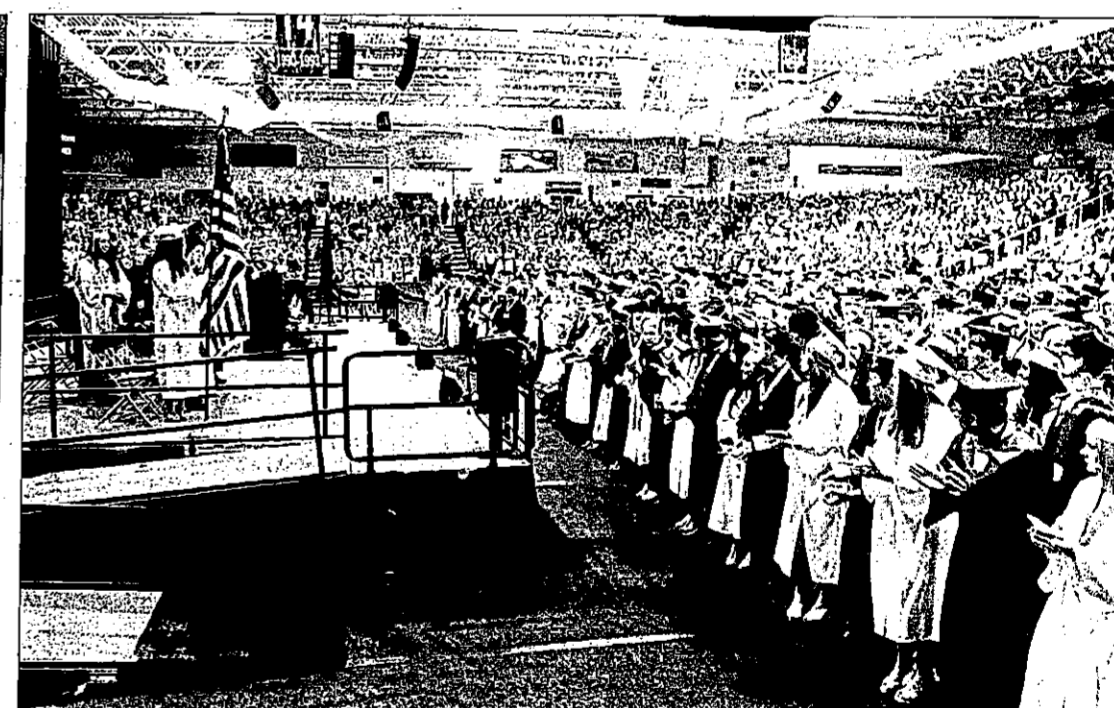


Some of the class of 2011 of Novi High School.

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Allen Wu, vice president of the class of 2011, addresses Sunday night's commencement.



The class of 2011 of Northville High School.



Catholic Central graduates of the class of 2011 await their diplomas on May 22, 2011.



A Novi High School graduate of the class of 2011 gets some help with the tassel on his mortarboard.

Novi High School Class of 2011



Novi High grads Andrew May, Josh Moyer, Steve Stavropoulos, and Andrew Schulte pose for a photo before Saturday's commencement.

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Sandeep Palepu, Constance Robbins, Brahadheeswar Sundararaju



Matthew Thimm, Angela Xie, Michigan Ann Arbor

Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: My father has influenced me the most in my academic career. He has always pushed me to excel and never let me settle for anything less than my best. I am very thankful for him for expecting so much out of me and always offering advice whenever possible.

Your most memorable high school moment: My most memorable high school moment was the last day of my high school tennis career in Midland during the Division I state finals. I looked at all my teammates and realized how much time I had spent with them both on and off the court. Also it made me remember all the time I had spent playing my favorite sport.

SANDEEP PALEPU
Parents: Sitaram Palepu, Padmalaya Palepu
Academic Honors: Siemen's award winner for AP Scholarship for the state of Michigan National AP Scholar National Merit Scholar
Extra-curricular activities: FIRST Robotics - team president; marching band
Post-graduation plans: Columbia University
Career plans: currently planning on going into medicine or engineering

Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: My parents, who have continuously pushed me to try my hardest and have encouraged me to pursue all of my passions.
Your most memorable high school moment: The FIRST Robotics world championships, which is amazing every year.

CONSTANCE ROBBINS
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Academic Honors: National Merit Finalist; AP Scholar with Distinction Award; Robert C. Byrd Scholarship nominee; summa cum laude
Extra-curricular activities: Quiz Bowl; Math Club; National Honor Society; Robotics
Post-graduation plans: University of Pittsburgh
Career plans: become a medical researcher

ANGELA XIE
Parents: Changwei Xie and Lingling Den
Academic Honors: summa cum laude; AP Scholar with Distinction; 2011 National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalist; 2010 APA Academic Achievement; in psychology
Extra-curricular activities: color guard; Interact Club; National Honor Society; Students Promoting University and Diversity officer; track and field; cross country; SADD; French Club officer; Teens Aiding the Cancer Community officer
Post-graduation plans: University of Michigan Ann Arbor
Career plans: undecided
Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: My twin sister Tingling, who has cerebral palsy. She keeps me going, and in everything I do, I try that much harder at because I'm doing it for both of us.
Your most memorable high school moment: Learning how to play euchre.

BRAMADHEESHWAR (ESHWAR) SUNDARARAJU
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Academic Honors: MIPC Top 100; summa cum laude; AIME Qualifier; AP Scholar
Extra-Curricular Activities: Quiz Bowl; Math Club; roller hockey; research internship
Post-grad Plans: Columbia University, NY; studying the bio-medical sciences
Career Plans: going into the medical field, whether it be in research or a practicing doctor

CHAITANYA KANITKAR
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Extra-curricular activities: varsity tennis; Providence Hospital volunteer; Chinmaya Mission Religious School student teacher
Post-graduation plans: operations research at Columbia University
Career plans: management consultant; stock trading; corporate management

SHUBHANGI (NONIE) ARORA
Parents: Anupam and Shikha Academic Honors: Intel Science Talent Search National Finalist; qualified to attend National Junior Sciences & Humanities Symposium in Md.; two-time Siemens Competition in Math, Science & Technology Semifinalist; three-year first place finish at the Michigan Science and Engineering Fair; Intel International Science and Engineering Fair 2009 - first place in Microbiology; Intel International Science and Engineering Fair - Minor Planet Award (25646 Noniearora); received from Linear Program of MIT Lincoln Laboratory; National Merit Finalist; Presidential Scholar Semifinalist; AP Scholar with Distinction
Extra-curricular activities: cross country; track; cross country
Post-graduation plans: medical school
Career plans: doctor
Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: My parents, for guiding me and showing me what's important in life.
Your most memorable high school moment: Not so much a single moment, but rather all the fun and simple times I've had with my best friends.

SIYI CHEN
Parents: Hongzhou Chen, Litua Li
Academic Honors: National Merit Finalist
Extra-curricular activities: Interact Club; SPUD; track; cross country
Post-graduation plans: medical school
Career plans: doctor
Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: My parents, for guiding me and showing me what's important in life.
Your most memorable high school moment: Not so much a single moment, but rather all the fun and simple times I've had with my best friends.

LAUREN DREW
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Academic Honors: summa cum laude; Phi Beta Kappa; Presidential Education Award
Extra-curricular activities: marching band; theater; recycling; community service
Post-graduation plans: Kalamazoo College
Career plans: possibly alternative energy or environmental science studies
Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: My research mentor, Dr. Arins. Has been instrumental in my continued interest in science. Mrs. Pohlonski, my genetics teacher, has been very encouraging.
Your most memorable high school moment: Two weeks of my life stand out the most - the International Science and Engineering Fair and the Intel Science Talent Search. I have made so many incredible friends and have been honored to represent Novi High School and high school scientists. The one moment that I'll always remember was shaking President Obama's hand in the White House during the Intel Science Talent Search.

SOURIK BELTRAN
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Academic Honors: Honor Roll (four years); summa cum laude; AP Scholar; Regional Chemistry Olympiad nominee
Extra-curricular activities: marching band; Student Ambassadors program; hospital volunteering
Post-graduation plans: pre-medicine at Washington University in St. Louis; major in psychology; minor in music
Career plans: medical doctor/ house drummer
Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: My father. He worked extremely hard as a student in Mexico with the dream of one day living in the United States. He showed me that nothing is impossible given the right amount of effort and dedication.

KIRTANA GHANDIKOTA
Parents: Sudhakar Ghandikota, Saraswathi Ghandikota
Academic Honors: National Merit Scholar; AP Scholar with Honor; summa cum laude; Academic Bar; four-year Honor Roll
Extra-curricular activities: Quiz Bowl; Debate Team; Teen Advisory Board at Novi Public Library; Science Olympiad; Math Club; Model United Nations; National Honor Society; Bowling Team; SAI Organization
Post-graduation plans: University of Michigan College of Engineering; major in biomedical engineering.
Career plans: I plan to attend medical school after receiving my undergraduate degree. I hope to become a practicing pediatrician.
Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: My father. He worked extremely hard as a student in Mexico with the dream of one day living in the United States. He showed me that nothing is impossible given the right amount of effort and dedication.

MENG MENG JIE
Parents: Min Jie, Rong Xie
Academic Honors: summa cum laude; President's Award for Educational Excellence; AP Scholar with Distinction; National Merit Finalist; Michigan Math Prize Competition Finalist; four-year Honor Roll
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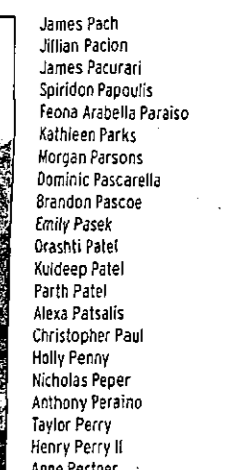
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NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL - TOP STUDENTS

KEVIN SCOTT BAIN

Parents: Kathleen and Scott Bain
Academic Honors: AP Scholar with Honors; summa cum laude
Extra-curricular activities: swimming and diving team - three time All-American Athlete for diving and three time All-State Athlete, third place in States; president of National Honor Society; part-time job at Noodles and Company
Post-graduation plans: University of Michigan; study economics, political science, and Chinese and compete as a diver on the swimming and diving team
Career plans: I hope to become a politician and travel internationally.
Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: My friends. They always pushed me to sign up for the hardest classes and competed with me for the best grades. I do not think I would have worked so hard if my friends hadn't made me.
Your most memorable high school moment: Winning Conferences as a freshman. It was truly a surprise.



Kevin Scott Bain



Catherine Culkin



Robert Hsu

Academic Honors: National Merit Scholarship Finalist; AP Scholar with Distinction National French Contest national winner; Departmental Awards in French, mathematics, history, science, and English; President's Award for Educational Excellence; summa cum laude
Extra-curricular activities: Jazz ensemble 1 for all four years; National Honors Society Member; studying languages in my free time; French National Honors Society; being an ardent Bossa Nova Enthusiast; pit orchestra for musicals including "West Side Story" and "Thoroughly Modern Millie" among others; Rotary Interact Member; symphonic and marching band; being an avid Redditor; playing piano and serenading others with my trombone
Post-graduation plans: College of Engineering at the University of Michigan to study either materials science engineering or biomedical engineering. At U of M, I'd also love to be able to continue studying French and start learning Portuguese, eventually minoring in either one or the other. If the opportunity comes up to study abroad, I would without a doubt take advantage of it and hopefully study overseas for a semester
Career plans: Hopefully, I'll obtain a master's degree and then go on to be involved in the engineering field or some science related job. And if I have the time to do it, I'd love to pursue my love for food and cooking and become an amateur chef on the side, honest!
Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: As a child, I would almost endlessly ask my parents questions and try to goad them into explaining why things were the way they were. They fostered an environment where I could learn to find things out for myself and to think critically and independently. Not to mention the fact that they basically never hesitated to bring my siblings and me to the library or to buy new books for us to read. Looking back on my childhood, I now realize that I learned a great deal from my parents and also that what they did for me early on as a kid have influenced my education thus far tremendously. They are the ones that encouraged me to keep up with my studies and are undoubtedly a central reason as to why I have become the student I am today.
Your most memorable high school moment: I know this hardly counts as a single moment, but the time I spent in Ms. Rhode's Philosophy class as a junior is by far one of the most memorable and worthwhile experiences for me



Lauren Li



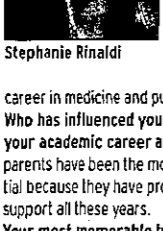
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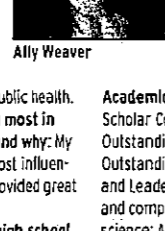
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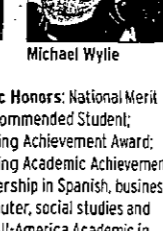
Parents: Tom Culklin, Judy Culklin
Academic Honors: National Merit Finalist/Award Winner; AP Scholar with Distinction; Presidential Scholar Candidate
Extra-curricular activities: symphonic/marching band; jazz band; Spanish Club; Metropolitan Youth Symphony; National Honor Society
Post-graduation plans: University of Michigan LSA Honors program
Career plans: scientific research
Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: Mr. Rumbell, my band director, taught me to work hard and always strive for improvement.
Your most memorable high school moment: I'll never forget the people with whom I shared my journey. I'll always remember the times I had the opportunity to play at the Detroit International Jazz Festival.



Stephanie Rinaldi



Ally Weaver

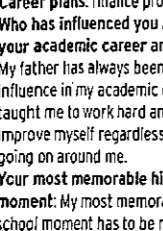


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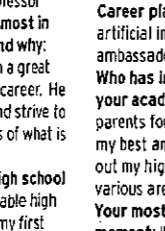
Academic Honors: National Merit Scholar; Commended Student; Outstanding Achievement Award; Outstanding Academic Achievement and Leadership in Spanish, business and computer, social studies and science; All-America Academic in swimming; National Honors Society Inductee; Spanish Honors Society president; KLA Academic Award; NHS Scholar Athlete Award; National Society of High School Scholars inductee; summa cum laude; Phi Beta Kappa; President's Award for Educational Excellence
Extra-curricular activities: varsity swim team captain; volunteer at Oak Pointe Church's Middle School Youth Group; volunteer at Youth Camp; missions trip to Detroit
Post-graduation plans: Cornell University; computer science
Career plans: software engineering, artificial intelligence design, foreign ambassador
Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: My father has always been a great influence in my academic career. He taught me to work hard and strive to improve myself regardless of what is going on around me.
Your most memorable high school moment: My most memorable high school moment has to be my first Model UN conference, in which I had the chance to speak to and learn more about students outside of the Northville region.

ROBERT HSU

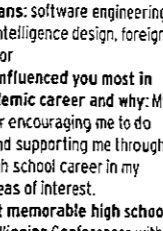
Parents: Yan and Julie
Academic Honors: National Merit Scholarship recipient; Phi Beta Kappa; summa cum laude; multiple Department Awards; Presidential Award in Academic Excellence; AP Scholar with Honor; Chemistry Olympiad Finalist
Extra-curricular activities: Rotary Interact; Northville Health Awareness Society; Alliance for a Healthier Generation; Relay For Life; tennis; Science Olympiad
Post-graduation plans: University of Pennsylvania
Career plans: I would like to pursue a



Lauren Li



Ally Weaver



Michael Wylie

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Parents: Julie Miller and Steve Miller

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RAJEEV VADHAVAR
Parents: Abhay Vadhavkar, Ganpa Vadhavkar
Academic Honors: National Merit Finalist; Outstanding Senior Award in German; Outstanding Achievement Award in mathematics; Outstanding Achievement Award in science
Extra-curricular activities: Quiz Bowl; Science Olympiad
Post-graduation plans: University of Michigan; engineering
Career plans: undecided
Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: My older brother Nikhil, because he has always set the standards for me to meet.
Your most memorable high school moment: Mr. Silak's explosive demonstrations at the end of AP Chemistry.

FRANKLIN ROAD CHRISTIAN - TOP STUDENTS

LUKE BONZELAAR

Parents: Jeffrey and Lori Bonzelaar
Academic Honors: National Honor Society; class vice-president and chaplain; High Honors

Extra-curricular activities: drama; table tennis; church softball; door-to-door salesman; landscaper; youth outreaches and missions trips

Post-graduation plans: attaining a pastoral studies major degree; Moody Bible Institute, Chicago
Career plans: Interning at Watoto Children's Ministries in Kenya and becoming a missionary to the people of Africa

Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: My father has influenced me the most because he has taught me that hard work will get you somewhere in life. The people who have good work ethics and people skills will succeed. I model myself after my father because he is on fire for God and everything falls in its rightful place as he follows Jesus Christ.

Your most memorable high school moment: My most memorable high school moment was when my Spanish teacher pranked me. He got all the other students to play along with him. He made up a huge quiz over Spanish vocabulary that would drastically change my grade...for the worse. I frantically did some five-minute cramming in of material before sitting down and taking the test. The very last question was to translate two letters from Spanish to English -- J.K. (Just Kidding). The test was a huge joke on me.

LAUREN CLARK

Parent: Lorraine Clark
Academic Honors: National Honor Society; salutatorian; Senior Class treasurer; Student Council representative

Extra-curricular activities: gymnastics; cheerleading; photography; hanging out with friends; volunteering with Forgotten Harvest

Post-graduation plans: Taylor University; pre-med
Career plans: My plans for the future are to become a dentist or specialize in medicine with orthopedics or cardiovascular. After I finish graduate school I would like to go for several months each year to Guatemala to provide free health care to the needy people in the mountain villages.

Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: My mom has influenced me the most by always being there for me and giving me advice along the way. She has helped me throughout my schooling and I know I can



Luke Bonzelaar



Lauren Clark



Elizabeth Cregg



Nathaniel Dornfried



Matthew Fusco



Julie Lupo



Scott C. Mautz



Maureen McSweeney



Brittany Rybarczyk



Nick Ward

always count on her.

Your most memorable high school moment: My most memorable high school moment was when I went to Florida on my senior trip with my class. Since I went to a small Christian school, my class grew to be like my second family. It was so much fun going around Orlando, acting crazy and just having a ton of fun with everyone.

ELIZABETH CREGG

Parents: Martin and Hilary Cregg
Academic Honors: American Literature and Composition
Extra-curricular activities: Integrated Computer Applications; Outstanding Academic Achievement in Intro to Physics and Chemistry; World of Dickens Award; National Honors Society; Student Government; Student Council
Post-graduation plans: take general education requirements at Oakland Community College and then transfer to U of M and major in recording arts/audio engineering
Career plans: Hopefully, to make

NATHANIEL DORNFRIED

Parents: Richard and Felicitas Dornfried
Academic Honors: High Honor Roll; Christian Leadership Award
Extra-curricular activities: soccer, jazz band, worship band
Post-graduation plans: take general education requirements at Oakland Community College and then transfer to U of M and major in recording arts/audio engineering
Career plans: Hopefully, to make

it in the recording industry as a producer.
Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: All of my teachers have highly influenced my academic career. They all show an interest in you as a student and strive to see you succeed in their respective classes
Your most memorable high school moment: My most memorable high school moment was when my friend Luke and I gave the vice-president and presidential speeches in our government class. I have never had a speech be given so creatively or comically as by Luke.

MATTHEW FUSCO

Parents: John and Jeannine Fusco
Academic honors: Top 10 in my class; High Honors
Extra-curricular activities: Power Company Kids Club ministry; varsity football, baseball, basketball, cross country, track and soccer; jazz band; art; yearbook; National Honors Society; Class treasurer; Senior Class president; Fellowship of Christian Athletes.
Most memorable high school moment: My most memorable moment in high school was when my football spikes hit the field. I was honored to play the game of football with some of the greatest men that I know, and among those men were my two brothers.
Post-graduation plans: I plan on going to college and getting a degree and playing college football.
Career plans: I plan on playing football in the NFL. Then I hope to start my own business or work in the sports world.

Who has influenced you the most in your academic career: My parents were the most influential in my academic career. They always told me to do my best in whatever that I do and that I was meant for something great. I just needed to put in the work in order to succeed.

JULIE LUPU

Parents: Mary Lupo and Donald Lupo
Academic Honors: 3.95 GPA; National Honors Society; High Honor Roll; Distinguished Honor Roll
Extra-curricular activities: Fine Arts Festival; About One Student Ministries at Brightmoor Christian Church; four Christmas productions
Post-graduation plans: Wayne State University; major undecided
Career plans: undecided
Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: My parents have influenced me the most because they have always encouraged me to do my best and

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Spencer Gilton
Nicholas Givas
Jennifer Gunn
Sydney Holley

LaTina Jackson
Caleb Kuehn
Julie Lupo
Scott Mautz
Jennifer McHenry
Maureen McSweeney
Andrew Montaro
Brittany Rybarczyk
Emily Swaffield
Nikolas Ward
Crystal Wilcoxon

work hard!
Your most memorable high school moment: The amazing campfire service at my senior debut weekend getaway in September

SCOTT C. MAUTZ

Parents: Timothy and Nancy Mautz
Academic Honors: 4.0 Distinguished Honors Student for four years; 17 Highest GPA awards in English, math, history, science, Bible, Spanish and High School Ensemble; Outstanding Conduct Award for High School Ensemble for four years
Extra-curricular activities: Student Council representative; Junior Class president; Student Council president; High School Ensemble; four varsity letters; youth choir
Varsity track -- two varsity letters; several drama presentation and musicals; Youth Group; leader in Brightmoor Christian Church Children's Ministry
Post-graduation plans: Southeastern University in Lakeland, Fla.; major in vocal music education, minor in math.
Career plans: vocal music teacher in a private school

Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: My English teacher, Mrs. Teresa Swaffield, and my music teacher, Mrs. Phyllis Gambino. Mrs. Swaffield was my favorite teacher because she made my Least favorite subject fun. She always encouraged us to do our best and never made things easy. She always challenged us to do more than we thought we could. Mrs. Gambino encouraged my love for music and performing for 13 years. She took my natural talent and taught me how to use it most effectively. It is because of her I want to be a music teacher myself.
Your most memorable high school moment: My missions Trip to Guatemala this year. I went with 11 other students from FRCS to Pinalto, Guatemala. We built a

staircase down a hill at the school, painted the dorms at the mission base, assisted at a dental clinic and helped at the school. It was a lot of hard work, but also a lot of fun. It made me appreciate more how much we have in the USA, and encouraged me to live out my own faith in a greater degree.

MAUREEN MCSWEENEY

Parents: Thomas and Jeanna McSweeney
Academic Honors: National Honor Society; High Honor recipient
Extra-curricular activities: reading the Bible; basketball; volleyball; softball; track; golf; tennis
Post-graduation plans: Spring Arbor University
Career plans: early childhood education or business
Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: Mrs. Ebricht because she is such an amazing elementary teacher, and she is an amazing woman of God.
Your most memorable high school moment: Raising money for my senior project on idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, a disease my grandfather has.

BRITTANY RYBARCZYK

Parents: Susan Grant
Academic Honors: High Honors
Extra-curricular activities: National Honor Society
Post-graduation plans: Oakland Community College

NICK WARD

Parents: Bill and Karin Ward
Academic Honors: High Honors
Extra-curricular activities: president of National Honors Society; varsity basketball and golf captain; vice president of Senior Class
Post-graduation plans: Spring Arbor University; golf scholarship
Career plans: biochemistry
Your most memorable high school moment: the big crowds at homecoming games

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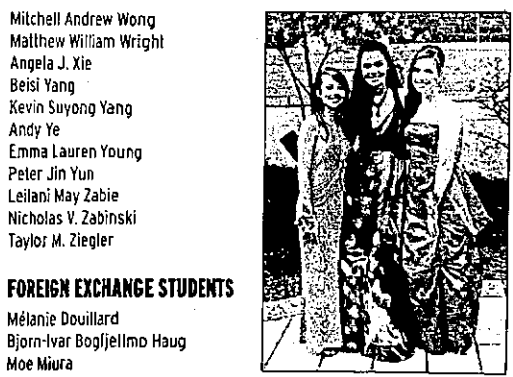
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Novi High School students gather at the Howell family's home before the school prom, held at Suburban Collection Showplace in April.



Novi High students Megan Burkhardt, Lauren McEachran and Sarah Johnson get together before the Wildcats' prom at Suburban Collection Showplace in April.

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