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Meet Gary LaLonde at The Better Health Market (42875 Grand River, Novi) at noon Saturday, June 9 and listen to the free seminar on how he is beating cancer naturally.

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Health Fair

The Michigan Association of Physicians of Indian Origin has partnered with the Sikh Community of Michigan and Providence Park Hospital for the 9TH Annual Health Fair from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, June 10 at the Providence Park Outpatient Center, 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi. The fair takes place in conference rooms A, B, C and E. Enter at the Heart Institute entrance on the hospital campus.

Blood screening panel including sugar, cholesterol, and hemoglobin will be conducted. For a blood, test pre-registration recommended by calling (1-866-501-3627). Over-night fasting is required. No food or beverages (except water) after midnight.

All tests are free. Light refreshments will be available after lab

New state fair finds home in Novi

Organizers confident they can revive historic event

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

A state fair is coming back to Michigan.

And while the location, name and major players have changed, the core of what made the Michigan State Fair a success in Detroit for more than 100 years remains.

Dubbed the Great Lakes State Fair and scheduled for Aug. 31 to Sept. 3 at the Suburban Collection Showplace

in Novi, organizers have put their focus on families, while also highlighting the many talents of Michiganders around the state. There will be large indoor livestock and agricultural areas, as well as a pavilion featuring strictly Michigan-made products.

Kent Roberts, vice chairman of the Great Lakes State Fair board, said members have been working for nearly two years to fill the void left in 2009 when the state fairground on Wood-

ward Avenue and Eight Mile Road was shuttered. And with the help of Suburban Collection Showplace owner Blair Bowman, who donated his facility for free, the board believes it has a place where the fair can not only be revived, but also thrive. "We are not really trying to duplicate the old state fair," Roberts said Wednesday at a press conference announcing the new fair. "We are try-

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New chapter



Novi's High School's class of 2012 sits in Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center for their graduation June 2. For more photos from this event and our All Academic students from local high schools, see our special Graduation section in this issue.

Council approves updates to Novi Civic Center

New roof, audiovisual equipment coming this year

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

The Novi Civic Center is on track for some upgrades inside and out following the city council meeting Monday night.

Council members approved the replacement of a leak-

ing roof as well as the updating of the audiovisual system in the council chambers, both of which have exceeded their lifespans.

City manager Clay Pearson noted that neither the roof nor the audiovisual system have been replaced since the civic

center was built in 1987.

"It doesn't get much more fundamental than this, putting a roof on that is not leaking," he said.

The current roof had a lifespan of 15-25 years and recent-

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More than \$1 million in work set

Ten segments being repaired are some of the worst in city

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

Novi City Manager Clay Pearson said Monday night that fixing neighborhood roads in the city is "one of those items where it's a good thing to spend a lot of money."

And this construction season, the city will be spending \$1,012,788 to improve conditions on 10 segments of roads totaling 1.95 miles.

The road segments were chosen based on an evaluation of the pavement condition using the Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) system, field observations by city staff and resident concerns.

"We are doing as much as we can with the available dollars," Pearson said. "Obviously we wish we could take this even farther, but with what we have I think we are doing a fine job in taking the worst neighborhood streets and making the reconstruction improvements with this work."

Two of the segments — on Braddon Court from White Pines Drive to the cul-de-sac and Cottisford Road from Novi Road to the city limits — are reconstruction projects, while the others include joint/slab repair, mill and overlay and drainage improvements.

The city has managed to save money and maintain its roads over the years through rehabilitation methods such as overlays, panel replacements and joint repairs.

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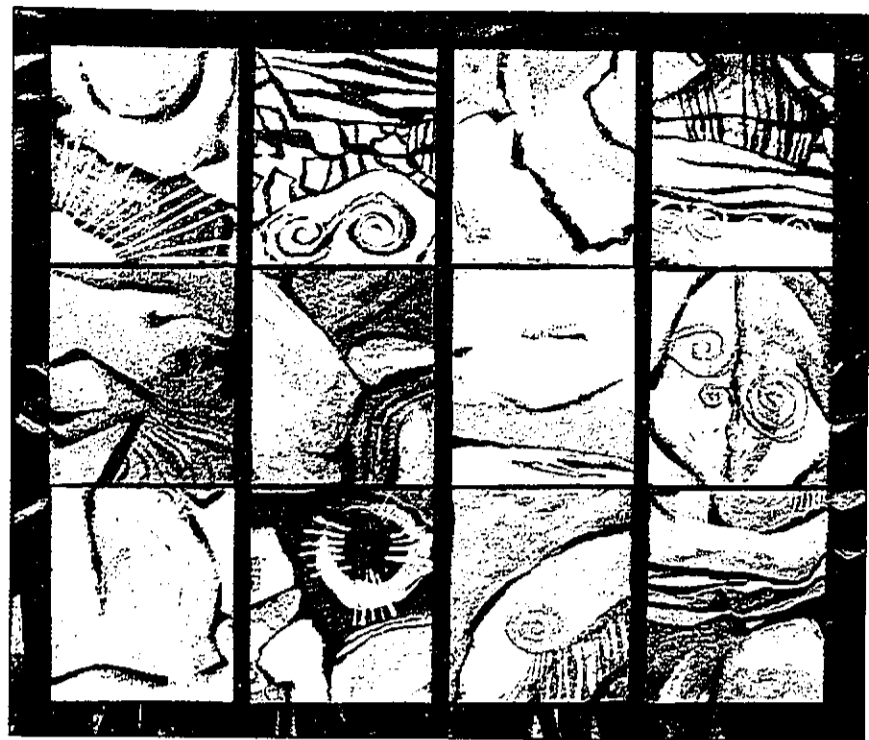
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'Mixed Musings'



Novi artist Peggy Kerwan is now showing at Village Theater Cherry Hill in Canton through June 27 in a mixed media collection of 40 works. The theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road. Visit <http://www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater/> for more information.

Former state fair GM expects new version to 'take off'

Novi resident hopes to show off largest collection of Michigan State Fair memorabilia known

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

There is no replacing the rich history of the Michigan State Fair, which entertained millions of people on Woodward Avenue for more than 100 years.

But Bob Porter, the general manager of the last Michigan State Fair in 2009, said the new Great Lakes State Fair at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi, if run properly, will "really take off."

Porter said there was definitely a need for a state fair, and was concerned that it may never return.

"I think a lot of people thought of the state fair as their Super Bowl," he said. "I think it can definitely be revived. If had gone much longer, though, I don't know how well it would have been received."

Porter, who lives in Ferndale, said he believes the state fair struggled in Detroit because of the city's image and that agriculture is isolated from the area.

"Moving it to a new location that is more oriented in the agricultural world is going to have a positive effect," he said. Porter said he also sees a great "value" in what a state fair brings to people, especially children.

"Kids growing up in inner cities and highly urban areas think hamburgers are something grown where your drive up and they hand it to you through a window," he said.

Novi resident Bob Cummings, who volunteered at the Michigan State Fair for 12 years, said he was excited to hear the state fair was coming back.

Cummings boasts the largest collection of Michigan State Fair memorabilia known, including more than 60 programs from different years, with the oldest going back to 1879.

He is hoping to be able to display it at the Great Lakes State Fair, while also adding a new program to the collection. "I always love showing that kind of stuff," he said. "It's great hearing people reminisce."

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ly has been showing signs of deterioration. It consistently leaks in several areas, and while the city has been patching the leaks, new ones continue to form.

City council approved the roof repairs at a cost of \$224,650, which includes a 25-year manufacturer's guarantee for

both labor and materials. Construction on the roof is expected to start mid-July.

The quality of the audiovisual system in the council chambers also has been fading, with many of the systems requiring routine maintenance. The system also uses standard definition broadcast video with limited projection and presentation equipment.

Pearson noted that the

room is used often for various board and commission meetings, and an upgrade was needed.

"This gets us into the modern times," he said. The new system, which includes the construction of an audiovisual control room and ADA accessible presentation area in the back of the council chambers, is expected to improve image presentation and audio systems, utilize high-definition cameras and improve the audio system among other upgrades.

The system upgrades were approved for an amount not to exceed \$280,835, and that money is coming from restricted REC fees used for capital improvement projects such as this.

It's estimated the project will be completed by the second quarter of the 2012-3 fiscal year.

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ing to put together a 21st century version that is in alignment with the success, and able to promote what we know is true, and that builds upon that rich Michigan heritage of our agricultural community."

Roberts noted that Michigan is the second most diversified agricultural state in the country and said it was a shame that people had few places to showcase their goods and talents.

That sentiment is echoed by Bowman, who admitted to watching from the outside as the fair came to an end in 2009 and as revival efforts came and went over the last two years. Finally, he said, he couldn't wait any longer and wanted to help.

"Michigan deserves a state fair and we have a place to provide that," he said. "We've heard loud

and clear that effort needed to be done on a private sector basis and we are here ready to do that."

On top of the agricultural and livestock focus, the Great Lakes State Fair also will feature a Shriner's Circus, large midway with carnival games and rides, a beer tent, camping village, merchandise and concessions and live entertainment.

Organizers are still finalizing the entertainment, but Bowman said, "If there were any major Michigan-based, born and bred entertainment acts that would like to help us come launch this thing, we would certainly appreciate that help."

Mayor's plea
Novi Mayor Bob Gatt took it a step further. "My favorite entertainer in the whole world, even at my age, is a guy from Detroit, a guy from Michigan named Bob Ritchie, also known as Kid Rock," Gatt said.

"And if he is listening, or his folks are listening, for this thing to be successful we could certainly use his help. Show up for one day, show up for one hour, and just be part of this. That is my challenge."

Bowman said he believes the fair will draw between 10,000-15,000 people per day in the inaugural year but is hopeful that it far exceeds those numbers down the line. The last Michigan State Fair drew 217,000 visitors, with attendance peaking at 1.2 million in 1966.

"I don't want to start it here and go somewhere else," he said. "But if it needs to go to more traditional state fairgrounds, then great. But I think we cannot only start it here, but help it grow here and stabilize it for the long term."

For more information about the Great Lakes State Fair, including times and entertainment schedule, visit www.GreatLakesStateFair.org.

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Party all night

Class of 2012 students (above, from left) Alex Delacruz, Ashley Miller, Brianna Griesinger, Samantha Lindberg and Danielle Johnson take a look at photos of their friends taken in their elementary school years at the June 2 Senior All Night Party at Novi High. Novi High 2012 grad Connor Boran (below) enjoys a smile after finishing one of the many inflatable games that filled the school's gym.



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District maintains focus on long-term success

By Steve Matthews
Guest Columnist



Super Talk
Steve Matthews

As this year's London Olympics approach, I recalled a short-lived inspiration from the 1968 Mexico City Olympics. That year Dick Fosbury won the 1968 Olympic gold medal in the high jump by bending back over the bar — the Fosbury Flop. It was revolutionary and I watched him enthralled with his performance.

His effort even inspired me to give high jumping a try, and our I went into my backyard to build a high jump apparatus. I cut and nailed two-by-fours together to create a frame to hold in place the bamboo pole I somehow found. I dutifully marked heights on the two-by-fours and hammered in nails every three inches up to a height of six and a half feet.

After completing the high jump framework, I knew I needed something soft to land on so I brought out sofa cushions and pillows. I strategically planned my high jumping to coincide with my mother's grocery shopping so that my use of the pillows and cushions would not be called into question.

Finally I was ready. I started at three feet. Truth be told I could have fallen over that height but I wanted to be successful so I literally set the bar low. After several trials with heights below four feet I felt I was finally ready for a challenge. I set the bar at five feet. I really thought I would be successful. I was any-

thing but. I rose into the air and hit the bamboo pole. The pole got caught on the nails holding it in place and that caused the two-by-four framework to fall as I fell toward the pillows. I fell onto the bamboo pole breaking it, and as I landed, the two-by-four framework landed on top of me. It was a tangle of arms, legs, bamboo, two-by-fours, and cushions.

That was the last time I tried high jumping with the Fosbury Flop. I quickly turned my attention to other activities that I thought might be less hazardous.

It is good to be inspired and to set goals. I would even argue that it is important to set goals that are challenging.

This year our district, after careful analysis established four goals. Every student would make no less than a year's growth in a year's time. All students would achieve at a high level.

We would extend opportunities for students while maintaining a minimum 10 percent fund balance.

Finally, we would focus on organizational quality and customer service.

It has been a year. Are we finished now? Can we move onto other goals?

At tonight's board of education meeting I asked for a report on our progress on goal one — no less than a year's growth in a year's time for every

student. This is going to tell me what I knew it would — we did not achieve that goal.

But I was not discouraged. Instead, I was heartened because now we had a baseline from which to measure our progress as we move forward. We have a better sense today how many of our students are growing.

We have a better sense of whether or not we are having an impact on the lives of our students.

Parents and teachers expect our students to learn in our schools. Our goal is to take every student in our district and move them forward every year.

The four district goals that we have established are not goals that will be accomplished in one year. These are goals that will move us forward for several years.

When my enchantment with the Fosbury Flop did not produce immediate gains, I quickly left that goal for another. We will not be as quick to change our direction here in Novi. After a year we have a better sense of the progress that our students are making. We will continue to focus on helping every student in our district reach his or her potential as we move forward.

I am excited by the challenge.

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WORK

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It was also noted in the agenda item for the road work that the additional \$2.1 million that could be generated from the proposed road millage increase to be decided on by voters this August would generate an estimated \$1,365,000 for neighborhood streets. It also would

allow the city to improve approximately 2,63 additional miles of neighborhood streets in 2013, exceeding the \$1 million in construction currently planned that year.

Road work is expected to start in mid-July and be completed sometime in September.

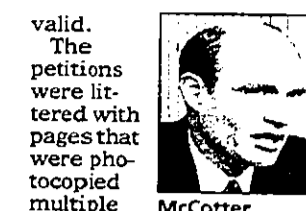
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McCotter ends write-in campaign

By Kathy Gray
Gannett News Service



McCotter

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, is done with elective office. He has nixed a write-in campaign for his seat in Congress and Monday said he won't launch a run as an independent candidate.

His office said that the Republican will never run for elected office again.

"He's done seeking elective office," said his spokesman Randall Thompson.

The inauspicious end of McCotter's career came after his campaign failed to submit enough valid petition signatures to qualify for the Aug. 7 primary ballot. Of the nearly 2,000 signatures the campaign submitted, the Secretary of State determined that only 244 were

valid. The petitions were littered with pages that were photocopied multiple times and were doctored to appear they had been gathered on certain dates. The Michigan Attorney General's office has launched an investigation to determine how the fraud occurred.

Originally, McCotter said he would run as a write-in candidate, but issued a statement Saturday through Randall Thompson, his campaign spokesman, indicating otherwise. "One can't clean up a mess multitasking," McCotter said. "Honoring my promise to the sovereign people of our community only allows me to finish the official duties of my present congressional term; and aid the State Attorney General criminal investigation that I requested into identifying the person or persons who concocted the fraudulent petitions that have cost me so dearly."

The state Board of Canvassers office was scheduled to meet Wednesday to determine who has enough signatures to get on the ballot. Congressional candidates have to submit between 1,000 and 2,000 valid signatures while U.S. Senate candidates have to submit between 15,000 and



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Wayne State University

Adam R. Southworth graduated from the School of Law on May 14. A 2003 graduate of Novi High School, he is the son of Deborah and Tom Southworth of Novi. He will practice intellectual property law with the Southfield firm of Brooks Kushman, an intellectual property law firm specializing in litigation, procurement, and licensing services relating to patents, trademarks, and copyrights. While attending law school, Adam was a registered patent agent at Brooks Kushman.

working in the areas of patent prosecution and technical design consulting. He received his master's degree in materials science and engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and graduated with highest honors from Michigan State University with a B.S. degree in materials science and engineering. He currently resides in Royal Oak.

Albion College

The following local students were named to Albion College's Dean's List for the spring 2012 semester. Students named to the Dean's List must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above at the completion of the semester. This GPA must be based on at least three units in graded courses and a minimum of four units completed.

Kara Collins recently graduated from Albion College, with a degree in economics and management emphasis human resources, with a concentration in the Carl A. Gerstacker Institute for Business and Management. She is the daughter of Kevin and Brenda Collins of Novi and a graduate of Novi High School.

Austin Probst is majoring in public policy and sociology, with a concentration in the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Leadership in Public Policy and Service and is a member of the Prentiss M. Brown Honors Program. He is the son of Wayne and Christina Probst of Wixom and a graduate of Walled Lake Western High School.

Joseph Silvestri is majoring in biology. He is the son of Giuseppe and Josephine Silvestri of Novi and a graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School.

Michael Tolkaez is a first-year student and is a member of the Prentiss M. Brown Honors Program. He is the son of Joseph and Nancy Tolkaez of Novi and a graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School.

Ohio Northern University

Matthew A. Sims, son of Michael and Elaine Sims, of Novi, has been named to the Deans' List for the spring semester. He is a junior majoring in pharmaceutical business. The deans' list includes students who attain a grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 grading system.

The College of Wooster

Jordan Nelson, a graduate of Northville High School, received a bachelor of arts degree from The College of Wooster during commencement exercises on May 14. An English major who graduated cum laude, Nelson is a resident of Novi.

Mississippi College

Kara Collins recently graduated from Albion College, with a degree in economics and management emphasis human resources, with a concentration in the Carl A. Gerstacker Institute for Business and Management. She is the daughter of Kevin and Brenda Collins of Novi and a graduate of Novi High School.

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Pianist Francesco Attesti returns to Walled Lake

Hospitality House, Lakes Area Rotary and Walled Lake United Methodist Church invite you to enjoy pianist Francesco Attesti in a performance at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 28 at the Walled Lake United Methodist Church.

Attesti, a member of Rotary International, enjoys sharing his talent by performing charity concerts as he travels around the world. He will perform selections from Bach, Schubert, Beethoven, Rossini, Chopin and Gershwin for the three charities which will benefit individuals locally and internationally. There will be a light reception following to meet the artist.



Attesti

Hospitality House, founded in 2002, provides over 35,000 pounds of food monthly to local families in need and is currently preparing for their Back to School program where every child in every client family receives a backpack and school supplies to start their new school year.

Lakes Area Rotary founded in 1946 provides various services to Wixom, Commerce, Walled Lake, Wolverine Lake and Walled Lake Schools including park benches,

fire equipment and scholarships. They have participated since 1989 with Rotary International and the World Health Organization to eradicate polio from the world.

Walled Lake United Methodist Church participates in the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) which joins with organizations like Rotary International and the Red Cross to provide disaster relief around the world.

Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased at the door or by contacting Lorrie McVey at LSMFT0521@aol.com or (248) 960-6575.

The Walled Lake United Methodist Church is located at 313 Northport.

Caregivers

More than 1,000 caregivers from Macomb, Oakland, Wayne, St. Clair, Genesee and Lapeer counties attended the Detroit area's biggest caregiver appreciation day and the biggest fashion show event of the year May 17 at the Palazzo Grande Banquet Center in Shelby Township. It traditionally honors the some 8,000 caregivers employed by the MORC system of 100 nonprofits, as well as several thousand family caregivers such as parents, siblings and relatives. Together, they support MORC's 5,200 people in southeastern Michigan with developmental disabilities. MORC, also celebrating its 40th anniversary, is known internationally for helping close all 12 institutions for people with developmental disabilities in Michigan and helping 54 nations develop homes in the community. Shown, caregiver Bonnie Raymour models with Jennifer Abbu, both Novi residents, in the MORC Kohl's Caregiver Fashion Show Caregivers appreciation day.



NOVI NEWSMAKERS

Great Expressions Dental Centers promotes Don Klacking to VP

Great Expressions Dental Centers (GEDC, www.greatexpressions.com) announced the promotion of Don Klacking to vice president-finance.

In his new position, Klacking will oversee the finance and treasury area for the Great Expressions Practice Support Centers (PSC) North in Bloomfield Hills, Mich., and the claim processing/cash posting area at the PSC South in Atlanta.

The Novi resident joined the company in 2010 as director of finance. He was instrumental in the transaction when Great Expressions was sold from Audax to OMERS in October.

"Don has been a tremendous asset to our company and someone who has gone above and beyond what has been asked of him," said Great Expressions CEO Richard Beckman. "We look forward to seeing him continue to grow as a leader and professional."

Prior to his arrival at Great Expressions, Klacking served as director at KP&MG, a global network of professional firms providing audit, tax and advisory services, working in transaction services and assisting clients with acquisitions and mergers. He started his career providing audit and tax services at Plante Moran.

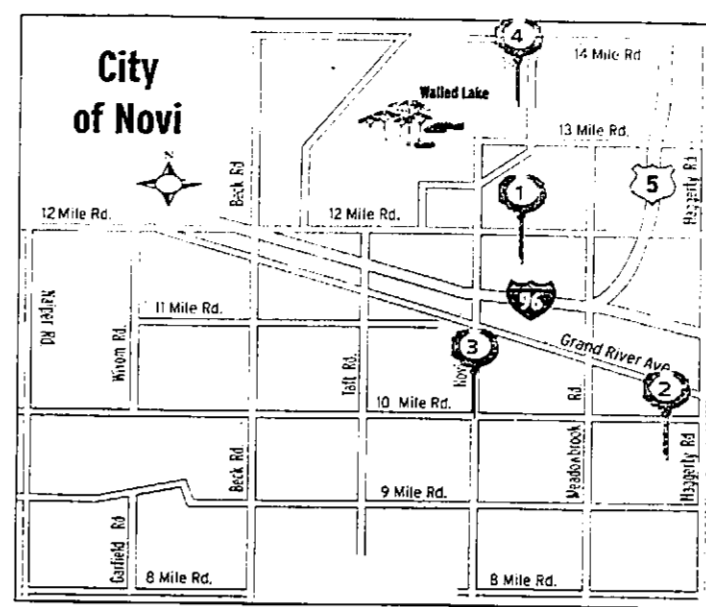
He is a graduate of Western Michigan University's Haworth College of Business.

Delta Dental Foundation elects corporate members

The Delta Dental Foundation elected its 2012 corporate members to serve a one-year term for the organization. Corporate members are responsible for selecting the Foundation's board of trustees for the 2013 year. Corporate members include two Novi residents:

- Lisa A. Dancoski, executive vice president of Michigan Economic Development Corporation.
- Terri A. Miller, CPCU, general manager of Michigan Automobile Insurance Placement Facility.

NOVI POLICE BRIEFS



Man caught stealing watch

Novi police arrested a 17-year-old man for retail fraud after he was caught stealing a watch on June 2 from Sears inside Twelve Oaks Mall.

According to the police report, the loss prevention agent at the store observed the suspect on surveillance camera take a watch off a display rack and put it into his pocket. He then walked out of store, where he was stopped by the agent.

The suspect admitted to taking the watch, valued at \$29.99, for his father. He was arrested and transported to the Novi Police Department where he was issued a citation and released after posting bond.

Purse stolen from gym locker

A woman had her Coach purse stolen on June 3 from a locker at Lifetime Fitness while she was attending a workout class.

According to the police report, the woman pinned her locker key on her towel and proceeded to work out. When she finished her workout, the key on her towel had a different number on it.

The purse contained an iPhone and several credit cards, but none had been used. Police tracked the iPhone using its GPS signal but were unable to locate it.

Drunk driver runs out on Denny's tab

Novi police arrested a man for drunk driving on June 4 after police were called to Denny's because the man left without paying his bill.

According to the police report, the officer responding to the incident observed his vehicle traveling on Novi Road near 10 Mile Road at a high rate of speed. He initiated a traffic stop, and the driver said he had just left Denny's and was lost.

The officer said the driver seemed disoriented and failed field sobriety tests. He refused to take a preliminary breath test and was arrested.

He was transported to the Novi Police Department where a blood draw test was taken. He was released when sober, and the report is being forwarded to the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office for review of charges.

Car damaged by BBs

A Kia Forte suffered minor damage overnight on June 3 after it appeared to have been shot at with a BB gun while it was parked on East Lake.

According to the report, the dents were in the back of the trunk and he had no idea who may have done it. Police have no suspects at this time.

Benevolent association hosting art-themed fundraiser Friday

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

The Novi Police and Fire Benevolent Association's first fundraiser last year was a success.

But following the event, organizers heard from people who wanted to support the non-profit organization but golfing was not their thing.

In an effort to reach those people, the association will be hosting an event featuring art, wine and music dubbed "Coris, Canvas and Classics" at 7 p.m. Friday at the Links of Novi.

"It will be a very nice, classy summer evening," said Sheryl Walsh, volunteer coordinator of the event. "Also through this it's an opportunity to help those in need."

The event tomorrow will feature art from students at the Art Institute of Michigan, as well as pieces from art instructors from the school that will be available for purchase, 16 different wines, including some made in Michigan, and music from the blues group The Soul Commission and saxophonist Tola Lewis.

There also will be strolling dinner with food from local restaurants.

Cost for the event is \$50 per person.

Walsh said the association was created last year

in Novi to support police and fire personnel in a time of need.

"In an unfortunate circumstance where one of our (public safety members) would need assistance this would be able to help them and their families through a terrible time," she said.

The association also has been talking about different ways to use the money they have raised, possibly starting a scholarship program to award to a high school student pursuing a career in the police and fire fields.

For more information about the association, visit www.NoviPFBA.org.

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BASEBALL

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batters in the final two
innings.
'There were seven free
bases on our part,' Novi
coach Rick Green said.
'They loaded the bases in
the final inning and Mario
Ferrini made a great
catch with one out.'
The leftfielder also had
two hits, an RBI, run and
stolen base in the victory.
Ferrini and the Wildcats
also got a first-inning
triple from Logan Regnier,
who had two hits, one
RBI, run and stolen base
as the 'Cats got two runs
in the first inning.
Regnier brought home
Ryan Caputo (one hit),
while Jimmy Eloff had an
RBI double, Mike Zugaro
had one hit, RBI and
run, and designated hitter
Grant Wheeler knocked in
a two-run home run
during a four-run third
inning by the Wildcats.
After a short break,
Novi faced off with near-
by CC and looked good
early, taking a 6-0 lead.
'We were up 6-0 and
ended up winning 6-5,'
said Green, whose team
capitalized on the Sham-
rocks' errors while notch-
ing just five hits. 'I think
the difference in the

game was our outfield.
Our outfield played out-
standing. We were more
into that game than any
other game this season.'
Green credited the play
of outfielders Regnier,
Caputo and Matt Forche,
as well as Tyler Schwanz,
for not committing errors
in the wind while the
Shamrocks struggled.
Regnier got things
going with a two-run
home run in the first
inning. He had two hits,
three runs, two RBIs and
a stolen base on the day.
'When you have big
time players, they come
up big in big games,'
Green said of Regnier.
Notching Novi's other
hits were doubles from
Schwanz and Zugaro,
as well as a single from
Caputo (one run), Eloff
had an RBI on a sacri-
fice fly while Alex King
and Derek Ince each had
runs.
Eloff pitched the com-
plete game, allowing
nine hits, five runs, two
strikeouts and two walks
through seven innings.
The Shamrocks scored
two apiece in the sixth
and seventh innings.
'It was pretty good for
the first five innings,'
Green said of Eloff. 'It
was his game to win or
lose.'



Wildcat Kaylin Hoomaian, left, battles for the ball along with Mustang Jamie Cheslik.



Wildcat Jacqui Kozlowski, left, goes up for a ball along with Mustang Gabbie Guibord during the teams' May 31 playoff match.

SOCCER

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Four-year varsity mem-
bers Kelli Timar and
Katie Rudzinski went 71-
8-11 as Wildcats, three-
year varsity student-ath-
letes Katie Seelenbinder
and Jessica Jarvis went
54-5-9 and two-year var-
sity seniors Shelly Yusko,
Andrea Rybicki and Lau-
ren Pollard went 33-3-7.
Pavlika was the lone one-

year varsity senior, trans-
ferring from Temperance
Bedford last year.
'(Pavlika) was a huge
reason we only gave up
nine goals this season
—the third lowest total
in Novi girls' soccer his-
tory — and she finished
with 12 shutouts and a
0.47 goals against aver-
age,' O'Leary said. 'Most
importantly, all eight of
them are great people
that play for the team and
care of the team more

than any of their own
individual accomplish-
ments.
'Their average GPA is
3.7. All eight are going to
major universities. Over-
all, no matter how many
years they have been on
the varsity team, they
have all been a pleasure
to coach and are all on
their way to doing great
things in this world and
that is more important
than any titles won or any
win-loss record.'

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Wildcats' season ends with loss to Harrison

Novi finishes season on 7-8-1 run after 0-13 start

By Chris Jackett Correspondent

A rough season came to a close Saturday for Novi's softball team. The Wildcats (7-21-1) lost two of their five seniors during the week before losing 3-1 in a district semifinal to Farmington Hills Harrison (21-14) on North Farmington's diamond. In a play-off tune-up, the 'Cats did manage one last victory in splitting a doubleheader May 31 against Walled Lake Western.

freshman Sam Troher and senior Kasey Richman added singles. Lulek gave his younger players a chance to take on Western in the second game as a preview of how next spring could go. Daschke allowed nine hits, eight runs (seven earned), four strikeouts and five walks in a full seven innings, but the offense couldn't match the pace. Daschke had a single and triple on the offensive end.



Wildcat Kacey Lowney, right, slides into second base ahead of the tag during Novi's May 31 game against W.L. Central.

'Overall, I was pleased with the effort,' Novi coach Bob Lulek said of the Harrison game. 'We hit the ball hard, we just hit it right at somebody.' Sophomore Natalie Tarrant pitched a complete game, allowing six hits, three strikeouts, one intentional walk and two earned runs in seven innings. The Hawks' third run came on an errant pickoff throw to first that ended up behind the right fielder.

'She did a nice job,' Lulek said. 'She's going to be a nice pitcher. She just has to learn how to use the plate.' The consistent performance was similar to Tarrant's work against Walled Lake Western during a 7-5 win earlier last week when she allowed eight hits, four strikeouts, one walk and five runs (four earned) in a full seven innings of action.



Wildcat Kacey Lawler connects with a pitch during Novi's May 31 home game against Walled Lake Central.



A Novi Wildcat pitcher tosses a ball toward home plate.

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Michigan Jaguars win TFA United Cup



The Michigan Jaguars 97 Boys White soccer team was crowned division champion at the TFA United Cup in Cincinnati the weekend of March 31. The team outscored its opponents 18-1, and won 2-1 in the championship game against a challenging Mockingbird Classic team from Louisville.

Pavlika wins Division I shot put title Wildcat girls run, throw their way to seventh in the state

By Chris Jackett

Novi senior Sam Pavlika had an interesting string of highs and lows last week.

soccer goalie and a field event leader with the track and field program, the Temperance Bedford transfer can call herself a state champion, just maybe not in the sport she expected when both seasons began in April.

Just two days after the two-time defending state champion Novi girls soccer team was knocked out of the playoffs by No. 1 Northville, who scored three goals on Pavlika, the tenacious senior earned almost half of the

track team's 30 points toward a seventh-place finish at the Division I state meet.

Pavlika had already helped the track team win KLAAs, Oakland County and regional championships this season, but her shot put and discus efforts fueled the Wildcats Saturday at East Kentwood.

With a heave of 40 feet, Pavlika won the state title in the shot put by six inches over Walled Lake Central's Josephine Jackson (39-feet-6). She was also fourth in the discus at 117-feet-3. Sophomore sister Taylor Pavlika was

fifth at 115-feet-7, but neither could best champion Jae-vyn Wortham (136-feet-6) of Harrison Twp L'Anse Creuse.

Novi only placed in five of 16 events, but it was enough to finish well because Grosse Pointe South (77.5 points) and Ann Arbor Huron (64) ran away with the meet. Third-place Rockford was only five points ahead of Novi. Rival Northville won 34th with five points and Bedford was 47th with two points.

The Wildcat girls continued to do well in the relay events, finishing third in the 400 relay

(48.66 seconds) and sixth in the 1,600 relay (4:01.40). Saline won the 400 relay in 48.45 seconds and Grosse Pointe South won the 1,600 relay in 3:53.90.

Novi's 400 relay team consisted of Mariah Smith, D'Maya Davis, Janee Hood and Jasmine Ward, while Kelly McCloskey, Taylor Mosley, Kerri McMahan and Ward made up the 1,600 relay team.

McCloskey also placed individually in the 300 low hurdles, landing seventh in 46.73 seconds as Ann Arbor Huron's Cindy Ofili won in 45.02 seconds.

Wildcat golfers win conference, qualify for regional tourney

Sophomore Buckley wins individual conference title

By Chris Jackett

Add a KLAAs Kensington Conference championship and regional qualifying score at Districts as two more accomplishments for Novi's boys golf team.

The Wildcats (8-2) are on a streak after winning their last several dual meets and the Oakland County Championship under the tutelage of coach Brad Huss.

Sophomore Garret Buckley was the individual conference champion with a score of 70 at Pheasant Run in Canton. As a team, the Wildcats finished with 295 strokes, four ahead

of runners-up Plymouth, who had all six golfers hit between 73 and 79.

For Novi, junior Jason Carless finished sixth with 73, senior Johnny Walker 10th with 74 and junior Brad Kozinski 20th overall with 78. Among 70 golfers, Novi's non-scoring

golfers, at fifth and sixth for their team, still both finished in the overall top 40 as Bryan Fegert was 27th with 79 and Mike Wenzl 38th with 82. Things didn't go so well at Districts June 1 at Chemung Hills in Howell, but they went well enough for Novi to qualify as fifth of 13 teams with a score of 332, one ahead of Detroit Catholic Central, but 19 back from champion Pinckney.

Lack of seeding leads to lack of victories at state meet

Novi netters finish 11th in D1 for second year in a row

By Chris Jackett

With just two of eight flights seeded, Novi's girls tennis team had an uphill battle to fight at the Division I state meet last Friday in Midland.

The No. 9 ranked Wildcats (10-3-1) ended up landing in 11th for the second-straight year. Novi had eight points, three back from rival Northville, who finished eighth.

Grosse Pointe South won 26 points, edging out 25 apiece from Clarkston and Port Huron Northern.

"Overall, the kids played well. It's tough because they played the whole thing inside," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "Overall we might not have played our best tennis of the year, but we gave it a good effort. The draw wasn't kind to us, but that's what happens when you don't get seeded."

Seeded fourth in one singles, senior Abby Wang (18-4) opened up with a dominant 6-

0, 6-0 over Rockford's Lauren Korlewitz in the second round before losing a 6-3, 6-4 quarterfinal to fifth-seed Davina Nguyen from Utica, who ended up winning the individual title after defeating the top two seeds in the semifinal and final.

"Obviously the Utica girl is an outstanding player. She had just won a national USTA tournament two weeks ago. She proved she was a quality player by the way she ran the table," Hanson said. "I thought Abby played a very good, well-played match against her. Abby had a good tournament, a good four years on varsity, and Amanda Border, who won the state title two years ago, are the two best players in the girls program that we've ever had."

The other seeded Wildcats were junior Rebecca Chen and sophomore Asawari Kanikar (19-5), who were ranked fourth in the three doubles flight.

Their quarterfinal loss to Ann Arbor Huron started after many people would've eaten

dinner at 6:30 p.m., but it was their first match of the day. The duo had a first-round bye and their second-round opponents from Monroe forfeited a 3 p.m. match in order to attend their own graduation ceremony Downriver.

"They were waiting around almost 12 hours and then they played a good Ann Arbor Huron team," Hanson said. Novi only picked up victories in two more flights.

Junior Caitlin O'Brien (13-11) won her second-round match at four singles 6-3, 6-1 over Uta Eshenhower's Macayla Rizzo before losing 6-0, 6-1 to No. 2 seed Catherine Chou from Ann Arbor Huron.

The one double tandem of senior Emily Sheeran and sophomore Amy Zhou (11-6) won a second-round match 6-4, 6-2 over Hudsonville before falling 6-2, 6-2 to the No. 1 seed from Ann Arbor Pioneer in the quarterfinals.

"Emily Sheeran came a long way and became probably our

best doubles player this year," Hanson said.

Freshman Erin Day (12-9) nearly pulled out a victory at two singles, but lost 3-6, 6-4, 6-3 to Azba Gurm from Ann Arbor Pioneer in the second round.

"I thought Erin Day did a good job," Hanson said. "It was a good effort by Erin. Erin had a good match with the Pioneer girl. She's got three more years and she'll get better."

The Wildcats' also experienced second-round losses by seniors Emily Kwederis and Ori Nagasaka (16-8) at two doubles 6-3, 6-0 to Pioneer and then sophomores Rachel Bailey and Dina Pawaz (16-7) at four doubles 6-2, 7-5 to No. 6 seed Port Huron Northern.

"I thought four doubles drew the sixth seed from Port Huron Northern and gave them a really good match," Hanson said. "They play the net pretty aggressively."

Three singles freshman Dhivya Sridhar (12-11) was the

only Wildcat without a first-round bye, instead losing 7-4, 6-2 to Romeo's Maddy Petz.

With their top singles player and three of their top four doubles players crumpling, along with the five doubles team, younger Wildcats will have to step up next spring. The two freshmen are looking to lead the singles core as two juniors and four sophomores are all expected to return to varsity a year older, as well.

"We're going to have to rebuild the team. Hopefully we don't have to rebuild," Hanson said. "We'll come up with a team that gives us the best chance. Some of the singles kids might be playing doubles and some of our doubles might be playing singles. We'll be competitive next year."

"How much work our kids are willing to work, you can make big strides in one year's time. This summer is critical for our kids. I think they're motivated to work on their games and put the time in."

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\$7.69 lb. *Save \$2.50 lb.*

Dietz & Watson London Broil Roast Beef
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Dietz & Watson Virginia Lite Ham
\$6.99 lb. *Save \$3.00 lb.*

Joe's Signature Oven Roasted Turkey
\$5.99 lb. *Save \$2.00 lb.*

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\$3.99 lb. *Save \$2.00 lb.*

GROCERY

Snapple 6pk **\$4.99** *Save \$1.00*

Lays Potato Chips **2/5**

Tostitos Chips **2/7**

Heinz Picnic Packs **\$4.99** *Save \$1.00*

Bone Suckin BBQ Sauce **\$4.99** *All Varieties • 18oz. jar*

Dasani Water **\$3.99** 24pk *Save \$1.00*

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Strawberry Pie **\$12.99** *Made with Fresh Strawberries & Glaze*

Graduation Loffhouse **\$3.99** per pack

Jumbo Graduation Style Cupcakes **\$2.99** each *Chocolate or Vanilla*

Orange Creamsicle Cake **\$19.99** and up *Yellow Cake with Creamy Orange filling*

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Joe's Fresh Roasted Coffee Flavor of the Week "Strawberry Nut Creme" **\$8.99** lb. *Save \$1.00 lb.*

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Congratulations, GRADUATES

Northville, Novi, Catholic Central, Franklin Road Christian



Novi's class of 2012 stands for the National Anthem.

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Catholic Central's 2012 graduation held at Hill Auditorium.



Detroit Catholic Central class of 2012 member Kyle Cooper was awarded the school's Whalen Award during the May 20 commencement. The award is given to the senior that best represents the school in an outstanding academic and athletic manner.



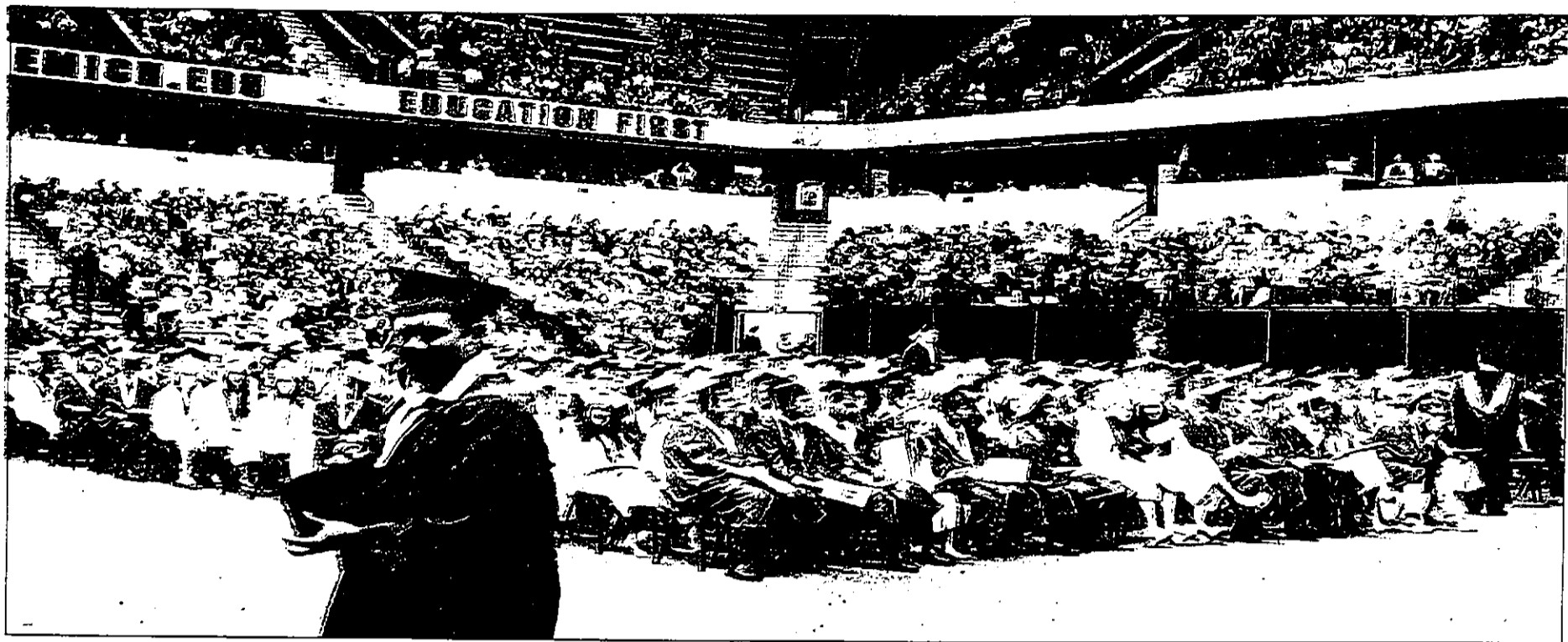
Novi grad Danika Rodrigues receives her diploma on June 2.



Northville High class of 2012 member Jeff Gertley graduates with his classmates on Sunday, June 3, at Plymouth's Computware Arena.



Northville High's class of 2012 numbered a little less than 500 graduates.



The Convocation Center is pretty packed with Novi's 507 graduates and their family and friends on June 2.

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Novi High School Class of 2012

- Jacob Ghassan Abbo
- Christopher Abi-Assaf
- Nikhil Adapa
- Rebecca Lynn Agee
- Shota Akazawa
- Alejandro Albuern
- Giddiani Albuern
- Jessica Emil Ansara
- Samantha Ansara
- Aaron James Antilla
- Tyler Justin Aranda
- Chaitanya Atturi
- Karla Ayala-Talavera
- Phillip James Dela Rosa Bahner
- Danielle Marie Bain*
- Gabriella Cruz Baldovino
- Whitney Jungmin Bang
- Grant Matthew Barnes
- Harrison Elihu Barnes
- Lindsay Sara Barnhart
- Alexander James Barry
- Cortez D. Barton
- Kendall Colleen Bauer
- William Bradley Bell, Jr.
- Michael Jacob Benkarski
- Ignas Bermanas
- Emily Elizabeth Bielski
- Jordan Alexander Blanchard
- Conor Martin Boran
- William Brady
- Matthew Edward Brasil
- Mikaela Jean Bray
- Nicole Eve Bray
- Sergio Brianti-Martinez*
- Jenna Britton
- Justin Rhema Armani Brooks
- Brittany Nicole Brown
- Kendra Dae Brown
- Alexander James Brushser
- Elyse Christine Brushser
- Sam Michael Buchin
- Melanie Ann Bunio
- Allison Paige Burke
- Keyaira Dezarae* Burkett
- Kent Michael Burnett
- Marcella Anne Caprara
- Lance Joseph Caputo-Lilla
- Erik Carlson
- Ryan Joseph Carney
- Luis Carrasco
- Aditi Chadha
- Abby Jean Chandler
- Kimberly Elizabeth Channell
- Lucia Chen
- Rachna Chhaya
- Raj Dhiman Chhaya
- Subodh Chinthalapuri*
- Logan Chio
- Abigail Lauren Chiu
- Teja Chivukula*
- Andrew Cho
- Derek James Cingel
- Dayna Monique Clayton
- Kyle Devin Clemmons
- Alec Joseph Collins
- Ryan Collins
- Nicholas Robert Dagher
- John George Damrath IV
- Alexandra Floreale D'Annibale
- Kassie Lee Darling
- Cara Marie Davies
- Alexander Michael Davis
- Alexander Scott Davis
- D'Mya Noel Davis
- Kathryn Michelle Davis
- Lauren Maria D'Arcy
- Brenda Lyn DeGuzman
- Alexandra DeLaCruz
- Mathew Thomas Denny
- Alec Michael DeNuccio
- Taylor John DesOrmeau
- Christopher Richard Diacono
- Steven Tyler Dickmann
- Parker Michael Dinu
- Alex Ray Dixon
- Austin Dixon
- Jacob Mitchell Dobras
- Natalie Alayna Doherty
- Rachel Lynn Dombrowski
- Rachael Lynn Dooley
- Theresa Maria Drafta
- Janell Ducker
- Bailey Amber Durham
- Joseph Louis Dvoretzky
- Meghan Dzewiet
- David Alexander Edwards
- James David Eloff
- Derek James Engebretson



A Novi High grad looks up in the stands at EMU for friends and family as the commencement begins on June 2. Novi's class of 2012 had 507 graduates total.



Like other members of the Novi High varsity baseball team Logan Regner had to walk in his June 2 graduation with his baseball uniform on under his gown as the Wildcats had a playoff game earlier that day.



Novi High grads await the start of their June 2 commencement at EMU's Convocation Center.

- Lance Christopher Engels
- Katie Marie Enright
- Dylan Matthew Fahome
- Mikaela Falsetti
- Katalina Silerio Faraon
- Jennifer Elizabeth Farless
- Jacob Levi Faunce
- Mary Katherine Favorite
- Joshua Ryan Feight
- Amelia Alexandra Feinstein
- Dominique Nicole Felice
- Kevin Peter Fernandes
- Alexander Joseph Ferrini
- Michelle Louise Ferrini
- Katherine Anne Ferriss
- Brenden Patrick Finerty
- Justine Ann Fischer
- Tyra Simone Flax
- Rachel Mary Fox

- Christopher Brent Fraser
- Erik Michael Frasier
- Benjamin Tyler Fudala
- Margaret Elizabeth Gaffney
- Nia Gamble
- Eric Michael Gardner
- Marco Stephon Garrett
- Tyson Martin Ghouchgh
- Bethany Hope Gilchrist
- Ryan Richard Goodcase
- Rachel Michele Gracz
- Stephen Anthony Grady
- Christopher Paul Greshover
- Brianna Kristi Griesinger
- Kathryn Michelle Groechel
- Michael Ryan Gurney
- Amanda Rachel Guttman
- Abigail Grace Hall
- Kevin Hanlon
- David Jonathan Edward Harding
- Luke Nathanael Mark Harding
- Zachary Allan Hare
- Ena Hariyoshi
- Lesley Grace Harrington
- Allison Marie Hartmus
- Maddie Haustein
- Nathan Haustein
- Adam Benjamin Haynes
- Sean Michael Hazen

- Carly Healy
- Shelby Rae Henley
- Rena Hertrich
- Curtis Richard Herzog
- Nicole Hill
- Angela Bajanowski Hoang
- Bounlai Christopher Hocieniec
- Gary Madigan Hoen
- Sandra Carol Hoffman
- Jacob Hole
- Jazzmine Christian Holland
- Gi Hong
- Anginae Janese Hopkins
- Eric Hopton
- Julie Marie Hosley
- Sarah Karimi Hosseini-
- Angela Enjia Huang
- Kylie Samantha Hurwitz
- Derek William Ince
- Fabian Hubert Israel
- Joseph Michael Ivezaj
- Jamal Kurun Jabbaar
- Chase Logan Jabbori
- Nathan Robert Jackson
- Smanatha Lee Jahr
- Ayushi Jain+
- Jessica Marie Jarvis
- Zoe Rhiannon Jenkins

Please see NOVI, B10



Diamond Madison receives her diploma.



Derek Ince receives his diploma.



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Novi class of 2012 graduate Katie Enright receives a smile and a handshake from Novi School District Superintendent Dr. Steven Matthews.

NOVI HIGH SCHOOL ALL ACADEMIC TOP 10

ALEX BRUSHER

Parents: Gerald Brushser and Elizabeth Wolfe-Brushser
Academic honors: National Merit Scholarship Finalist, AP Scholar with Honor, Stanford EPGY Program, Chemistry Olympiad District Runner-Up
Extra-curricular activities: varsity/club/ODP Soccer, marching band, concert band, Novi High School winter drumline, National Honor Society
Post-graduation plans: University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Career plans: I am currently undecided, but I am leaning towards a career in medicine and/or computer science.
Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: My fifth and sixth grade LEAP teacher, Dr. (Katherine) Ellis. She not only encouraged me to pursue my passions, but also to enjoy the pursuit.
Most memorable high school moment: Winning MCGG State Finals with the Novi High School winter drumline as a senior and section leader. I couldn't have asked for a better end to my Novi High School drumline career.



Alex Brushser



Lucia Chen



Alexander Davis



Kyle Gassel



Ena Hariyoshi



Daniel Lee



Jason Leung



Anthony Pan



Vivek Panyam



Andrew Thorwall

LUCIA CHEN

Parents: Yipeng Chen and Linda Weng
Academic honors: U.S. Presidential Scholar, WXYZ-TV Brightest & Best, National Merit Scholarship winner, Scholastic Gold Key in Novel Writing, summa cum laude
Extra-curricular activities: Creative Writing Club, Quiz Bowl, cross country, Novi Public Library Teen Advisory Board, Spanish Club, Princeton Review instructor/proctor, National Honor Society
Post-graduation plans: Yale University, to study the nation's most popular major - undecided
Career plans: Teacher, businesswoman, professional chocolate taster - at this point in life, anything goes!

ALEXANDER M. DAVIS

Parents: John and Laura Davis
Academic honors: Honor Roll, AP Scholar, 2011 Academic All-State Division 1 baseball team
Extra-curricular activities: National Honor Society, varsity baseball, secretary of Spanish Club, S.A.O.D.
Post-graduation plans: study engineering at the University of Michigan
Career plans: mechanical engineer
Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: Mr. Timmer and Ms. Simon, my challenging and fun sixth grade teachers.
Most memorable high school moment: Mrs. Thomson's picnic in honor of our final seminar class.

ENA HARIYOSHI

Parents: Ryu & Michie
Academic honors: summa cum laude, Honor Roll, Phi Beta Kappa, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, Science Department Award
Extra-curricular activities: band, Quiz Bowl
Post-graduation plans: engineering at UC Berkeley
Career plans: Some sort of a job, although I feel like I want to never stop being a student.
Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: Everyone who set expectations for me to meet.

KYLE GASSEL

Parents: Nancy Salisbury and Jay Gassel
Academic honors: summa cum laude, Honor Roll, Academic Letter, Phi Beta Kappa, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, AP Scholar with Honors
Extra-curricular activities: FIRST Robotics: electrical group leader, made it to World Championships every year; Boy Scouts Arrow of Light, Order of the Arrow, Patrol Leader, Life Scout; French Club member; Teen Advisory Board member
Post-graduation plans: Attending the Missouri University of Science and Technology, where I will major in electrical engineering. I will also be interning over the summer at Autoliv.
Career plans: I plan on putting my knowledge and skills to good use to create more efficient energy systems or possibly continue working at Autoliv to help improve auto safety.
Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: The person who influenced me the most in my high school career is my older brother.

JASON LEUNG

Parents: Chun-Pong Leung; Ying Chen
Academic honors: AP Scholar with Distinction; National Merit Commended Scholar; Local Chemistry Olympiad Honorable Mention (2011)
Extra-curricular activities: Destination Imagination; Science Olympiad co-coordinator; Science Club vice president; tennis; Debate Club; Forensics Club; track
Post-graduation plans: University of Michigan, Ann Arbor in the College of Engineering
Career plans: I want to pursue a career in engineering, possibly computer engineering. My most ambitious goal would probably be creating a start-up company of something cool. I'll figure that out later.

ANTHONY PAN

Parents: Zen Chen and Jian Pan
Academic honors: National Merit Finalist, National AP Scholar, summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence
Extra-curricular activities: French horn, piano, marching band, MSBOA Solo and Ensemble Festival, All-State Orchestra, Michigan Youth Arts Festival, volunteering at the Michigan New Century Chinese School, Nanowrimo
Post-graduation plans: University of Chicago
Career plans: undecided
Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: Myself; I've always done what I wanted to do.
Most memorable high school moment: All of senior year was amazing. Just to mention a few things - Phantom Regiment, 3 a.m. walks, Michigan Youth Arts Festival, friends and family.

VIVEK PANYAM

Parents: Vidya and Venkat Panyam
Academic honors: summa cum laude, National Merit Finalist, AP Scholar with Distinction, Academic Honor Roll
Extra-curricular activities: president and Programming Group leader of FIRST Robotics Team Frog Force 503, Member of Science Club, Member of National Honor Society
Post-graduation plans: School of Engineering and Applied Science at the University of Pennsylvania
Career plans: Get a PhD, work at Google, and then start my own tech company in the future.
Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: My parents have always pushed me to do my best and reach for the stars. They have given me immense support in whatever I wanted to do and helped keep me on track whenever I strayed from my goals.
Most memorable high school moment: I wrote a research paper about Pokémon and taped a little card on it that played the Pokémon theme song as you read it. I completely missed the point of the paper and did horribly on it, but it was certainly memorable.

ANDREW THORWALL

Parents: Jennifer Thorwall, Daniel Thorwall
Academic honors: National Merit Scholar Finalist, National AP Scholar
Extra-curricular activities: Science Olympiad
Post-graduation plans: Lots of sleeping and eating for three months. Then I'd like to study computer science and physics at the University of Michigan.
Career plans: I don't really have any idea. I think as long as my job is always changing and forcing me to think about new things, I'll be happy.
Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: Bill Nye. He's always so excited about everything, and he has a way of making everybody else excited too. In elementary school, the teacher would be explaining a concept like sublimation, and everybody would be like, "Shut up and let me play with my cootie-catcher." Then she'd put on an episode of Bill Nye, where he says the same thing but with a cooler voice and a catchy theme song and a crazy bow tie and 50 pounds of dry ice, and everybody would be like, "SHUT UP - I CAN'T HEAR BILL NYE!" It's a simple concept, but I think a lot of outwardly dull topics and ideas become incredibly interesting if you view them from the right angle. I think that's the only reason I've been academically successful.

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Speaking up: Rally in Washington, D.C., promotes homeownership

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

Table listing real estate transactions in Wayne County, including address, price, and agent information.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

Table listing real estate transactions in Oakland County, including address, price, and agent information.

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Real Estate Career... Free Foreclosure Tours... On Facebook... Investors

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Skate ban: Heed lawyer's advice

Our association is thinking about banning skateboarding in the common areas. Do you think that poses a problem?

Q: What is your experience in dealing with short sales as a vehicle to avoid foreclosure?

circumstances, it may be a good way out for the home seller. In any event, you should use a real estate agent or firm that specializes in short sales.

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS... The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum.

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Crossword Puzzle Somethings Fishy

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Grid for the crossword puzzle with numbers indicating starting positions.

Answer to Last Week's Puzzle... AJAR BRER ATOP EWELL LOMA TUBES PAGO DALAI BAMBURBLE PULL AGAPE ADOBE SITKA EAT TAN LAST CHIRODRIGUEZ DEJECTED NET GIN IWO HERON GLIB EVICT VAST PITAS SOS ETHOS ANTON EVITTA THESAIN BOR BABA BLACKSHEEP TAM RABE RABARIAL SEAMY ASUNCION STRAP TIBET DICTA NAM AVANT LAVAV SKEG LULL ELLIOT NIP BKYEGLACKBIRD ANTE ARE DUO ENURE OMAHA ROMAN NCAR SINGPRISON AKELA TORA SIEDER NTWT BENET SAIL DIOMO IOILA

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