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### Candidate questions

The *Novi News* will be conducting interviews with candidates for the August primary races for state House 38th District and 52-1 District Court. If you have a question for these candidates, please send to cstone@hometownlife.com.

### 52-1 District Court forum

The League of Women Voters Oakland Area is co-sponsoring with the Oakland County Bar Association and the *Detroit Free Press* a 52-1 District Court candidate forum at 7 p.m. Monday, June 23, at Wixom City Hall, 49045 Pontiac Trail. The public is invited to learn more about the candidates for this office and ask questions.

The district includes Novi, South Lyon, Walled Lake and Wixom, the townships of Commerce, Highland, Lyon, Milford and Novi and the villages of Milford and Wolverine Lake.

Scott W. Powers and Travis M. Reeds are challenging incumbent judge, Brian MacKenzie, for the six-year term.

# Novi man extradited from India to stand trial in killings

Mother, children found slain in '08

By L.L. Brasier  
Gannett Michigan



Lakshminivasa Nerusu



Jayalakshmi Nerusu



Tejasvi Nerusu



Siva Kumar Nerusu

In 2008, Novi police say, Lakshminivasa Nerusu did the unthinkable. He slit his wife's throat, then waited for his son and daughter to come home from school and killed them in the same manner.

A year after being brought back from his native India, where he had fled and gone into hiding, the 46-year-old computer programmer will go to trial in Oakland County Circuit Court in the killings in the fam-

ily's Novi town house.

The trial had been scheduled to start Monday, was adjourned until today and then rescheduled again for Tuesday. Jury selection was expected Tuesday morning and opening statements are expected to begin that afternoon. If convicted, he faces life in prison without parole.

The defense attorney says he plans to argue that Nerusu was insane

the morning of Oct. 13, 2008, when he killed his wife, Jayalakshmi, 37.

Investigators say he then went to a drug store, bought bandages to treat his own injuries, then laid in wait for his daughter, Tejasvi, 14, and his son, Siva Kumar, 12, to arrive home from school. He then killed them. The bodies were found two weeks later, when worried family members alerted police.

Within hours of the killings, Nerusu fled Michigan and flew to India, where he remained free until his arrest in February 2013 near Hyderabad, in southern India. He waived extradition in May 2013 and has since been in the Oakland County Jail, held without bond.

Psychiatrists who have examined Nerusu say he is competent to stand trial and was not insane at the time of the killings. But his defense attorney, Lawrence Kaluzny, said insanity is the only explanation.

"When I first met him at the jail, he said, 'Look, I loved my kids, I had to be crazy to kill my kids,'" Kaluzny said in a phone

interview last week.

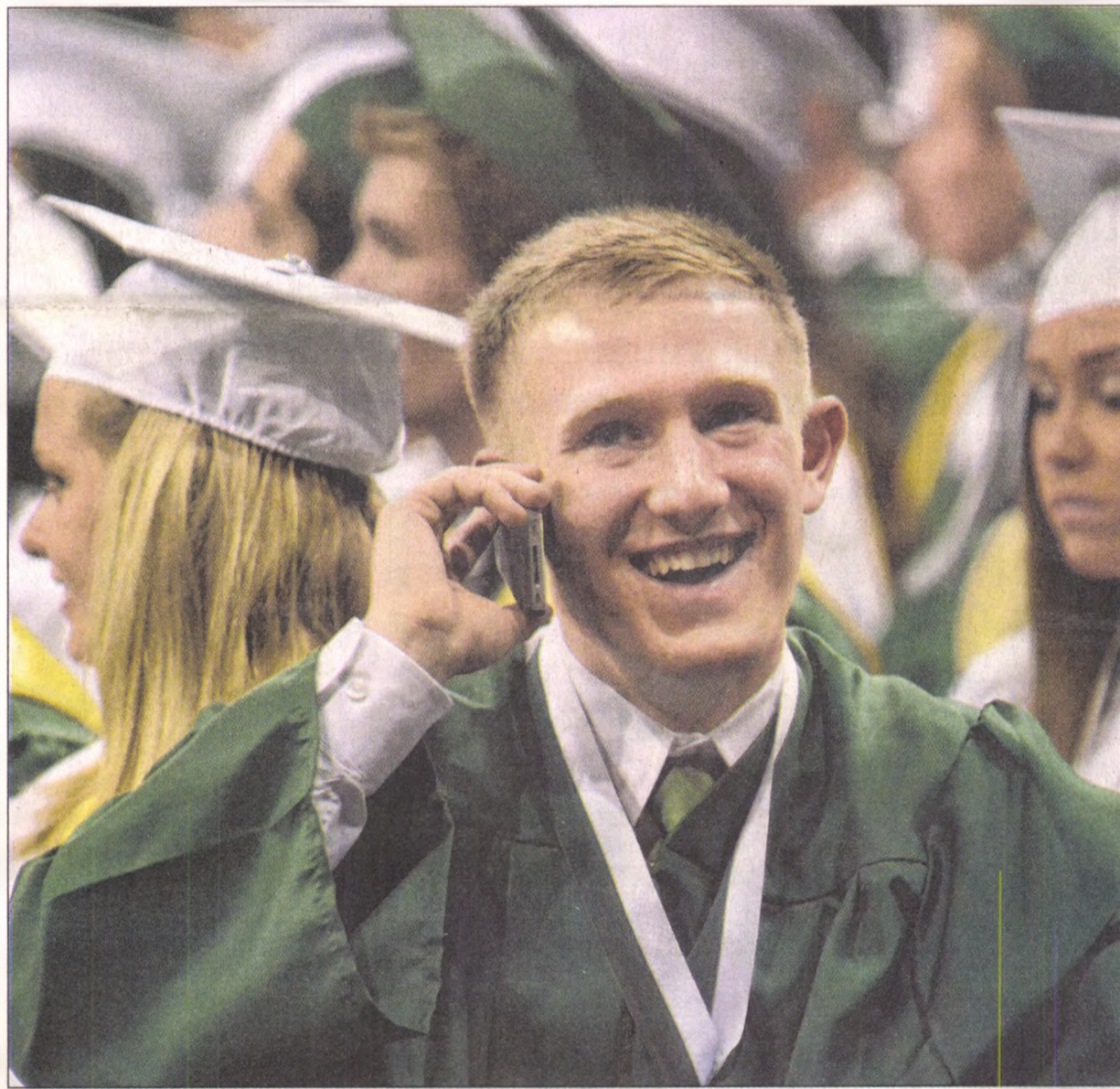
Oakland County Chief Assistant Prosecutor Paul Walton said it's time for Nerusu to face justice.

"We will extradite all over the world for murder and we went to India to get him back," Walton said. And he noted that investigators think Nerusu waited for his children to arrive. "That's what we call premeditation."

The trial is before Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Nanci Grant and is expected to last a week. Nerusu is charged with three counts of first-degree murder and faces life in prison if convicted.

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### 'It's happening!'



Novi High Class of 2014 member Jame O'Reilly places a last-minute call on the floor of the Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center before receiving his diploma May 31. See pages A9-12 for more photos of the graduation ceremony, as well as the top 10 students from Novi, Catholic Central, St. Catherine of Siena Academy and Franklin Road Christian School. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Police arrest man for sexual conduct with minor

17-year-old will be charged as an adult

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

A call from Child Protection Services led the Novi Police to arrest a 17-year-old man for first-degree criminal sexual conduct involving a family member.

The suspect will not be named because the case allegedly involves his 13-year-old sister.

According to Novi Police, the department was notified by CPS back in February of the situation at a residence in Novi.

With that information, police arrested and charged him on two counts.

Because of his age, he has been charged as an adult.

"This is a very sensitive case because it involves a minor," Novi Police Sgt. Scott Baetens said.

The case reportedly goes back to 2009. The man reportedly has also resided in Westland over these last four years. However, it's not clear yet if there will be charges filed in that jurisdiction.

A \$25,000 conditional bond was posted by the defendant.

He was arraigned in 52-1 District Court on the two counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct with relation and has been bound over to Oakland County Circuit Court, where there will be a pretrial hearing June 17.

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## Walkathon to help fight Parkinson's

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

A benefit walk for the Michigan Parkinson Foundation and local people with Parkinson's will be Sunday, June 8, at Northville High School, on Six Mile west of Sheldon Road.

"That's a big initiative for us," said Don McLean of Plymouth Township, a board member for the MPF who was appointed in January, referring to the west side "I Gave My Sole for Parkinson's" Walkathon and 5K Run.

"My dad actually has Parkin-

son's," the younger McLean said of Don McLean Sr. of Livonia. "He just turned 70."

The senior McLean has had Parkinson's about 10 years. "He has a very positive outlook," his son said of his father, who has trouble walking and uses a walker as well as a wheelchair sometimes.

Roop Raj of WJBK-TV (Channel 2) will be master of ceremonies for the walk.

"And my band is going to be playing there, too," McLean said of Cosmic Groove, which offers top 40 music from the 1960s to

today.

This is the 12th year for the benefit walk, he said. Registration information can be found at <https://parkinsonsmi.org/mpf-fundraising/walk-a-thon-5k-run>.

Registration that day will be 9:30-10:30 a.m., with the opening ceremonies beginning at 10:45 a.m. The 5K begins approximately at 11 a.m., with the awards presentations around noon. Fees are \$20 for the 5K run, \$15 for the walkathon for age 13 and up, \$10 for the walkathon for age 12 and

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# Church showing cars for good cause

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Brightmoor Christian Church of Novi will offer its free Made in Detroit car show for the third year, set for Friday, June 13. The church is at 40800 W. 13 Mile, near M-5.

"It's open to the entire community," said church member and organizer Larry Smith, on the deacon board. "It continues to grow every year. We are expecting over 200 cars this year."

The show begins at 4 p.m. and ends at 8 p.m. The cars will be able to get on the lot at noon. Anyone who would like to enter a car or motorcycle in the show can register online at [www.madeindetroitcarshow.org](http://www.madeindetroitcarshow.org) or call the church office at 248-668-7000.

This year, organizers will be raising money for Royal Family Kids Camp. This organization provides a one-week camp for foster care kids. There are vendors that will be selling food during the car show this year and several will be donating all money raised to Royal Family Kids Camp. The vendors are Buffalo Wild Wings, Rolling Stove Pizza, LaMarsa, Dan's Ice Cream and Sugar Macarons.

Smith, a Beverly Hills resident, said last year's show included a 1932 Chevy roadster, also



Last year's benefit car show featured more than 200 cars.

in the earlier church car shows. That car won the grand prize its first year in the show.

Show organizers have five categories for cash prizes and trophies.

Last year, car show organizers raised money for the Wood Bridge Community Center in Detroit and brought in about 50 of the youth to participate in the show. The money was raised by a barbecue grill that was donated by Quality Grills in Detroit. The grill was raffled off to people attending the car show.

UAW-GM and the March of Dimes will also raffle a 2014 Corvette this year. Price is \$40 for one ticket and \$60 for two tickets. The drawing will take place Thursday, June 19, at the UAW-GM CHR.

Smith said the Brightmoor men's ministry, Men of Brightmoor, puts on four major events each year, including the car show

with a barbecue at the same time. Last year's show featured some 600 rib dinners which sold out, so new plans were put in place to feed show visitors with vendor help this year. Proceeds will help to send the foster camp kids to Royal Family Kids Camp.

"Every year it grows," Smith said, with close to 1,000 people attending last year. Pastor Jamie Kjos is big on supporting community organizations, especially those for youth, Smith said.

Last year, the church show also featured more than 200 cars in the show and many won cash prizes. The major sponsors for the show are: UAW-GM (Gold), UAW-Chrysler (Bronze), and VAS Consulting (Silver).

There will also be live entertainment from Duane Parham and his Jazz Band from Detroit and lots of activities for kids, such as face painting, slot car racing, micro reality car racing, giant trikes racing and a paintball target course.

The church draws people like Smith of Beverly Hills, as well as others from some distance away.

It's a big show and gives Novi "bragging rights" in the car show realm, said Smith, who works with other men's ministry members and a committee on the show.

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## WALKATHON

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under.

Pre-registration is needed to guarantee your T-shirt, with late registration available on-site June 8, with a late fee of \$5 for each registration price.

The Michigan Parkinson Foundation also offers ongoing support groups for those with Parkinson's. Support group details are at <https://parkinsonsmi.org/support-group-detail?county=63>.

### Making connections

There is a Novi/Fox Run group that meets 3 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month in the Ascot Music Room, 41000 13 Mile in Novi. Its contact is Ruthann Lapham, 248-668-8633.

"It varies from month to month," Fox Run social worker Lapham said of attendance. "We usually get around 20, I would say."

The Fox Run group is open to family, including caregivers. Monthly sessions focus on different topics, with some speakers from Fox Run or outside.

"They will give us feedback about what they want to learn," Lapham said of members, who sometimes discuss how they cope with Parkinson's.

"They live in the surrounding communities," Lapham said, adding it's best to call her in advance of attending a Tuesday afternoon session, due to the security gate and access.

Her group, also led by a physical therapist colleague, draws mostly seniors. "That's kind of our main demographic," Lapham said. "I think it's a really great way for them to connect with other people."

Caregivers also benefit: "They can see other people going through similar things as themselves," she said.

## MICHIGAN PARKINSON FOUNDATION WALKATHON AND 5K RUN

**When:** Sunday, June 8 (registration 9:30-10:30 a.m.)

**Where:** Northville High School

**Cost:** \$20 for the 5K run, \$15 for the walkathon for age 13 and up and \$10 for the walkathon for age 12 and under (add \$5 for late registration the day of the event)

**Registration:** Visit <https://parkinsonsmi.org/mpf-fundraising/walkathon-5k-run>

She's been at Fox Run about a year and a half and finds support group sessions beneficial.

"It's nice to connect. It is rewarding. It's just nice to get to know them. I get to learn a lot as well," Lapham said.

### Parkinson's widespread

Lapham works with Debby Orloff, MPF CEO, and Orloff's staff in referring some people to other nearby support groups for those with Parkinson's and their loved ones.

There is also a Moving Up Together group which meets at 7 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Salem United Church of Christ, 33424 Oakland St., Farmington. This group is for those under age 50 and their families. Call Laura Goring at 734-449-2969 or email [movinguptogether@gmail.com](mailto:movinguptogether@gmail.com).

Royal Oak has a 6:30 p.m. group the second Monday at the Beaumont Hospital Administrative Building, 3711 W. 13 Mile, Royal Oak, CI 2, lower level. This group doesn't meet July and August. Call David Bartczak at 248-755-8034 or Dennis Cavanaugh at 248-683-1153.

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# Novi youths' good deeds honored

**By Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

Ten Novi teens were recently recognized as an exceptional group of young adults who understand the value of volunteering.

"They have gone above and beyond any school or club requirements," said Tom Swieboda, NYA caseworker. "They are truly mature, caring and compassionate individuals. As Novi Youth Assistance relies heavily on volunteers, we truly appreciate their efforts."

The group was honored May

## NOVI YOUTH RECOGNITION AWARD CEREMONY RECIPIENTS

Ibrahim Abdulridha, Ashi Arora, Hyunji Choi, Julia Clark, Megan Hartmus, Ashna Jain, Andrew Jamison, Toyoka Li, Pavithra Nakirikanti, Anthony Nicholas, Alexis Parenti, Christa Schafer, Zach Woolston and Katie Zhao

22 at the NYA's Youth Recognition Award Ceremony.

The group contributed a total of 2,000 community service hours performed at the following locations over the last year: Providence and Botsford hospitals, Novi Public Library, the Novi High School Media Center, Novi Youth Council, Manor of Novi, Relay for Life, Buddy to Buddy program, Community Education Preschool, NorthRidge Church, Hope Soup Kitchen, Maybury State Park and Open Door Ministry.

The NYA provided these quotes from the student's essays as an example of what

community service means to this group.

"Community Service bestows the perfect chance to further fulfill my role as a member to help write a chapter in my community's story."

"I have learned that from the smallest child to the eldest senior, we are all people who deserve respect and the right to be heard."

"I learned that the most important thing you need in life is compassion for what you do and the people you work with. I never imagined learning so many life lessons through

something as simple as volunteering."

"We have been taught about leadership in Novi schools since our very first day of kindergarten. It has many definitions but the one leadership quality that has stuck closest to my heart is to treat others the way that I wish to be treated."

Swieboda said the students were nominated by teachers, parents and individuals in the community.

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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Governor appoints Chief Molloy

Gov. Rick Snyder has appointed Novi Police Chief David Molloy to the Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Commission.

Housed within the Michigan Department of State Police, the 11-person commission identifies traffic safety challenges and develops, promotes and implements strategies to support traffic safety programs.

Molloy will serve a three-

year term ending May 27, 2017. His appointment is not subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

### Lingenfelter hosting MotorCity Gumball organizers

Lingenfelter Performance Engineering debuted May 3 the first Saturday morning Lingenfelter Cars & Coffee event. Despite the rain, more than 200 visitors stopped by. The event will continue to take

place 8-10 a.m. each Saturday this summer at Lingenfelter's North Engine Build Facility in Wixom.

On June 7, the event will highlight the 2014 MotorCity Gumball rally. In 2011, entrepreneurs Alex Haggart and Waseem Qureshi formed the MotorCity Rally Club. The duo combined their passion for automobiles and the city of Detroit to host the first MotorCity Gumball rally in 2012. The rally combines luxury lifestyle, motor sports activities

and extreme sports into one action-packed weekend. The 2014 MotorCity Gumball is set for Aug. 23-24.

Although there is no fee to participate in the June 7 event, guests are encouraged to bring a donation of nonperishable food items to be donated to Gleaners Community Food Bank and/or make a donation to Reach Out World Wide.

Lingenfelter Cars & Coffee will be held rain or shine. Guests can visit, view many unique automobiles and take a

tour of the dyno testing area.

### Grandparents raising grandchildren

OLHSA's Grandparents Raising Grandchildren is having a free support group meeting where participants can talk with fellow grandparents who share similar stories and experiences 9:30-11 a.m. June 5 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile.

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## Mena first to file for school board seat

After years and countless volunteer hours on various Novi School District committees and organizations, Willy Mena is ready to take that next step in public service by serving on the Novi Board of Education.



Mena, 50, who currently serves as the president on the Novi Library Board, formally filed June 3 his petition to seek a position as trustee on the Novi Board of Edu-

cation. Novi voters will choose three trustees to serve on the seven-person board at the Nov. 4 general election.

Mena is the first candidate to file for a seat on the board. Trustee Jason Manar resigned his seat on the board effective June 2. The school district is currently seeking applicants to fill that position. If the position is not filled by July 2, the Oakland Intermediate School District will step in and fill it.

Mena, an account manager for Oracle, an American computer technology corporation, said he's ready to leverage his

extensive resume of community leadership and volunteerism on the Novi Board of Education.

"I am very passionate about many issues facing the Novi School District," Mena said. "I love Novi schools and I love Novi kids. I am thrilled and excited to take this next step in my public-service career."

Mena has been a fixture in the Novi High School football press box for the past 10 years, serving as the Wildcats chief statistician and technologist. He also is the chief statistician for the Detroit Lions profes-

sional football team and has worked as a statistician for the National Football League in Super Bowls XL and XLII.

"I have been actively involved with the school district on many volunteer positions over the years," Mena said. "I love offering my time and service to the Novi School District. Now I would be honored to serve as a trustee on the Novi Board of Education. I'll make sure that all my decisions on the board are based on what's best for our kids."

Mena has been part of the fabric of the Novi community

for the past 22 years. He is married to Marita, his wife of 20 years. They are members of Holy Family Catholic Church in Novi. They have three children: Elizabeth, a 2013 graduate of Novi High School and freshman at Western Michigan University; Owen, a junior at Novi High School; and Julia, a sixth-grader at Meadows Elementary School.

For more information about Mena and his bid for a seat on the Novi Board of Education, visit his website at <http://www.willymena.org> or email him at [willy@willymena.org](mailto:willy@willymena.org).

## Pops Concert



Walled Lake Western High School sophomore Sabrina Shingleton, with the Jazz Band, wowed the audience with "Skyfall" at the school's end-of-the-year Pops Concert, May 29-30. CURTIS DROGMILLER

## SCHOOL BRIEFS

### Community Education Preschool Program

Registration is open for Novi Community Education Preschool's Young 5's, full-day 4's and half-day preschool programs for 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds. The program has certified teachers and low staff-to-child ratios. Preschool classes follow the Creative Curriculum.

Preschool C.A.R.E. (child care for before and after school) registration is ongoing via [www.novicommunityed.org](http://www.novicommunityed.org).

For more information about Preschool or C.A.R.E., call the Early Childhood office at 248-449-1713.

### Summer C.A.R.E.

Registration for Novi Community Education's Summer Child C.A.R.E. has begun. This program is for children ages 3 who have attended one year of preschool up to children going into the eighth grade.

The program begins Monday, June 23, and ends Friday, Aug. 15. Hours of operation are 6:45 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Students will be placed in age-appropriate groups and will participate in crafts, sports, field trips, games and free play. This year's location will be at the Instruc-

tional Technology Building (Novi Meadows), located at 25425 Taft Road. Lunch and snack are included (except on field trips days).

Registration and scheduling is done online at [www.novicommunityed.org](http://www.novicommunityed.org). Call 248-449-1713 for more information.

### Summer school registration

Novi Community Education has begun registration for summer school.

New this year is online registration (high school summer school only) at [www.novicommunityed.org](http://www.novicommunityed.org). High school students and parents will now view the courses online, download the forms for verification and fax or email them to the Community Education Office after they process their online selection and payment.

Summer school refresher courses pre-kindergarten to eighth grade will continue to register at the Novi Community Education office. Summer classes begin Monday, June 23, and end Thursday, July 24.

A list of classes, times and fees are online at [www.novi.k12.mi.us](http://www.novi.k12.mi.us) under Community Education - Summer School.

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## SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE UPDATES

### Two new culinary baccalaureate degrees approved

At its recent monthly meeting, the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees approved two new baccalaureate degree programs in culinary arts. The bachelor of arts in culinary entrepreneurship leadership degree program will prepare career-focused professionals for owning or managing a restaurant, hospitality or food service business. The bachelor of science in culinary nutrition and leadership blends advanced culinary skills with nutrition and food service management knowledge and experience to prepare students for a career in culinary nutrition or dietary management.

The creation of these two new programs was in response to Public Act 495 of 2012, which authorized community colleges in Michigan to offer baccalaureate degrees in four applied and technical programs: concrete technology, maritime technology, energy production technology and culinary arts. This legislation was created in direct response to industry and work force demand, and increases access and affordability for many Michigan residents whose educational success has been limited due to finances and geographic barriers.

The curricula for Schoolcraft's two new baccalaureate degrees were designed to also prepare students for certification exams in the professional chef sequence for the American Culinary Federation or the Certified Dietary Manager credential from the Association of Nutrition and Food Service Professionals.

The next step in the implementation process for offering these programs in fall 2015 is approval of the programs by the Higher Learning Commission. This rigorous national accrediting process includes several types of consideration including but not limited to peer review of the curriculum and site visits.

### Seminar for students with disabilities

The Counseling Department at Schoolcraft College is sponsoring an informational seminar for high school students who have disabilities and are interested in attending Schoolcraft this fall. This session, at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 14, in the Livonia campus' Liberal Arts Building, is designed to provide information that will be useful in making the transition to Schoolcraft. Topics of discussion will include the documentation required for accessing accommodations at Schoolcraft and the important differences between accommodations provided in high school and those offered at Schoolcraft.

Registration is required. Space is limited. Visit [www.schoolcraft.edu/disabilitysupportservices](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/disabilitysupportservices) for more information and to register. There will be two other sessions offered on July 12 and Aug. 9. Call the Schoolcraft College Disability Support Services Office at 734-462-4421 with any additional questions.

*Schoolcraft College is a predominantly two-year college offering classes at the main campus in Livonia, the Radcliff Center in Garden City, the Public Safety Training Complex in Livonia and online at [www.schoolcraft.edu](http://www.schoolcraft.edu).*

## Thank those retiring for service to students, community

Retirement. It's a word that conjures up a variety of images.

I have heard some people talk wistfully about the day they can retire. They know exactly how many years it is until they can retire. They may even know the number of hours or minutes!

Others know that they will retire someday, but they clearly are not ready for it yet. In their minds, they still have much to do.

At the June 5 Novi Board of Education meeting, we will honor some of the people in our district who have decided to retire this year. These are people who have given much of their professional life to working with other people's children.

Think for a moment of what these people have given our community. They have risen every day and come to work so that the children of our community could have a safe, engaging and stimulating place to be.

It was a bus driver who would arise early to be the first person in our district to greet students as they climbed onto the bus and the last person in our district who would say goodbye at the end of the day. The bus driver who every day looked forward to the road while 30 to 40 students sat behind them laughing and talking, secure that the bus driver would get them to school safely.

It was the Food Service worker who would prepare meals, learn students' names as they came through the line and come to know food preferences of scores of children. The Food Ser-



Steve Matthews  
SUPER TALK

vice worker, who tried to make meals special even in the face of rapidly changing federal requirements, understood the value of nutrition in the education of our students.

It was the teacher who every day would prepare to spend more than six hours with other people's children, teaching, encouraging, motivating and caring for students as if they were their own children. The teachers, who would buy things with their own money because they knew that

*They have risen every day and come to work so that the children of our community could have a safe, engaging and stimulating place to be.*

some children needed something special, learned to care for all the variety of students who would walk through their classroom door.

It was the secretary who would learn children's names, care for

their bumps and bruises and listen as children talked about what happened in the hallway or the playground. The secretary, ever patient, who would anticipate problems and direct teachers and administrators to trouble well before it turned into a problem.

On June 5, we will honor the people in our district who have given so much to our children. If you know someone who is retiring this year, make sure to thank them for their life of service to our students and our community.

*Steve Matthews is superintendent of Novi Community Schools. He can be reached at 248-449-1204 or [smatthews@novi.k12.mi.us](mailto:smatthews@novi.k12.mi.us).*

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Orchard Hills Elementary School employee Jewaun Glenn sits down to an upright piano in the school's cafeteria May 19 to play a tune or two. Ever since Glenn has played the piano – and encouraged students to try their hand at it, too – the cafeteria has been much quieter and calm. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## LUNCH AT ONE NOVI SCHOOL HAS BECOME SWEET MUSIC

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

Soothing music played at an old piano by students and a staff member during lunch has become a big thing at Orchard Hills Elementary School. "It's a lot of fun and a great experience, especially for those who love music," said third-grader Chloe Brookes, who is part of a group that plays the piano at lunch. "It's soothing and nice to listen to."

The piano is brought into the lunch room each Monday and Tuesday by custodian Jewaun Glenn, who plays the piano each time. The idea to do this came about as an effort to maximize the strengths of the school, which is a goal of the school's Leader in Me initiative.

Glenn, who is also a talented musician, said the idea was to make the lunch room a calmer place, but it has really taken hold and become popular. He's amazed at the amount of talent at the school.

"It's really caught on and given the lunch room a different feel," he said with a smile. "It's a blessing to have this many

gifted kids here at the school."

The piano was originally in storage, but was moved to the teachers lounge, where Glenn first played it. However, teachers like Melissa Israel thought it would make a positive impact on the lunch room environment.

She said it's done just that.

"The conversation volume has gone down a bit but, more importantly, it's given the students something to talk about while they eat. There are a lot of smiles when the music is playing," she said.

The students who play go through a mini audition in order to demonstrate they can play a bit. Many of them are currently taking lessons, so this has become a great way for them to show off some new songs they've learned. Israel said it's a platform for them to share their talents.

"I love the piano, because it helps me express my feelings and emotions," Chloe said.

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Novi residents Elaine Kokko and Debbie Knurek enjoyed their cup of coffee with officers from the Novi Police and local Michigan State Police departments. **LONNIE HUHMAN**

## Cops talk with residents over coffee

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

Coffee with a Cop gave Novi residents Elaine Kokko and Debbie Knurek a chance to meet who protects and serves them.

"I was surprised to see them here," Kokko said. "But they were phenomenal. It's nice to see them working together."

Officers from the Novi Police Department and troopers from the Michigan State Police and community members came to-

gether May 23 at Panera Bread in an informal, neutral space to discuss community issues, build relationships and drink coffee.

"This is an opportunity for community members to ask questions and learn more about how both of our departments work in Novi and the surrounding area," Novi Public Safety Director/Police Chief David Molloy said.

This is the first time for the Novi department doing something like this and it's something it wants to continue. Molloy said the

event was a success.

"It's good to get out and meet the community while helping to educate them a little bit," he said.

The goal of the event was to break down barriers and allow for a relaxed, one-on-one interaction. It worked.

"It was a great conversation and I'm glad we had this chance," Knurek said.

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## Third wolf petition would leave hunt decisions in hands of NRC, scientists

By **Kathleen Gray**  
Gannett Michigan

LANSING — There already are two wolf-hunt petition questions on the November ballot and now there might be a third.

A group hoping to keep the wolf hunt question in 374,000 signatures May 27 to get its question on the ballot.

It's meant to pre-empt a second anti-wolf hunt petition that has already been approved for the November ballot.

It's also a citizen-initiated piece of legislation, so the Legislature could take it up within 40 days and it will automatically become law, making another anti-wolf hunt question moot.

"This initiative will not guarantee a wolf hunt; it will only guarantee that the decision about whether or not to have another wolf hunt, and other hunting and fishing decisions, are based on scientific data and the recommendations of professional biologists," said Merle Shepard, chairman of Citizens for Professional Wildlife Management, which spearheaded the petition drive.

The initiative would give those decisions to the Natural Resources Commission, which has already approved and set a wolf hunt for three areas in the Upper Peninsula. The first wolf hunt was held in November and December and had a goal of killing 43 of the Upper Peninsula's population of more than 650 wolves. The hunt resulted in 23 wolves being killed.

"The out-of-state special interests who oppose our efforts fail to understand what most residents of the Upper Pen-

insula do ... that in some parts of the U.P., wolves are killing pets and livestock and entering our communities, without fear," said Sen. Tom Casperson, R-Escanaba, who sponsored the legislation allowing for the hunt in the first place.

Animal rights advocates have launched two petition drives to repeal laws passed by the Legislature that would give control over setting wolf hunts to the Natural Resources Commission. They believe that it's too early to begin any wolf hunt because the animals just got taken off the endangered species list in 2012.

They gathered enough signatures in 2012 to repeal the first law passed by the Legislature allowing the wolf hunt. Another law was passed last year that was enough to bypass the first petition drive mounted by the Keep Michigan Wolves protected group last year.

That move infuriated the organizers of the petition drive because the 255,000 signatures they collected became merely a symbolic gesture to protect the wolves. So they mounted a second petition drive and both initiatives have been approved for the November ballot.

Jill Fritz, executive director of the anti-wolf hunt group, said she expects the pro-wolf hunt group has no intention of taking the issue to the ballot, but wants the Legislature to deal with it once again.

If the Legislature doesn't act on the third petition, it also will go to the ballot.

And whichever initiative gets the most votes will win.

### NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

#### Multiple drunken driver offender

A driver was cited for his third drunken driving offense after Novi Police stopped him for causing other vehicles to swerve as he was driving in the wrong lane.

On May 17, the Novi Police spotted the man going southbound on Novi Road when he was observed going into the northbound lane to make a turn; there were oncoming vehicles. He eventually turned into Kim's Garden near Grand River Avenue. The police reported smelling alcohol on the man as he spoke with them.

He did not have a

valid driver's license and he registered 0.13 percent on his preliminary breathalyzer test.

#### Roommate dispute

A Novi man told police his former roommate took \$2,600 in electronic equipment without his permission.

The man reported the larceny May 13 to Novi Police, which he said happened in March at a residence in the 45000 block of Gateway Road, and that he would not press charges if his things were returned. The roommate told police that she took the stuff as collateral for some money she said that was taken by him.

The police report did not state whether or not

the items have been returned.

#### Earrings stolen

A woman attempted to steal some earrings from JC Penney in Twelve Oaks Mall before being detained by store security.

The incident happened May 17 and was caught on surveillance camera. The female suspect walked out of the store, passing check-out lines, before being stopped by a store employee. The suspect handed over the merchandise, which had been taken from its packaging and placed in her back pocket.

She was arrested for retail theft by the Novi Police and later released

on a \$100 bond.

#### Cash stolen from car

A Novi man had \$40 in gas money stolen from his locked vehicle by an unknown person.

The morning of May 16, the vehicle owner discovered his Chevy Impala had been broken into while it was parked outside his residence in the 24000 block of Olde Orchard Street. Someone had punched a hole below the driver's side door handle and then used a tool to unlock it. The owner found the trunk open and the inside rummaged through.

There was no other evidence or witnesses.

- By Lonnie Huhman

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## Hungry Howie's comes to Novi

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

After having success with their Farmington location, husband and wife duo Vijay and Nitaben Patel have opened up their second Hungry Howie's Pizza restaurant in Novi.

"This is a great community and we're excited to be here," Vijay said of the opening last week.

The third Hungry Howie's Pizza is continuing its home state expansion in Michigan and Novi was selected as prime location.

Hungry Howie's is known for its baked fresh daily dough and eight crust flavors, including butter, butter cheese, garlic, garlic herb, Cajun, onion, ranch, sesame and Asiago cheese.

To commemorate this newest location, Hungry Howie's Pizza will be making donations to both Novi Parks and Paralyzed Veterans of America, two local organizations that strive to improve the day-to-day lives of numerous people. Additionally, one customer will be selected to receive free pizza for an entire year.

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Before opening their first Hungry Howie's, the Patels both worked in the quick-serve restaurant industry for many years. Upon making the decision to fulfill their life-long dream of becoming business owners, the Patels selected Hungry Howie's Pizza for its strong franchisee support system and delicious product.

"My wife thought this franchise had the most potential," Vijay said.

She was right and they hope to bring their style of customer service to the community. The Patels said they are from the area, so they're quite familiar with Novi.

The restaurant is now open.

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Hungry Howie's employee Brian Beard brings a table outside the restaurant at 24265 Novi Road for its grand opening. The shop is located near the northwest corner of Novi and 10 Mile roads. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

### NEWSMAKERS

#### Lotus Bank promotes Chinoy

Lotus Bank, a state-chartered full service commercial bank based in Novi, has promoted Novi resident Usha Chinoy to assistant manager at the Novi office, 44350 W. 12 Mile Road.

In her new role, Chinoy is responsible for customer service, the training and supervision of personal bankers and the day-to-day operation of the branch.

"Usha has been with Lotus Bank since our founding in 2007 and she is an invaluable member of our team," said Neal Searle, president and CEO of Lotus Bank. "This is her third well-deserved promotion and it is an honor and pleasure to announce her new role as assistant manager."

Prior to joining Lotus Bank, Chinoy served as a customer sales manager for a metro Detroit credit union. She also served as a customer sales manager for a prominent national bank, receiving high-profile internal awards for her work. Chinoy completed the national banking exams, the CAIIB, from the Indian Institute of Banking and Finance. She also is a graduate of Bombay University.



#### Signature sells, leases in Novi

Signature Associates has negotiated the sale of 23,804 square feet of industrial space located at 22213 Roethel Drive, Novi. Steve Kozak and Steve Gordon of Signature represented the seller, Graham Clements Management, LLC. Kozak also represented the purchaser, Bella Bones.

Signature also negotiated the lease of 7,861 square feet of industrial space located at 22650-22670 Heslip Drive, Novi. Kozak and Gordon represented the landlord, Irwin J. Arkin. Kozak also represented the tenant, Quick Send Delivery Service.

#### ABWA event June 11

Join the Novi Oaks Chapter of the American Business Women's Association for an evening of networking and fun 6:15-8:30 p.m. June 11 at the Hyatt Place, 46080 Grand River Avenue, Novi.

Presenter Karen Bell-Brege is an author, comedian, voice-

over artist and public speaker and founder of Totally Un-rehearsed Theatre improv group. Her presentation, "Improv Yourself!" will help people de-stress, laugh and become more spontaneous and flexible.

Dinner and networking included. Advance registration is required; visit [www.abwanovi.org](http://www.abwanovi.org) for registration and payment information. Contact [publicity@abwa-novi.org](mailto:publicity@abwa-novi.org) for more information.

#### ITC attains public utility status in Wisconsin

Novi-based ITC Holdings Corp. announced that the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin has approved its applications to become an authorized public utility holding company in the state and for its operating subsidiary ITC Midwest LLC to become a Wisconsin public utility.

The approvals issued by the PSCW May 7 represent ITC Midwest's first step toward developing its portion of a regional transmission project

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

in Wisconsin and Iowa called multi-value project No. 5 the Midcontinent Independent System Operator. This project, a new 345 kV line from the Dubuque, Iowa, area to the Madison, Wis., area, was identified because it is expected to improve service reliability, reduce system congestion and facilitate the interconnection of lower-cost generation resources in the region. The project is a reflection of ITC's continuing efforts to facilitate the development of regional transmission projects.

#### Southeastern Equipment offering Boyd and Sons

Southeastern Equipment is now offering Boyd and Sons Machinery undercarriage parts and rubber tracks at all 18 locations, including the Novi facility at 48545 Grand River Avenue. The parts are produced by the same manufacturers that most OEMs use and are well-known throughout the industry for their quality and durability.

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#### Registration opens for Demonstration Alley

Registration is now open for life science and health care companies who want to showcase their innovative products and technologies at Demonstration Alley as part of INNOVENTION 2014 – a Medical Main Street Conference.

Conference organizers have expanded Demonstration Alley for the 2014 health care and

life science event. They are looking for exhibits that have a demonstrable "wow" factor. INNOVENTION 2014 is set for Oct. 21-22 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. Information on the conference can be found at [MedicalMainStreet.org](http://MedicalMainStreet.org).

Product evaluation criteria for the demonstration area includes: health care-related products that are new-to-market, visual and award winning. Interactive live demonstrations are preferred. Companies wishing to be considered for space on Demonstration Alley should apply online at [MedicalMainStreet.com](http://MedicalMainStreet.com). Submissions must be received by Sept. 5.

The fee to participate in Demonstration Alley is \$500, which includes exhibit space and one complimentary conference registration.

Questions may be directed to Leslie Smith, CMP at 248-353-0735, ext. 152, or [lsmith@esd.org](mailto:lsmith@esd.org). Those selected will be notified by email by Sept. 12.

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# Congratulations



Novi High students parade into the EMU Convocation Center. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



The floor at EMU's Convocation Center was packed with Novi High graduates. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Shane McClure exchanged a high-five with classmate Akshay Bamzai, president of Novi High's Class of 2014, as they prepare to enter the floor May 31 at the EMU Convocation Center. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## NOVI HIGH SCHOOL TOP 10 STUDENTS – CLASS OF 2014



### Vinesh Arun

**Parents:** Uma Arun, Arun Velu  
**Academic honors:** National Merit Finalist, National AP Scholar, summa cum laude, four-year Honor Roll, President's Education Award, Phi Beta Kappa  
**Extracurricular activities:** President of Computer Club, Model United Nations  
**Post-graduation plans:** I plan to attend the University of Pennsylvania and study either economics or computer science.  
**Career plans:** Consulting or computer programming  
**Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?:** My dad for pushing me the most and guiding me these past four years.  
**Most memorable high school moment:** Getting accepted into UPenn.



### Michael Chang

**Parents:** Ki-Seok Chang and Ryung-Hee Chang  
**Academic honors:** summa cum laude, Honor Roll, Phi Beta Kappa, National Merit Finalist  
**Extracurricular activities:** Founder of the Novi HOSA chapter; captain of the varsity tennis team; officer of Novi DECA; treasurer of student council; Model United Nations; Quiz Bowl; play the piano; play the drums for my church band; employee at Kumon.  
**Post-graduation plans:** I plan on attending the Wharton School of Business to study finance.  
**Career plans:** I hope to work as a hedge fund manager on Wall Street.  
**Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?:** Both of my parents have influenced me to strive to be the best that I can be. They have provided me with support and given me invaluable advice throughout my high school career in all aspects of my learning, from the classroom to the tennis court. They have also been great role models, always working hard and never giving up; in turn, I have learned to emulate this mentality of maintaining a good work ethic.  
**Most memorable high school moment:** My most memorable high school moment would be when I got accepted to college.



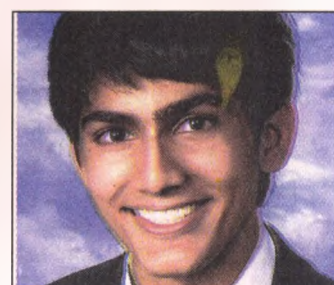
### Alyssa Suining Chen

**Parents:** Gang Yin and Ping Chen  
**Academic honors:** High School Honors Science, Math, and Engineering Program participant; achievement in level X of MMTA piano testing; AP scholar with distinction; KLAA scholar athlete award, summa cum laude  
**Extracurricular activities:** Cross country, FIRST robotics; Interact Club; Science Club; piano; Novi Chemistry Society; summer research internship; Art Club  
**Post-graduation plans:** I plan to attend Yale University.  
**Career plans:** Medicine  
**Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?:** Both my parents have encouraged and supported me to pursue activities and classes that interested me.  
**Most memorable high school moment:** My most memorable high school experience is when the Black Eyed Peas performed in the middle of the robotics world championship.



### Kyle Kilponen

**Parents:** Ron and Annie Kilponen  
**Academic Honors:** National Merit Commended Student; Academic All-State; Speedo Academic All-American; summa cum laude; Honor Roll; Presidential Excellence Award, Phi Beta Kappa, Chemistry Olympiad qualifier; KLAA Scholar-Athlete  
**Extracurricular activities:** Marching band (section leader, band, principal chair trombonist); swim and dive team (captain); National Honor Society; Eagle Scout; lifeguard  
**Post-graduation plans:** I plan to attend the Honors College at Michigan State University to study chemical engineering.  
**Career plans:** Chemical engineering  
**Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?:** My band teacher, Mr. Mark Hourigan, has influenced me the most in my academic career. I have taken his band class for all four years of my high school experience, and he has been nothing but supportive of both my musical and athletic endeavors. He has encouraged me to push myself both inside and outside of the classroom to be the best person that I can be. He has high expectations for his students, and I have learned to strive for excellence in everything that I do because of him.  
**Most memorable high school moment:** This year's KLAA conference meet for swimming. The meet allows each team to send 40 entries to prelims, where the top 24 swimmers in each event come back for finals. We ended up sending all 40 of our entries to the finals on Saturday, which had - until this year - never been accomplished in our team's history. It was so amazing to end our season with such a perfect meet.



### Raj Raina

**Parents:** Reeta and Abhinav Raina  
**Academic honors:** Brightest and Best; three-time USAMO qualifier; Research Science Institute Fellow and Jane Street Scholar; semifinalist for Intel STS and Siemens MST competitions  
**Extracurricular activities:** Model United Nations president; Math Club president; varsity debate; track and field  
**Post-graduation plans:** I will be attending Stanford University, where I will be majoring in mathematics and computer science  
**Career plans:** I would like to either go into finance or work at a tech company  
**Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?:** My dad, for always pushing me to do better academically until I ultimately started pushing myself.  
**Most memorable high school moment:** The first day of high school - walking through the doors and realizing that I would be spending the next four years there.



### Yash Sathe

**Parents:** Suhas and Sonali Sathe  
**Academic Honors:** Summa cum laude; A & B Honor Roll; Phi Beta Kappa; Presidential Award for Educational Excellence; National Merit; National AP Scholar  
**Extracurricular activities:** Debate, Model United Nations; Science Club; Interact Club; DMC/Wayne State research assistant  
**Post-graduation plans:** I plan to attend the University of Michigan to study neuroscience.  
**Career plans:** Med school or related health profession  
**Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?:** Mr. Walthall at Novi Meadows. He was the first teacher I had to demonstrate that there's more important things to be gotten out of school than academics.  
**Most memorable high school moment:** Visiting the White House with other students from across the nation and seeing President Obama speak as an award for the 2010 Siemens We Can Change the World Challenge.



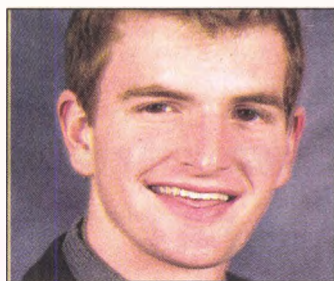
### Tanvir Singh

**Parents:** Dilbag Singh and Kanwal Mandeep Kaur  
**Academic honors:** National Merit Finalist, Honor Roll; summa cum laude, Presidential Award for Academic Excellence;  
**Extracurricular activities:** Science Olympiad (vice president); French Club (vice president); Science Club (secretary); Model United Nations; Math Club; National Honor Society  
**Post-graduation plans:** I will be continuing my education at the College of Engineering at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and plan to pursue a degree in computer engineering.  
**Career plans:** Computer engineer at Apple or Google  
**Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?:** My parents have influenced me the most by always motivating me to do my best in everything I participate in, whether it be school or any other activity in my life.  
**Most memorable high school moment:** The weeks after the AP exam for physics; mechanics in 10th grade.



### Jonathan Sohn

**Parents:** Kyuyeon Sohn and Euijung Sohn  
**Academic honors:** AP Scholar Award; National Merit Semifinalist, Honor Roll  
**Extracurricular activities:** Currently doing HOSA and model United Nations; JV track and field (shot put and discus) and freshman and JV football in freshman and sophomore years.  
**Post-graduation plans:** I plan to attend the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor to major in biomedical engineering.  
**Career plans:** To either continue on in biomedical engineering or go to medical school and become a physician of some sort.  
**Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?:** I can't really think of a single person, but I guess most of the teachers that I have had all throughout high school have been interesting, passionate and engaging and helped me become interested in matters academia. Otherwise, I feel like I've been more self-driven as my parents haven't pushed me anywhere in particular but are generally supportive of anything I choose to do so long as I enjoy it.  
**Most memorable high school moment:** Yesterday, because I can remember it like yesterday.



### Tanner Vincent

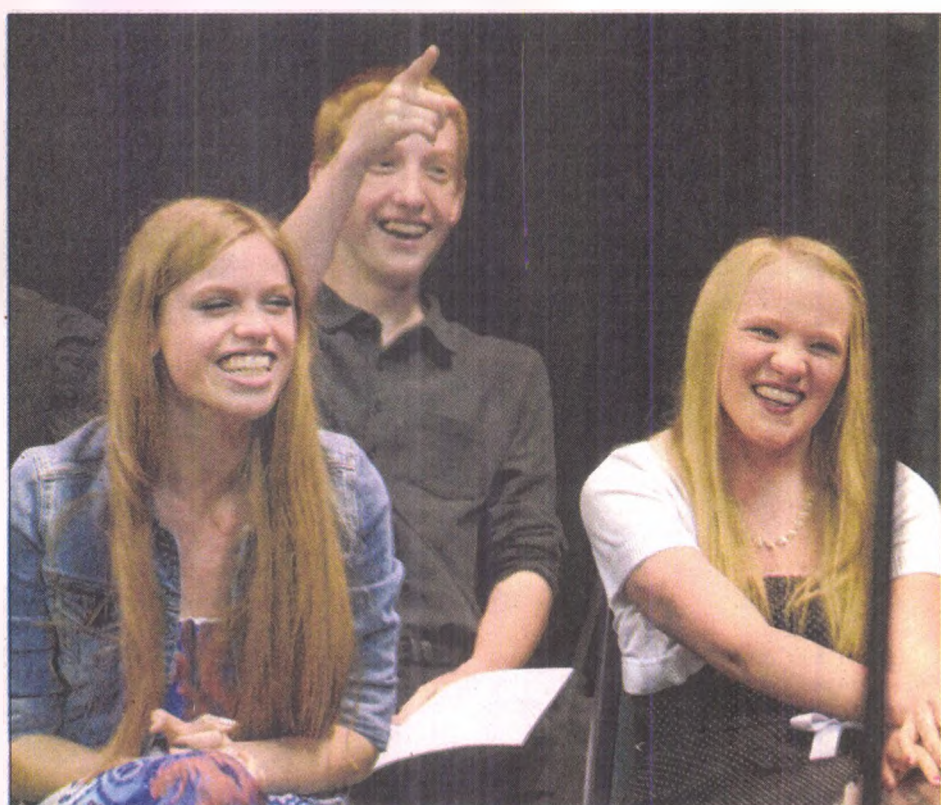
**Parents:** Michael and Shona Vincent  
**Academic honors:** summa cum laude; *Detroit Free Press* Scholar-Athlete; four-year full-tuition Army ROTC Scholarship winner; National Merit Finalist; AP Scholar with Distinction; Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizens Award; MHSAA Scholar-Athlete Scholarship winner; Academic All-State - Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association; Novi Schools National Geographic Bee Winner and representative to State of Michigan Bee.  
**Extracurricular activities:** Varsity Quiz Bowl president, four-year Nationals Qualifier; National Honor Society secretary and president; Class of 2014 vice president Grade 11; Student Council representative; student prayer group leader; Memorial Church of Christ Small Group Leader of Middle School students; attending medical missions trip in Amazon in Brazil, May 2014; varsity swimming (two-year captain); 2014 Michigan High School Athletic Association Swimming All-State; Novi Community School District Team Achievement Awards: Leadership Award (Grade 11), Student-Athlete Award (Grade 10, 12); Novi Sturgeons Swim Club for 12 years.  
**Post-graduation plans:** I plan to attend Calvin College to major in history and kinesiology, and then to attend medical school.  
**Career plans:** Anesthesiology  
**Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?:** Mrs. Emily Pohlonski taught me that no matter where you are or what you are doing, all you need is a positive, go-getter attitude to make a big difference. She also taught me how to balance lots of different activities and how to make the most of each opportunity with the limited time we receive in life.  
**Most memorable high school moment:** My favorite memory of high school would have to be looking up at the board at MHSAA Swimming state meet and seeing my All-American time in the 200 IM next to my name - while also missing our 30-year-old varsity record by .02 of a second!



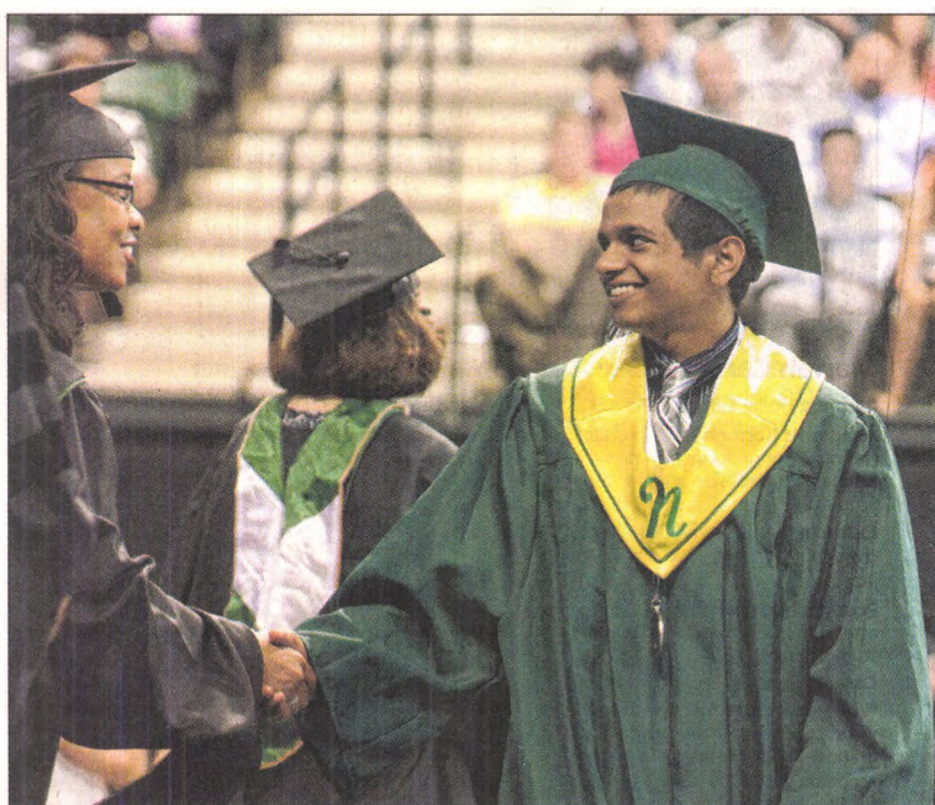
### Andrew Ying

**Parents:** Hao Ying and Julia Cheng  
**Academic honors:** 2013-2014 Siemens Competition in Math, Science & Technology semifinalist; National AP Scholar Award; 2013-14 National Merit Scholarship Competition Scholar; 2014 United States Presidential Scholar candidate; summa cum laude  
**Extracurricular activities:** Scientific research at Wayne State University; varsity tennis; Student Council; Model United Nations; Math Club; City of Novi Youth Council  
**Post-graduation plans:** I plan to attend the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor to study biology and follow a pre-med track.  
**Career plans:** Physician-scientist practicing medicine while simultaneously conducting biomedical research.  
**Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?:** My parents - they have always been supportive of my endeavors, encouraged me to follow my true passions and helped me keep myself on track and focused.  
**Most memorable high school moment:** This happened quite recently, actually: walking through the halls of Novi High School with my classmates one final time as underclassmen and juniors clapped for us departing seniors.

## Pomp and circumstance

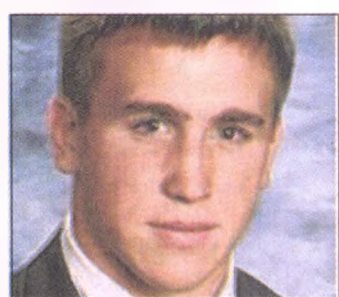


Undergraduate members of Novi High's Novi Singers give a shout out to one of their graduating seniors as they pass by the dais May 31. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Novi High Class of 2014 graduate Matthew George. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

### CATHOLIC CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL TOP 10 STUDENTS - CLASS OF 2014



#### Mark Bilger

**Parents:** Donald and Kathleen Bilger

**Academic honors:** National Merit Finalist; National Honor Society; AP Bio and Christian Vocations awards; Gabriel Richard Club; AP Scholar with Distinction; Science & Engineering Fair of Metropolitan Detroit Outstanding Award; Timothy Youth Appreciation Award; Health and Honors Biology awards; National Latin Exam Magna Cum Laude; President's award for Educational Excellence

**Extracurricular activities:** Football (back-to-back state finalists); wrestling (three-time state champions); track and field; Shamrock Voice; Archery Club; Fellowship of Christian Athletes; tutoring at Cristo Rey; Latin Club; Drive decorating

**Post-graduation plans:** I plan to attend the University of Michigan to study biochemistry and pre-veterinary medicine. I then hope to attend veterinary school at Michigan State University.

**Career plans:** Veterinarian

**Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?:** Gerald Durrell, founder of the Jersey Zoo, and David Taylor, a veterinarian at the Belle Vue Zoo, whose books first made me want to be a veterinarian.

**Most memorable high school moment:** My most memorable high school moment was going to Jeff Jordan's State Champ Camp with the wrestling team and meeting U.S. Olympic gold medalist Jordan Burroughs. It was a lot of work but it was worthwhile.



#### Jonah Kemp

**Parents:** Craig and Julie

**Academic honors:** Valedictorian (Dillon Award); All-State Academic (football); Catholic League All-Academic (football); Scholastic All-Catholic (junior and senior years); Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award from University of Rochester; Gabriel Richard Award (highest honor roll) all four years

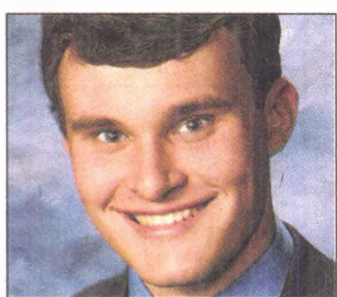
**Extracurricular activities:** Varsity football; editor-in-chief of school newspaper

**Post-graduation plans:** I am attending the University of Michigan where I have been pre-admitted into the Ross School of Business.

**Career plans:** Business

**Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?:** My brother. He went through CC before me and he really set the bar high.

**Most memorable high school moment:** When our student section took over the basement of Compu-ware Ice Arena after our hockey team won states.



#### Joseph P. Kenzie

**Parents:** Earl and Sandra

**Academic honors:** Permanent Gabriel Richard Club; AP Scholar with Honor Award; Scholastic All-Catholic Award

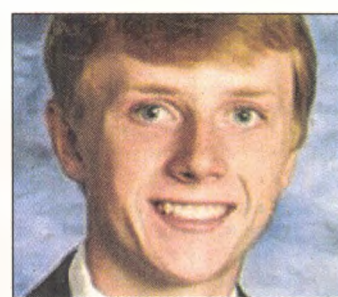
**Extracurricular activities:** Marching and symphonic band; Ann Arbor Amateur Hockey Association (AAA-HA) player

**Post-graduation plans:** I plan to attend the University of Michigan to study cell and molecular biology and biomedical engineering.

**Career plans:** Surgery

**Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?:** My dad has influenced me most because he has always been there to assist me when I was struggling with an assignment or needed someone to proofread my paper, encouraging me to never give up even when I was most challenged. He has also been a role model for my dedicated work ethic because he had to work full-time while earning two college degrees on a part-time basis.

**Most memorable high school moment:** My most memorable high school moment came during my freshman year when I went on a one-week trip to London with the marching band to participate in the New Year's Day parade.



#### Nathan Lawera

**Parents:** Gary and Lori

**Academic honors:** Gabriel Richard Club; AP Scholar Award; Departmental Awards in Honors and AP Chemistry; Honors Math; Honors and AP Latin, Intro to Art, Economics and Religion

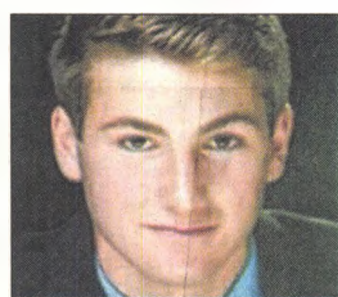
**Extracurricular activities:** Cross country team; track team

**Post-graduation plans:** I plan to attend the University of Michigan to study chemical engineering.

**Career plans:** I would like to go into medicine.

**Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?:** My teacher for Honors and AP Chemistry, Mr. Lemieux. He sparked my interest in chemistry and taught me everything I know about it.

**Most memorable high school moment:** The summer cross country camp in Canada with my team.



#### J.P. Mulcahy

**Parents:** Patrick Mulcahy, Meredith Mulcahy

**Academic honors:** four-year Gabriel Richard Award winner; Catholic League Athletic-Leadership Scholastic nominee; three-year Scholastic All-Catholic; AP Scholar with Honor Award

**Extracurricular activities:** Track team for four years (captain) cross country for four years (captain); Ultimate Frisbee Club four years

**Post-graduation plans:** I plan to attend the University of Notre Dame to study business.

**Career plans:** Business

**Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?:** My sister has been my biggest influence. She has pushed me to do well academically from a very young age and has been a role model to me my entire life.

**Most memorable high school moment:** The two weeks I spent in Canada for cross country camp every year with my teammates during the summer.



#### Patrick Michael Ray

**Parents:** Frank and Mary Lou Ray

**Academic honors:** Permanent Gabriel Richard Award; Father John D. Sheehy C.S.B. Memorial Scholarship Award; Superior Achievement Awards: Honors Precalculus, AP English Language and Composition, Church History, Health; Michigan Competitive Scholarship

**Extracurricular activities:** My extracurricular activities include the track and field team, the cross country team, Latin Club and Art Club.

**Post-graduation plans:** I will be attending the University of Michigan's College of Literature, Science and the Arts in the fall.

**Career plans:** I am unsure of what I will do, but I am considering pursuing an English major and acquiring a job related to that field.

**Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?:** My parents have influenced me because they taught me how to work hard and to stay focused on what is important.

**Most memorable high school moment:** My most memorable high school moment was being selected by my classmates to give a speech on the quality of good character at the National Honors Society ceremony.



#### Neil Robinson

**Parents:** Karen and Gene

**Academic honors:** Academic salutatorian; elected valedictorian speaker; Scholastic All-Catholic (three-time); National Merit Finalist; 14 Catholic Central Academic Department Awards; Gabriel Richard Award/Club, WXYZ-TV "Best & Brightest"; The Detroit News/CATCH Outstanding High School Graduate runner-up; AP Scholar; National French Contest: Laureat National; President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence; Rensselaer Medalist

**Extracurricular activities:** I was on the varsity swim team where I was an MHSAA state meet qualifier all four years and was a captain my senior year. I was involved in my youth group at St. Fabian parish through which I was a youth leader my senior year and have attended Appalachia service trips each summer. I was a member of National Honor Society and also participated in cross country, student activities, and French Club at various times during high school.

**Post-graduation plans:** I plan to attend Miami University in Oxford on a pre-med track.

**Career plans:** Medicine

**Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?:** The entire faculty at CC wants nothing but the best for all its students, so I just owe my success to all my teachers.

**Most memorable high school moment:** Being the valedictorian speaker at graduation was a great way to top off four incredible years.



#### Douglas Schmieder

**Parents:** Robert Schmieder and Kuo-Mei Schmieder

**Academic honors:** Permanent Gabriel Richard Award; National Honor Society; National Merit Commended Student

**Extracurricular activities:** Marching band; math field day team; academic team; Chinese Quiz Bowl team; symphonic band; student council; Drama Club

**Post-graduation plans:** I am going to attend the University of Notre Dame this fall to study engineering.

**Career plans:** I plan to become a programmer or computer engineer.

**Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?:** My parents have been the biggest influence in my life. They have helped me every step of the way from kindergarten to my high school graduation. I cannot express how much they have done for me over the last 17 years of my life.

**Most memorable high school moment:** My most memorable high school moment was looking out at the student body after I had just finished performing the 2014 Drum Feature with my friends.



#### Matthew Wolfe

**Parents:** Keith and Maureen Wolfe

**Academic honors:** National Honors Society (grades 11-12); SAE First Place at the Science and Engineering Fair of Metro Detroit (10); Presidential Academic Excellence Award; AP Scholar (12); National Merit Commended Scholar (12); Catholic League All-Catholic Scholastic Award (9-11); various Catholic Central Superior Academic Achievement Awards (9-12); Gabriel Richard Honor Roll (9-12)

**Extracurricular activities:** During my time at CC, I have been a four-year member of the tennis team, three-year member of the academic team, held a part-time job and participated in a range of community service projects.

**Post-graduation plans:** I plan to attend the University of Notre Dame to study engineering.

**Career plans:** Automotive industry engineering

**Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?:** My parents have had a big influence on my academic career. They have pushed me to do well in school, guided me to set academic goals and encouraged me as I worked to reach those goals.

**Most memorable high school moment:** My most memorable moment was when I attended the state championship hockey game this year and watched CC win.



#### Matthew Zahari

**Parents:** Barbara and Daniel Zahari

**Academic honors:** Gabriel Richard; National Honor Society; President's Award

**Extracurricular activities:** Tennis team

**Post-graduation plans:** I plan to attend Kettering University to study chemical engineering

**Career plans:** Work in the oil industry

**Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?:** My mom has influenced me the most because she said that school was the most important thing in my life until I finished college. She always pushed me to work to the best of my ability, and she was always willing to help me with anything. I definitely would not be where I am today without my mom's support.

**Most memorable high school moment:** The 2014 state championship wrestling assembly.

FRANKLIN ROAD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL TOP 10 STUDENTS – CLASS OF 2014



**Mariah Cardenas**

**Parents:** Hollie Cardenas  
**Academic honors:** Valedictorian; National Honor Society; National Merit Scholarship Finalist; National Hispanic Scholar  
**Extracurricular activities:** Track team; cross country team; Fine Arts Festival; jazz band  
**Post-graduation plans:** I plan to attend the University of Michigan to study Spanish  
**Career plans:** Interpreter/translator  
**Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?:** My grandpa influenced me most in my academic career by fostering my love for Spanish and instilling in me a good work ethic. He embodied the American dream.  
**Most memorable high school moment:** My most memorable high school moment was when I made it to states in cross country this past year. I barely beat out a girl at the end to be able to get to states for the first time in my running career.



**Marcus Dane Charlick**

**Parents:** Mark and Vivian Charlick  
**Academic honors:** High Honors; National Honor Society  
**Extracurricular activities:** Club and high school soccer; high school basketball; cross county  
**Post-graduation plans:** I plan to attend Colorado Christian University where I will be studying to become a doctor and playing soccer there  
**Career plans:** Physician  
**Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?:** My parents ALWAYS pushed me to do my best, even when senior-itis was in full effect.  
**Most memorable high school moment:** Winning a banner in soccer my senior year.



**Mary Ann Mansour**

**Parents:** Jason and Bonnie Mansour  
**Academic honors:** National Honor Society; math award; computer award; honor roll  
**Extracurricular activities:** Volleyball; choir; church events  
**Post-graduation plans:** I plan to attend Southwestern Assemblies of God University to study counseling/psychology.  
**Career plans:** Church ministries  
**Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?:** My teachers have influenced me because they pushed me to be my best and they encouraged me every step of the way.  
**Most memorable high school moment:** Last day of senior year. Parking lot tailgate.



**Kristen Massey**

**Parents:** Olivia and Kevin Massey  
**Academic honors:** High Honor Student; National Honor Society  
**Extracurricular activities:** Basketball team; track team  
**Post-graduation plans:** I plan to attend Malone University to study pre-law.  
**Career plans:** Lawyer  
**Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?:** My mother has influenced me in my academic career. She has always encouraged me to be a student-athlete and to strive for excellence in the classroom.  
**Most memorable high school moment:** My most memorable high school moment would be when my basketball team won the district championship my senior year.



**Stephanie Anne Mautz**

**Parents:** Timothy and Nancy Mautz  
**Academic honors:** High Honor Roll four years; 4.0 GPA for senior year; Outstanding Achievement in Art (junior year); Outstanding Academic Achievement in Algebra I; Outstanding Academic Achievement in Algebra II; National Honors Society  
**Extracurricular activities:** Student Council president; High School Ensemble; varsity cheer captain; drama; Children's Ministry  
**Post-graduation plans:** I plan to attend Wayne State University and study fashion design.  
**Career plans:** Fashion designer  
**Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?:** Mrs. Swaffield, my high school English teacher. She saw my potential and continued to push me to do better than I thought I could.  
**Most memorable high school moment:** Performing in dramas with my best friends.



**Scott Lorence McSweeney**

**Parents:** Tom and Jeanna  
**Academic honors:** Yes  
**Extracurricular activities:** Varsity basketball and baseball  
**Post-graduation plans:** Attend Grove City College in Grove City, Penn.  
**Career plans:** Engineering  
**Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?:** My older siblings. Tommy is in grad school in Taiwan and Mollie graduated from Biola in political science last year and Maureen is in nursing school in Indiana.  
**Most memorable high school moment:** Being able to be in school with all of my siblings at the same time. Our family is close and it was the best when we would all drive together.



**Brecken Mumford**

**Parents:** Mike and Kim Mumford  
**Academic honors:** National Honor Society; High Honors  
**Extracurricular activities:** Yearbook; varsity softball; reading; photography  
**Post-graduation plans:** I plan to attend Taylor University to study either English or professional writing.  
**Career plans:** I am currently undecided on what I wish to do career wise, but I trust that God will lead me in the right direction.  
**Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?:** The person who has influenced me the most in my academic career is my English teacher, Mrs. Teresa Swaffield. She has encouraged me to pursue excellence, live my life to a higher standard, and also give all the glory to God. She really cares about her students and their futures. I am so thankful she was my English teacher for my four high school years!  
**Most memorable high school moment:** My most memorable high school moment was probably when I won prom queen. It caught me off-guard and I was so touched that the junior class chose me. It doesn't hurt that I get to keep the crown either, ha ha!



**Victoria Schinzing**

**Parents:** Russ and Nicole Schinzing  
**Academic honors:** I am a member of the National Honors Society and received the Math award my freshman year in high school. I have received high honors all four years of high school.  
**Extracurricular activities:** I played softball, volleyball, basketball and soccer. I went on two short-term mission trips to Nicaragua and The Dominican Republic, as well as some local ministry outreaches in the city of Detroit. I am also a student leader for my youth group at Brightmoor Christian Church.  
**Post-graduation plans:** I plan to attend Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Okla., and study social justice.  
**Career plans:** I plan on working for or opening my own nonprofit organization to help those trapped in human trafficking.  
**Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?:** My teachers have influenced me by encouraging me to always do my best.  
**Most memorable high school moment:** My most memorable moment was when my basketball team and I won the conference banner my junior year.



**Jacob Reynolds Weaver**

**Parents:** Jeff and Sharon Weaver  
**Academic honors:** Distinguished Honors (all four years); National Honors Society; Academic All-State (cross country and soccer)  
**Extracurricular activities:** Varsity soccer; varsity cross country; varsity baseball; jazz band; class president  
**Post-graduation plans:** I plan to attend Hillsdale College to study history and philosophy.  
**Career plans:** Constitutional lawyer  
**Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?:** The two people who have had the greatest impact on my academic career are Ms. Townsend and Mrs. Swaffield, my high school teachers. They have brought out the best in me by challenging me academically, by encouraging me to set high goals, and by truly caring about me and my future.  
**Most memorable high school moment:** My most memorable high school moment was placing 24th at the state cross country meet, earning a position on the all-state podium.

**FRANKLIN ROAD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

- Maria Cardenas
- Marcus Dane Charlick
- Mary Ann Mansour
- Jeremy Matthew
- Kristen Massey
- Stephanie Anne Mautz
- Scott McSweeney
- Brecken Mumford
- Victoria Schinzing
- Jacob Reynolds Weaver

A lifetime of memories



Novi High Principal Nicole Carter shakes the hand of a graduate as her first graduation as head of the school. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Novi High Class of 2014 graduate Ali Taha prepares to put on his mortar board before the May 31 commencement. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Novi High's Class of 2014 members take their seats May 31 at EMU's Convocation Center. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA ACADEMY TOP 10 STUDENTS – CLASS OF 2014



**Allison Barsh**

**Parents:** Michelle and Bill  
**Academic honors:** Honor roll four years  
**Extracurricular activities:** Two years varsity softball; one year junior varsity softball; one year junior varsity volleyball; one year varsity volleyball; All-Catholic League and All-District for softball; Pro Life Club; Yearbook Club; senior class president  
**Post-graduation plans:** I am attending Oakland University to study nursing.  
**Career plans:** Pediatric nurse  
**Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?:** My grandfather, Ben Di Ponio, because he came to America with nothing and with hard work and determination proved one can do anything. He inspired me as I started this new school.  
**Most memorable high school moment:** Winning the Catholic High School League championship for softball for the first time in school history.



**Lauren Dallo**

**ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA ACADEMY**

Allison Barsh  
 Lauren Dallo  
 Carly Duey  
 Mary Green  
 Carolyn Laforet  
 Ria Manimallethu  
 Emily Nowka  
 Elizabeth Peters  
 Patricia Schimeck  
 Mary Simon



**Carly Duey**



**Mary Green**

**Parents:** Bob and Jacki Green  
**Academic honors:** Four years of Honor Roll, class salutatorian  
**Extracurricular activities:** Varsity softball; varsity basketball; varsity volleyball; student council; Pro-Life Club  
**Post-graduation plans:** I plan to attend Saint Mary's College in Indiana to study biology and play softball.  
**Career plans:** Doctor  
**Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?:** The teachers at Saint Catherine's have influenced my academic career the most. They not only encourage hard work, but also offer to help in any way possible. They will do anything to see their students succeed.  
**Most memorable high school moment:** My most memorable high school moment was winning the 2014 Catholic League softball championship.



**Carolyn Laforet**

**Parents:** Todd and Katie Hallett and Mark Laforet  
**Academic honors:** Economics award; physics award  
**Extracurricular activities:** Cheerleading; pom pon; choir  
**Post-graduation plans:** I plan to attend Michigan State University to study business.  
**Career plans:** To one day be a successful entrepreneur  
**Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?:** My mom. She has always been on top of me about my grades, which was a little annoying, but now I understand how important they really are.  
**Most memorable high school moment:** Doing a Chinese fire drill on Napier Road.



**Ria Manimallethu**

**Parents:** Toby and Simy Manimallethu  
**Academic honors:** Honor Roll; English Departmental Award; Jupiter Optimus Maximus Award in Latin; Academic Excellence in Theology; and Academic Excellence in Chemistry  
**Extracurricular activities:** Student council; varsity basketball; varsity cross country; future doctors of America; St. Gianna Molla Society  
**Post-graduation plans:** Wayne State University as part of the MedStart program (direct med)  
**Career plans:** Emergency medicine  
**Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?:** I owe my academic success to my parents because they taught me to pursue what I love, and, for me, that happened to be serving people through medicine.  
**Most memorable high school moment:** Going to the Dominican Republic on a medical mission trip.



**Emily Nowka**

**Parents:** Albert and Tamara Nowka  
**Extracurricular activities:** Volleyball; softball; student council  
**Post-graduation plans:** I plan to attend Wayne State University to study psychology.  
**Career plans:** Clinical psychologist  
**Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?:** Ms. Jacci Brown influenced me the most because she is an exceptional leader.  
**Most memorable high school moment:** Dominican Republic Mission trip



**Elizabeth Peters**

**Parents:** Robin and Dawn Peters  
**Post-graduation plans:** I plan to attend Michigan State University to study pre-med., and then University of Texas for Medical school.  
**Career plans:** In the future I plan to become a dermatologist and eventually open up my own practice and develop an organic skin care line.  
**Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?:** The teachers at Saint Catherine's and my parents.



**Patricia Schimeck**

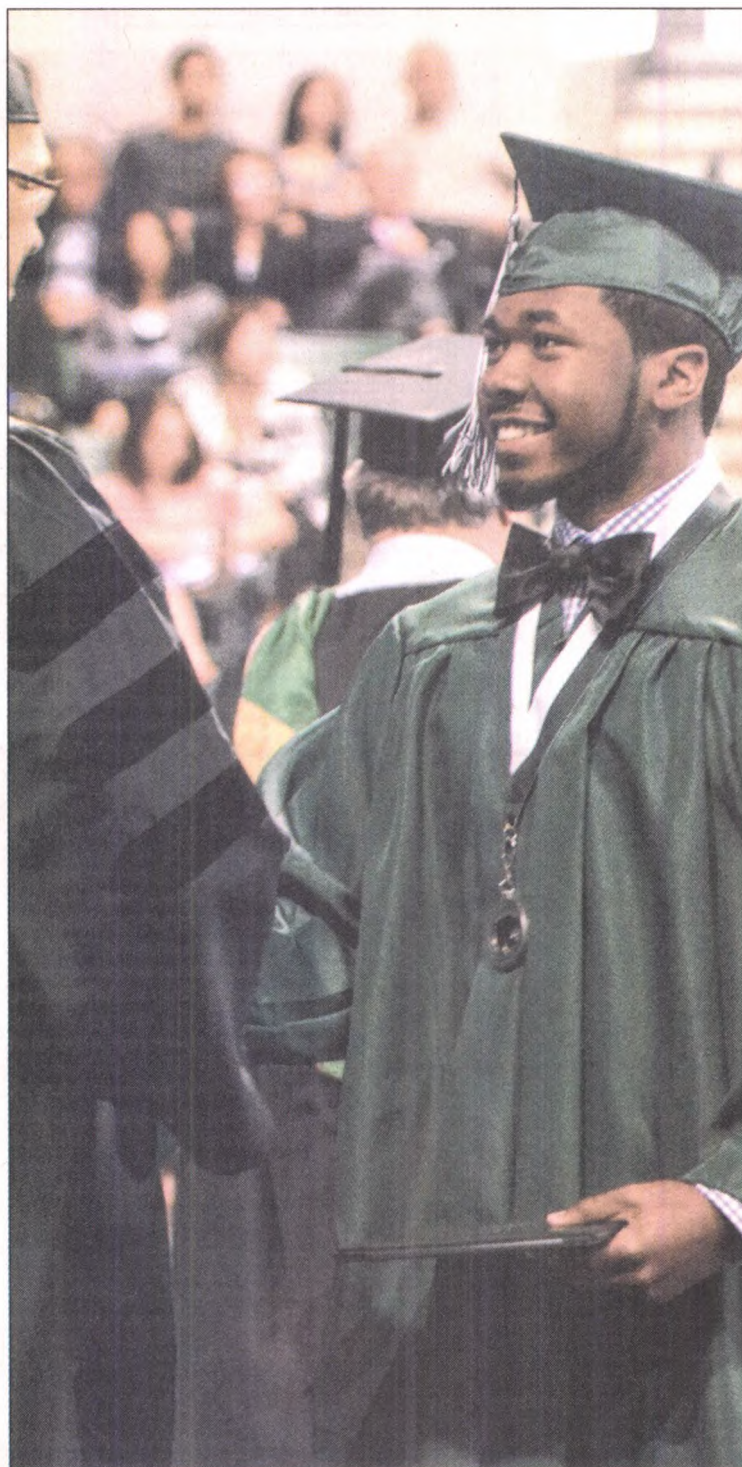
**Parent:** Kelly Schimeck  
**Academic honors:** 3.0  
**Extracurricular activities:** Gymnastics team, cheerleader  
**Post-graduation plans:** I plan on attending Eastern Michigan University to study occupational therapy  
**Career plans:** Occupational therapy  
**Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?:** The person who has influenced me the most has to be my mother, she has always pushed me to do well in school.  
**Most memorable high school moment:** My most memorable moment has to be when I switched over to Saint Catherine's this past year. I am so glad that I made that move and I am so happy I met all the girls there. They are probably the best people in my life right now.



**Mary Simon**

**Parents:** Gerald and Linda Simon  
**Academic honors:** High Honor Roll  
**Extracurricular activities:** On youth group leadership team; temporary head coach of cross country; ran track and cross country; president of Business Club; and a regular volunteer at Center for Exceptional Families.  
**Post-graduation plans:** Western Michigan University to study mechanical engineering  
**Career plans:** Engineering future technologies  
**Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?:** The most influential person in my life would be my dad, the smartest engineer I've encountered. He has opened my eyes to all the opportunities I can reach for. He's also the one who can bring me back to reality. My father loves to teach and I love to listen to him, whether it's watching him work on engines or getting math help from him. He has given me life experiences and shared his wisdom from the working aspect while allowing me to decide what really interests and inspires me. The irony here is that he is the one I aspire to be most like.  
**Most memorable high school moment:** This past year, leading my cross country team has been such an exciting and memorable experience for me. It has taught me patience and dedication which will be useful for my future endeavors.

An end and a beginning



Novi High graduate Jeffrey Baker. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Karissa Koomen receives her diploma May 31 at EMU's Convocation Center. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Novi High Principal Nicole Carter presides over her first graduation ceremony May 31, Novi High's 46th commencement. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER





## RELIGION

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### Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church

**Location:** 54899 Eight Mile, Northville

### Pentecostals of Novi

**Location:** Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile  
**Contact:** 248-697-8158 or visit [www.thepentecostalsofnovi.org](http://www.thepentecostalsofnovi.org)

### Plymouth St. John's Episcopal Church

**Location:** 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth  
**Contact:** 734-453-0190, Ext. 16, or visit [www.stjohnsplymouth.org](http://www.stjohnsplymouth.org)

### Praise Baptist Church

**Location:** 45000 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth  
**Contact:** 734-748-3898

### Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

**Location:** 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills  
**Phone:** 248-553-3380

**Fine Arts Camp:** June 23-27. An educational ministry open to children who have completed first grade through the sixth grade. Help your child discover the fine arts and develop their gifts in art, music and drama! Children will learn the basics of vocal and instrumental music, acting and performing, and art. The theme for camp this year is "Prayer and Promises." This is a half camp day (8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.) and registration with fee has begun. Early bird discount is available. Call the church office for more information or to register.

### St. James Catholic Church

**Location:** 46325 10 Mile, Novi  
**Contact:** 248-347-7778  
**Pastor:** Monsignor John Kasza  
**Mass Schedule:** 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday

### St. John Lutheran Church

**Location:** 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills  
**Contact:** 248-474-0584 or visit [stjohn-lutheran.com](http://stjohn-lutheran.com)  
**Saturday Worship:** 5:30 p.m.  
**Sunday Worship:** 9, 11:15 a.m.  
**Sunday School:** 10:15 a.m.

### St. Paul's Lutheran Church

**Location:** 201 Elm St., Northville  
**Contact:** 248-349-3140

### Unity of Farmington Hills

**Location:** 32500 W. 13 Mile, Farmington  
**Contact:** 248-737-9191; AdministrativeDirector@unityfh.com

### Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington

**Location:** 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills  
**Contact:** [www.uufarmington.org](http://www.uufarmington.org)  
**Youth Interfaith Journey:** 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays  
**Details:** This religious education program is open to the public and currently enrolling new students. Classes are grouped into grades K-five, six-eight and nine-12 with age-specific education materials for all.  
**Contact:** Jennifer Teed at 248-478-7272 or [dre@uufarmington.org](mailto:dre@uufarmington.org)  
**Lifelong Learning Forum:** 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays  
**Details:** Six weeks exploring different topics like religion, philosophy, science, health, social and political issues. No advance registration necessary; a

\$5 donation is suggested. Drop in and pick the class that interests you most at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington.

**Contact:** 248-478-7272 or [uufarmington.org/uucf/re-lifespan](http://uufarmington.org/uucf/re-lifespan)

**Multigenerational Services:** 6:45 p.m. Fridays

**Details:** Family members of all ages can gather for drumming, chanting, and meditation followed by a brief participatory worship service which could include stories, songs and sharing. A religious education activity will follow, such as an art project, music, dance, game or theater. The evening will close with a light snack and a short time to socialize, ending at 8:30 p.m.

### Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

**Location:** 40000 Six Mile, Northville (behind the shopping center at the corner of Six Mile and Haggerty)

**Web:** [www.wardchurch.org](http://www.wardchurch.org)  
**Contact:** 248-374-7400

**Sunday Worship:** 8 a.m. Liturgical in the Chapel; 9:30 a.m. Contemporary in the Sanctuary; 11 a.m. Traditional in the Sanctuary; 11 a.m. Post-Contemporary in Knox Hall

**Sunday Groups and Classes:** Nursery, Children's and Middle School programs available on Sunday mornings. High School Sunday night at 6:30 p.m. Sunday Morning Adult Life Classes also available.

**FX: A Family Experience:** An interactive family production where participants ignite conversations in the home on important topics to help kids and their parents follow God together. First Sunday of the month at 9:30 a.m. In Knox Hall, September-May.

**Service Broadcasts:** Live at <http://live.wardchurch.org> at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays for live interactive video web-streaming. Also, the Traditional Service is broadcast every week on WRDT-AM 560 at 11 a.m.



## GROWING TOGETHER

The Novi Public Library, Friends of the Novi Library and MSU Tollgate Education Center all partnered to bring a family event to the community May 17 at the MSU Tollgate Education Center. Families had the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities, including story times led by Mother Goose, carnival games, visiting with farm animals and much more. The mission of this educational and entertaining day was to enrich all who attended, as everyone had the chance to learn about each other, discover new resources and friends, plus grow together. Visitors also had the chance to stop by the information tables of the Friends of the Novi Library, MSU Tollgate Education Center and the Novi Public Library to learn more about the growing collections, services and resources they offer.

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## IN THE SERVICE

### George R. McClymont

Navy Ensign George R. McClymont, son of David and Gretchen McClymont of Novi, recently graduated with a bachelor of science degree from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., and was commissioned to his current rank.

Graduation and commissioning is the culmination of a rigorous four-year

program of intense academic, military and physical training designed to produce combat leaders of character for the Navy and Marine Corps. In the Naval Academy's Class of 2014, 1,068 midshipmen graduated, of which 784 were commissioned as Navy ensigns and 265 Marines were commissioned as Marine Corps 2nd lieutenants.

McClymont is a 2010 graduate of Northville High School.

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**NOVI COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**LOCAL EVENTS**

**HELP AVAILABLE FOR DEMENTIA**

**Time/Date:** 3-5 p.m. Thursday, June 5, 12, 19 and 26 and July 10 and 17

**Location:** Novi Senior Center (45175 W. 10 Mile)

**Details:** The Area Agency on Aging 1-B and the Alzheimer's Association-Greater Michigan Chapter are hosting a free training program for families concerned about and/or caring for someone with a dementia related illness, such as Alzheimer's disease. The Creating Confident Caregivers program has been proven to reduce caregiver stress by empowering caregivers with useful tools and information. Caregivers are encouraged to attend all six classes in order to complete the training. All materials, fliers, and training books are provided by the AAA 1-B, and there is no cost for the caregiver to attend this training. The class is limited to 12 participants. Up to three members from one family can attend

a training together.

**Contact:** To register for the CCC training program, as well as on-site respite care, call the Area Agency on Aging 1-B at 800-852-7795, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**DEMOCRATS MEETING**

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 17

**Location:** United Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile, Novi

**Details:** David Woodward, county commissioner, will address a meeting of the Democrats of West Oakland. Candidate for U.S. Congress Nancy Skinner will also be on hand to speak and answer questions. Meeting is free and open to the public. Snacks provided, pizza may be purchased.

**Contact:** www.mydems.info

**CARELINK LECTURES**

**Transitions - Life After Treatment group**

**Time/Date:** 6-7:30 p.m. second and fourth Monday of each month

**Location:** Providence Park

Hospital's Assarian Cancer Center, Second floor Conference Room, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi

**Details:** Those have recently finished cancer treatment or have been out of treatment for a while and would like to connect with other survivors are invited to join this informative discussion and peer support.

**Contact:** Jenny Bailey at 248-465-5466

**FRIENDS OF ISLAND LAKE**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. fourth Tuesday of each month (except December)

**Location:** Island Lake State Recreation Area headquarters at Kensington and Grand River Avenue

**Details:** Meetings are open to any interested individual. The group's purpose is to support, enhance, protect and promote the natural, historic and recreational features of the park and the Huron River by increasing awareness of the park's assets through the education and

outreach activities, encouraging and facilitating communication and cooperation between users of the park and its staff, organizing volunteers and stewardship activities and fundraising through contributions and grants to support these initiatives.

**Contact:** www.islandlakefriends.org

**BEREAVEMENT MEETING**

**Time/Date:** 7:30-9 p.m. third Tuesday of each month

**Location:** Novi Civic Center (10 Mile between Taft and Novi roads)

**Details:** Led by Michael M. Meyer, D. Min., goal is to give each participant an opportunity to share their story.

**NAMI METRO**

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of each month

**Location:** Providence Park Hospital, Novi

**Details:** Family support group meetings.

**Contact:** For more information, or questions, contact NAMI metro at 248-348-7197 or visit <http://www.namimetro.org/>.

**WOMANHEART OF NOVI**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. fourth Wednesday of each month

**Location:** Providence Park Hospital, Novi

**Details:** For women with concerns about cardiac health to share information and sisterhood at monthly meetings.

**Contact:** Sharon Mallon, 248-348-5189.

**SUBURBAN COLLECTION SHOWPLACE**

**Location:** 46100 Grand River, Novi

**Phone:** 248-348-5600

**Web:** www.SuburbanShowplace.com

**GOLF OUTINGS**

**NOVI ROTARY**

**Date:** June 19

**Location:** Mystic Creek

**Details:** Golfers will play 18 holes with lunch, dinner and prizes - all while supporting student scholarships, at-need families in and around Novi, clean water projects, community military veterans and seniors and childhood health around the world.

**Contact:** www.novirotary.org

**WALLED LAKE SCHOOLS FIFTH ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE**

**Date:** June 23

**Location:** Edgewood Country Club, Commerce Township

**Details:** The Foundation for Excellence Scramble's shotgun start will be at 10 a.m. Outing includes continental breakfast at registration; 18 holes of golf; barbecue lunch at the turn; course contests; reception / gourmet plated dinner; raffle; and a silent auction. The cost is \$125 per golfer to enjoy the full day or only \$50 to attend reception and dinner.

**Contact:** 248-956-2116; [www.wlcsd.org/foundation.cfm](http://www.wlcsd.org/foundation.cfm)

**NOVI PARKS FOUNDATION**

**Date:** Thursday, Aug. 7

**Location:** Links of Novi

**Details:** You will receive 18 holes of golf with cart, continental breakfast, lunch, a gourmet steak dinner and prizes with your participation. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

**Contact:** [golf@noviparks-foundation.org](mailto:golf@noviparks-foundation.org)

**BUSINESS**

**NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**Contact:** [www.novichamber.com](http://www.novichamber.com) or call 248-349-3743

**LOCAL BUSINESS NETWORK MEETING**

**Time/Date:** 8:45-10:15 a.m. first and third Wednesday of each month

**Contact:** To RSVP, call 248-349-6225 or 248-685-9226

**AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

**Time/Date:** 6:15-8:30 p.m., second Wednesday of each month

**Location:** DoubleTree Hotel, 42100 Crescent Blvd., Novi

**Details:** Novi Oaks is a chapter of the American Business Women's Association. The group meets monthly for networking and a program featuring speakers on an array of market-relevant topics. Organizers strive to bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and to provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support and national recognition. Visit [www.abwa-novi.org](http://www.abwa-novi.org).

**Contact:** Holly Hengstebeck at [publicity@abwa-novi.org](mailto:publicity@abwa-novi.org).

**NORTHVILLE-NOVI BUSINESS NETWORKING BREAKFAST**

**Time/Date:** 7:30-9 a.m. first and third Tuesday of each month (except November and December, which are just the first Tuesday)

**Location:** Kerby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty

**Details:** Business networking focused on building relationships. The Sunrise Networking Group, LLC ([sunriseNETWORKINGgroup.com](http://sunriseNETWORKINGgroup.com)) is a group of about 250 business leaders who help each other to build more business by referring people to each other. Breakfast is \$10.

**Contact:** Fonda Milana at 586-232-3009 or [fmlana@sunrisefinancialgrouppllc.com](mailto:fmlana@sunrisefinancialgrouppllc.com).

**METRO NOVI BNI**

**Time/Date:** 7-8 a.m. each Wednesday

**Location:** On the Border Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty (north of Eight Mile), Novi

**Details:** BNI is a structured networking environment for professionals. The Metro Novi BNI team members are committed to providing bona fide referrals. Members learn how to create and refine an "elevator speech," develop a network of other business professionals in the community and receive training/education on networking more efficiently. Guests are invited free of charge. Continental breakfast provided.

**Contact:** Julie Paquette at 248-797-1665 or [juliepaquette67@gmail.com](mailto:juliepaquette67@gmail.com); [www.metronovibni.com](http://www.metronovibni.com).

**HUD COUNSELING**

**Time/Date:** 5-8 p.m. first Monday of each month

**Details:** HUD-certified counselors are available to assist homeowners at risk of foreclosure. There is no charge for this service. Please call if you wish to attend. One-on-one sessions will be scheduled.

**Book Discussion Group**

**Time/Date:** 6:30 p.m. first Thursday of each month

**Details:** Drop in or call the library if you are interested in joining this group.

**CLUBS**

**NOVI ROTARY CLUB**

**Time/Date:** Noon each Thursday

**Location:** Novi Methodist Church 41671 W. 10 Mile

**Details:** Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors welcome. Check website for speaker information; [novirotary.org](http://novirotary.org).

**CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 11, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **BALLANTYNE RESIDENTIAL UNIT DEVELOPMENT, SITE PLAN NUMBER 13-43, FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, SITE CONDOMINIUM, WOODLANDS PERMIT, WETLANDS PERMIT AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 31, ON NORTH SIDE OF EIGHT MILD ROAD, WEST OF GARFIELD ROAD.** The applicant is proposing to construct a 41 unit site condominium development utilizing the RUD option on the 50.85 acre site. Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic Center.



All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the cities regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm, it must be received by 4:00pm. Wednesday, June 11 2014.

Novi Planning Commission  
Michael Lynch, Secretary  
Published June 5, 2014

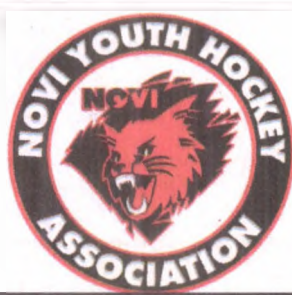
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# Haircuts, laughs for 50 years at Roger and Rod's

When Roger's Barber Shop opened in June 1964, it was part of a new strip center surrounded by only a few structures and two lanes of Five Mile Road that were still occasionally traversed by horses.

Roger Hawraney and his son Rod are preparing to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their barber shop that grew with Livonia and built multiple generations of customers who enjoy the company, conversation and coffee while getting their hair clipped.

"It is a nice accomplishment," Roger said, discussing the shop's half-century in business. "But we were in a can't-miss location. Livonia was on the brink of a population explosion at that time."

Roger retired in 1995 and turned things over to Rod, when it formally became known as Roger and Rod's Barber Shop. "We never became anything but a corner, neighborhood barber shop and I think we were successful because we never tried to be anything more," Rod said.

The 1,200-square-foot shop on Five Mile just east of Levan is adorned with a unique mix of 1960s fixtures, 99 team and school pennants, a large preserved sail fish Roger caught in the early 1980s and dozens of pictures and other artifacts celebrating sports and personalities that served as subjects for the shop's chats.

"It started with a few pictures and things we had on the walls and people started bringing in pennants because they wanted their school represented in the shop," Rod said. "It just took off from there."

Roger, a Dearborn Fordson High School graduate and U.S. Coast Guard veteran, tried a couple of jobs before



Jovial talk often fills the room at Roger and Rod's Barber Shop as barbers (from left) Rod Hawraney, Danielle Dow, Kelly Caruana, Adam Naif and Mario D'Herin tend to customers.

going to barber school and landing a job at a Dearborn barber shop. He learned carefully from the shop's owner, who told Rodger that a good barber needs to know the skills, how to talk to people and how to treat people to manage a successful shop.

Seven years later, Roger discussed his desire to open his own shop with his friend, Little Caesars owner Mike Ilitch. Their wives had been friends since grade school. Ilitch found a new strip center in Livonia and marked two spots: one for the 13th Little Caesars shop and one for Roger's Barber Shop.

Roger's shop opened with two barbers that charged \$1.25 for a boy's haircut and \$2.50 for a

man's. Things took off from there as Livonia's neighborhoods swelled with new homes filled by large families. Also, more people grew to appreciate the conversation and atmosphere of the shop, which boosted demand and forced Roger to hire more barbers.

#### Sports and jokes

"We talked sports all the time and joked around all the time," Roger said. "You built a connection with the customers because the guys had fun."

The Hawraney's always maintained a strong bond with the Livonia community. In the 1970s, Roger called his shop Roger's Barber Shop - House of Champions. This honored Churchill's

1974 state champion baseball team (which included Rod) and Franklin's 1975 state champion football team.

Rod went on to play college baseball and football, but left Alma College after one year. He eventually went to barber school in 1976 and joined his dad's staff in January 1977 at age 21.

"I grew up in Livonia, grew up around the shop and knew just about everyone that walked into the shop," Rod said. "It was a good fit for me from the get-go."

Roger admits he was apprehensive at first about his son working for him.

"I wanted him to learn elsewhere, but he wanted to work for me," Roger said. "But he was a natu-

ral. He had a knack for it. He always got along well with people."

Rod said he managed the shop based on something his dad told him years ago: "When they come to get a haircut, you treat them like they are coming into your home."

While Rod and the crew are hospitable, there is little withheld when it comes to conversation topics in the shop. They mock themselves and their customers and don't shy away from political incorrectness. They never took appointments to keep things casual.

This makes a comfortable atmosphere for customers like Gary DesChenes, a Livonia businessman and a regular at Roger and Rod's

Barber Shop for 15 years.

#### 'Like you are at home'

"It is the greatest daily social event in Livonia," DesChenes said. "You feel like you are at home. It helps that Rod can remember the name of just about everyone who walks through the door."

The shop has had some famous visitors. Thanks to one of Roger's Fordson classmates who went on to business prominence in California, Muhammad Ali visited the shop in 1989. The boxing champion spent nearly two hours visiting and taking pictures with shocked barber shop patrons.

Ilitch walked through the shop's doors unannounced with the Stanley Cup in 1997, shortly after the Detroit Red Wings won the hockey championship. Pictures of both visits are on the shop's walls.

Roger and Rod express humble appreciation for the shop's longevity. Roger praises his son. Rod praises his current staff of Danielle Dow, Kelly Caruana, Adam Naif and Mario D'Herin, a long-time friend who has worked at the shop for 25 years.

Both praise their customers and the Livonia community for providing them with a fun way to earn a living.

"We have some very loyal customers, some who moved out of town and we haven't seen them in years, but they find a way to visit when in town," Rod said.

*Roger and Rod's Barber Shop will become the latest of some 50 companies to maintain an operation in Livonia for at least 50 years. To express their appreciation to their customers, they will serve lunch to their customers during open house from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day June 17-21. Food will be prepared by George's Senate Restaurant.*

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## OUR VIEWS

# Lawmakers making progress on roads

At last, Michigan lawmakers are deeply engaged in a discussion of how to pay for fixing and maintaining the state's roads.

There's not a clear consensus yet. There's plenty of potential resistance on both sides of the aisle. But lawmakers are, for the moment, focused intently on potential ways to address the state's \$1.5 billion annual need for additional road funds.

It's unconscionable that the problem festered this long. Michigan last raised its per-gallon gas tax — fixed at 19 cents for gasoline and 15 cents for diesel — in 1997. Of course, in that time, cars and trucks have become more fuel-efficient, more hybrid electric vehicles have taken to the road and drivers have, in many cases, cut back their mileage. The result is that each penny levied in gas tax brought in \$43.8 million in 2013, down from a peak of \$49.4 million in 2002. For diesel, it was \$7.3 million in 2013, down from \$10.4 million in 2003, according to Michigan Department of Transportation calculations.

This is a collision course for disaster. Yet years of lobbying by a coalition that includes business, labor and local government saw little progress. Even when Gov. Rick Snyder took up the gauntlet with his ideas for a wholesale tax (rather than the per-gallon rate currently charged at the pump), lawmakers initially balked.

The harsh winter of 2013-14 — and its impact on roads — seems to have altered attitudes at the capital, though. Not even fear of facing voters in August primaries and the November general election has stopped this spring's negotiations.

It's not clear exactly which ideas will survive, but so far both the House and Senate have considered legislation that would put a new 6-percent wholesale tax on fuel, replacing the current per-gallon gas and diesel taxes.

Some have discussed an alternate proposal that would let that tax climb as high as 13.5 percent over five years, but a Senate committee passed the 6-percent version. For gas, the 6-percent rate would be revenue-neutral, but bringing diesel up to the tax level of gasoline would generate an extra \$47 million per year.

Opponents worry that the higher increase will punish low- and middle-income drivers and could make Michigan's fuel taxes the nation's highest. Yet polling indicates support for some tax increase to pay for roads — as long as the money is clearly restricted to that.

Michigan has ignored this issue far too long. It's time to bite the bullet and fix the roads.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

# Do you think you could survive on the new minimum wage?

This question was asked at the Novi Public Library.



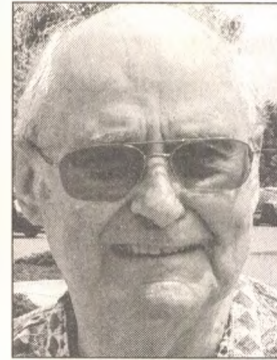
"It would be difficult, but I suppose I could if I had to."

Debbie Martinez  
Novi



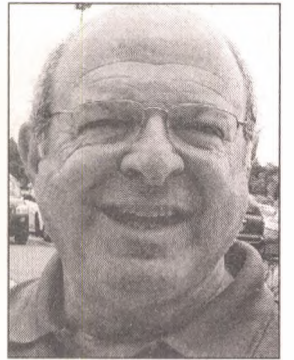
"No, but I do think raising it is a step in the right direction."

Maxine Main  
Novi



"I think it's good we raise it up. But, no, I couldn't live on it."

Jack Main  
Novi



"No way! Prices for things like gas have doubled and even quadrupled in some cases, while minimum wage is now just inching up."

Richard Kramer  
Novi

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Minimum-wage means poverty

Something is wrong with the way our economy rewards hard work. The average CEO gets paid 340 times the pay of the average employee. To combat this wage disparity, many states have raised their minimum wage. Today, 15 percent of Americans live in poverty and almost half of Americans carry debt that exceeds their assets. Michigan's recovery would be helped by boosting the wages of its lowest paid workers to \$10.10 per hour. This higher minimum wage will stimulate our economy because more people will have enough money to buy goods and services.

Michigan's minimum wage will rise to \$9.25 an hour by 2018 under legislation that Gov. Snyder signed into law. This law passed just one day before the citizen's group, Raise Michigan, turned in petitions on a voter initiative to raise the rate to \$10.10 an hour. This ballot proposal may be in legal limbo since it seeks to amend a law that no longer exists. Our legislators missed the boat when they passed this \$9.25-an-hour legislation. Hard work should be fairly compensated and \$9.25 is inadequate.

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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No American who works full time, year-long, should have to live in poverty. This is not the dignity of work and Michigan deserves better.

Colleen Crossey  
Novi

### Schauer needs a plan for our schools

As one famous Democrat political consultant said, "It's the economy, stupid." It's kind of

important, and in Michigan it is especially important. Many people do not consider how education impacts economic growth, but education helps build for the future, so it is really important in terms of having that strong base moving forward.

Mark Schauer has claimed that Rick Snyder's education plan has been hurting the economy. This is a claim that is hard to believe when Snyder has been able to reinvest money into the education system. Snyder even raised the per-pupil funding by 9 percent. These strides show Snyder's desire to help education and the economy moving forward.

Criticize the governor's education plan all you want but at least he has one. Schauer has yet to even come out with a plan. Schauer's lack of commitment to even just come up with a plan should be alarming to voters.

Snyder has really been key for paving the way for future economic growth by reinvesting into education. His plan has really helped set Michigan ahead for the future. An investment in our children is an investment in our future.

Yasser Khan  
Novi

## GUEST COLUMN

# Should taxpayer dollars help wind industry break federal wildlife laws?

Since early in our nation's founding, we have placed a high value on conserving native wildlife so that future generations will be able to experience and benefit from wild species as we do today. Yet, even as our federal government has "sequestered" federal funds and been forced to shutter national parks during contentious government shut-downs, we taxpayers have been regularly tapped, year after year, by large corporate wind companies to provide them with tax credits they demand in order to make a profit of their ventures.

Taxpayers may not be aware that they have funded for several years — through the federal government's Production Tax Credit — a public subsidy that can create a perverse incentive to put wind turbines in areas that produce little electricity, but would have a devastating impact on migratory birds.

As presently config-



George Fenwick

GUEST COLUMNIST

ured, the PTC provides 2.3 cents per kilowatt generated, largely to wind energy companies. Poorly sited wind energy development kills significant numbers of birds and bats and alters sensitive wildlife habitat. At the current estimated mortality rate, the wind industry is killing hundreds of thousands of birds and bats per year and is expected to kill well over one million per year as projects are built to reach the federal goal of 20 percent renewable energy by 2030.

While these numbers represent a relatively small percentage of the total number of birds and bats estimated to reside in or breed in North America, many of the species being killed are already declining for other reasons and this mortality can exacerbate these declines.

In fact, the North American Breeding Bird Survey shows that between 1966 and 2010, 40 percent of neotropical migratory birds (55 of 137 species assessed) had significant negative population trends. The mortality due to wind turbines is just one more factor contributing to the cumulative impact of humans on wild bird and bat populations. In addition, many species are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, Endangered Species Act and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act. Killing them is a violation of federal law punishable by significant fines.

### Unnecessary killing

We all want clean, renewable energy, but wind power cannot be considered "green" if it is unnecessarily killing large numbers of birds and bats. However, we truly can have it both ways. Making wind power a win-win proposition for conservation-minded taxpayers is not overly complicated. Two key actions need to be taken.

The first is that "no-go" zones need to be established for the industry in the most sensitive locations where the toll on birds simply outweighs the benefits of wind development. American Bird Conservancy has already de-

veloped maps showing those areas. What is lacking thus far is the political will to draw a few protective lines in the sand around the most important places.

The second is that the voluntary U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service permitting guidelines, by which the wind industry is currently guided, need to be made mandatory. Since the Energy Policy Act of 1992 established the PTC, the federal government has doled out billions of dollars and hoped that the for-profit wind industry would voluntarily do the right things to minimize impacts to birds and bats. Every law, such as those for stop signs and bank regulation, work because they are mandatory and backed by enforcement.

This has important implications for the PTC. The commercial wind industry should not have a free pass to kill large numbers of our native birds and bats with help from public-assistance dollars.

Without improved regulation, irresponsible wind energy developers also have an unfair advantage in the marketplace when compared with those that act responsibly by implementing mitigation measures and better regulation will level the playing field, reduce the

probability of bad publicity and lawsuits, and save money in the long term. It is, in fact, good business.

### More than luxury

Protecting birds and bats is much more than a luxury. Birds are a massive economic and job generator for the United States. According to the latest national survey by FWS, 90 million people — 38 percent of all Americans 16 years and older — participated in wildlife-related recreation in 2011 and spent \$145 billion in the process. Almost 47 million of that total were birdwatchers who spent \$55 billion on their activities. This spending supports thousands of jobs in industries and businesses connected to fishing, hunting and the observance of wildlife. However, two areas where the birdwatching market is booming — south Texas and the Great Lakes area — are already the targets of major wind development.

In addition to their inherent beauty and cultural and scientific importance, birds and bats also have an incalculable value by maintaining the ecosystems on which humans depend. Birds and bats eat billions of insects each year that, left unchecked, could decimate our crops, damage our forests, or lead to more use of troubling

pesticides. In one study alone, birds were found to eat up to 98 percent of codling moth larvae, a major pest of apple trees in orchards. In forests, the value of insect control by birds has been estimated to be as much as \$5,000 per year per square mile.

Birds also play an important role as pollinators, providing a fundamental service to agricultural production that cannot be easily replaced. Bats are equally valuable. In one eight-county region of Texas, Brazilian free-tailed bats saved local farmers an estimated \$740,000 annually in crop damage and pesticide costs by feeding on corn earworm and cotton bollworm.

Unfortunately, in the case of wind energy, rapid development has gotten way out ahead of the science and regulatory framework.

Setting reasonable regulatory sideboards for the industry and putting key, sensitive areas off limits are two principles that should be non-negotiable as renewal of the PTC is considered. It harkens back to an old standard in business dealings to which most of us have grown accustomed. It is called quid pro quo.

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Village Workshop Co-Founders: Dennis Engerer, Brian Donovan and Chris McDonald have created a community Workshop In Downtown Northville that is inviting to tinkerers and the professionals.

### CREATIVITY UNLEASHED ... NO PRACTICAL PURPOSE NEEDED

By Dennis Zelazny  
Contributing Writer

Your imagination is your only limitation. Remember how an empty box could become an Indy 500 stock car or a royal gilded throne for a princess? The founders of The Village Workshop are revisiting those thoughts and more. They inspire and encourage everyone — young, old, male, female, tinkerer or skilled professional — to get in here and build something.

The Village Workshop is scheduled to open this September. Here is your chance to get in

classes for CAD (computer-aided design), including "how-to's" for specific tools such as the CNC router table, embroidery machines and other state-of-the-art equipment. Various seminars are scheduled, with topics including patent law.

Their goal is for all members to be equipped for success. This community space is dedicated to creativity, learning, entrepreneurship and prototype services. Located in downtown Northville, they have already won over the community's full support. Village Workshop founders

time professional in the steel and automotive industry.

Engerer told us that the historic 28,000-square-foot space was built in 1875 and is the perfect place for their venture. The facility has plenty of room for 3-D printers, laser engravers and a whole service metal shop. Plans also include a powder-coat booth and auto lift.

The space is designed to attract artists, engineers and entrepreneurs, including families who simply want to build something together. Recent developments include strong interests pertaining to sponsorships from larger corporations.

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Donovan shared thoughts from outside sources; there is a shortage of machinists and "trade jobs" are on the rebound. Manufacturing is coming back to

the area and The Village Workshop can help better prepare a person for this resurgence.

The Village Workshop welcomes everyone and is a place where anything is possible. Discover new projects and classes every week. You will find the space inviting and encouraging and you may never want to leave, which explains the 8:30 a.m. to midnight hours.

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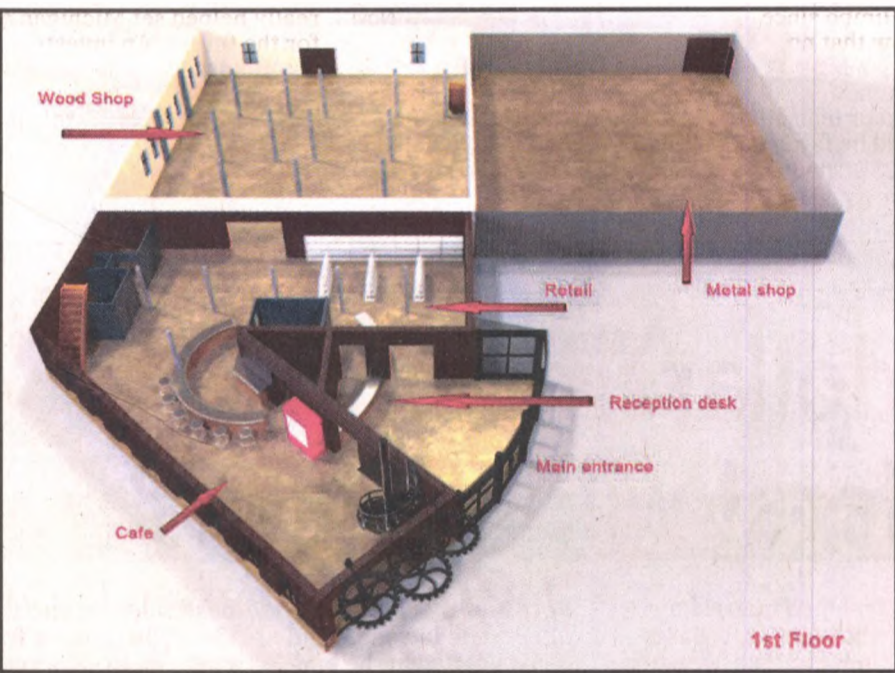
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## Love, McMahan finish runners-up in D-1 events

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

A few seconds and a few inches were all that stood between a few Novi athletes and individual state titles in Saturday's Division 1 track and field finals at Rockford.

Senior Jordan Love was second in the 200 in 21.68 seconds, just 0.32 behind champion Maurice Allen of Oak Park (21.36).

Similarly, senior Kerri McMahan was second in the high jump (5-5) to Sterling Heights Stevenson's Jailah Mason, who set a Division 1 record by one-quarter of an inch with a jump of 5-9/4.

"Give all the credit in the world to (the champion) for breaking the state record," McMahan said. "Obviously, I wanted to come out here and repeat my title. But when someone is that good, you've got to give her some applause - getting second, I can't complain."

"It's pretty bittersweet being here for my last year after coming here for



Novi's Kerri McMahan clears the bar in the high jump Saturday at the Division 1 track and field state finals. LYNNE MOSTELLER

four years. It's kind of nice to end it where I started it. It's been a very amazing career, especially when track isn't my year-around sport. I have awesome coaches, amazing teammates and an awesome school system that just supports me through everything. It's been awesome. I love track so much.

I'm going to miss it a lot in college."

The efforts of Love and McMahan helped the Wildcats move up the chart at the state meet. The girls finished 14th with 13 points, as Oak Park (92 points), Northville (50) and East Kentwood (49) were the top three. The boys finished in a four-way tie for 22nd,

alongside Detroit Southeastern, Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills and Ypsilanti, as East Kentwood (71), Oak Park (50) and Saline (37) made up the top three.

Senior Taylor Pavlika was the only other girl to earn points for the Wildcats, finishing fourth in discus (125-7) to Macomb L'Anse Cruese's Jaevyn Wortham's (140-5).

On the boys side of the meet, the Wildcats got all-state finishes in two other events.

Senior Brian Barnes finished eighth in the 1,600 (4:15.54), as Grand Blanc's Grant Fisher won in 4:10.82.

Love also teamed with seniors Ali Taha, Parker Sutton and Nicholas Oakley to finish eighth in the 800 relay (1:29.26), as East Kentwood won in 1:27.09.

Complete results are online at [www.mhsaa.com](http://www.mhsaa.com).

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## Cipriano Classic 5K returns Friday

Third annual run to benefit local family

By Aileen Wingblad  
Staff Writer

Area runners will strap on their athletic shoes and meet Friday at the Farmington Family YMCA to show support for a family which has endured tremendous loss and pain.

The third annual Cipriano Classic 5K is set for 6:30 p.m. June 6. Registration this week until the time of the event is \$35, with proceeds turned over to the Cipriano Children's Trust. The trust supports the continuing medical recovery and daily living needs of the Cipriano children, said Jenny Birmelin, director of the Cipriano Classic.

This year's event is for Salvatore Cipriano, Birmelin said. "I can't wait to see Sal cross the finish line. He inspires so many," she said.

Salvatore Cipriano and his mother Rose were severely injured in an attack by Tucker Cipriano — Rose's son and Sal's brother — and Tucker's friend, Mitchell Young, at their Farmington Hills home in 2012. Bob Cipriano, Rose's husband and the children's father, was killed. The two assailants are serving life sentences.

According to Birmelin, recovery is ongoing for Rose and Sal. She has returned to work, while her son is beginning to walk easier on his own rather than always rely on wheelchairs or walkers. He undergoes therapy daily and requires 24-hour nursing. His schoolwork continues through assistance from the Farmington Public School District.

Rose Cipriano declined an interview with the *Farmington Observer*. However, the Cipriano family released the following statement: "Thank you to last year's runners, walkers and sponsors and their generous donations, participation and support. With your ceaseless help, we have made it through another year of great recovery and great progress."

The statement also expresses "endless gratitude for all donations."

"In addition to funds, our family is also thankful for all further generosity, whether cooking meals, making drives or just availability for help. Because taking care of the entire household, including school, sports and health care, can be overwhelming, Rose appreciates any and all help in the maintenance of our family's daily life."

Isabella Cipriano, the family's youngest child, attends Our Lady of

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The Farmington Family YMCA is home base for the annual Cipriano Classic 5K, which is set for Friday.



Northville players hoist their district trophy after topping the Wildcats. CHRIS JACKETT

## THRICE AS NICE

Northville wins district soccer title over rival Novi

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

They played three times this season and the result was the same all three occasions.

No. 1 Northville (19-0-0) defeated No. 6 Novi (14-4-2) for the third time Friday. Following 3-0 and 3-1 victories in league play, the Mustangs won 3-1 in the district final at Novi's Meadows Stadium.

"(This one) means more. We're not going home," Northville coach Eric Brucker said. "Regular season is important; don't get us wrong, it's always a rivalry game as close as these guys are. Everybody knows everything about every player. It's just who's going to go out and perform and it's state playoffs. It's win or go home."

Behind the powerful tandem of seniors Jamie Cheslik and Megan Buckingham, the goalkeeping of junior Emily Maresh and a plethora of talent throughout the rest of the field such as senior midfielder Gabby Mencotti, the Mustangs provided a tall order for Novi to fill.

"I think we approached things differently," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "For us, it's more a culmination. For them, it's they've got these two players. They're fantastic. If you can stop those two players, you can beat them, but no one can stop them. It's been that way the whole year."

"They just have the two best players in Michigan, if not the country, working together with each other. I'd say we only made four mistakes. If you make four mistakes, I'd say you're probably going to win 95 percent of the time. If you make four mistakes against them, they put three goals on the board."

### First half

Northville got on the board early, as Buckingham converted a penalty kick in the first five minutes for a 1-0 lead, but the Wildcats nearly tied it just as quickly with a shot off the post moments later.

Novi almost got it back when sophomore Chloe Allen turned and fired a shot from the penalty spot in the 18th minute, but it was deflected wide right of the net. Just 40 seconds later, a counterattack off a corner kick clear up the left side featured Buckingham connecting with Cheslik for a shot from the right that beat freshman Wildcats goalkeeper Bethany Kopel to put the Mustangs ahead 2-0 on their second shot of the game.

The Wildcats kept the pressure on the Mustangs and outshot them 5-2 in the first half, with a 3-0 advantage of corner kicks.

Following a scary moment for the Northville faithful when Cheslik had to leave the field with an injury, Novi got on the board with 9:37 left before halftime. Senior Taylor Pavlika took a throw-in from 20 yards up the right sideline, which was cleared back to her from the defense for a left-footed one-timer from outside the goal box that beat Maresh just under the crossbar to narrow the deficit at 2-1 heading into the break.

"They're not No. 1 in the state and No. 2 in the country for no reason," O'Leary said. "Those two forwards make it so they can beat anybody anytime they want because they're just that good of forwards. If they only had one,

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# Catholic Central advances to golf state finals

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

Only the best golf teams are able to escape from regionals and advance to the Michigan High School Athletics Association state finals. Fortunately for Detroit Catholic Central, it was one of those teams. The Shamrocks scored 297 to finish second at

the regional, just four strokes behind champion Lakeland, which had 293. University of Detroit-Jesuit finished third, with a team score of 310. Catholic Central was led by freshman James Piot, who recovered from a less-than-typical district tournament score to finish as the second-best scoring golfer in the regional with a

73. Right behind him was Glenn Piot, a junior, who carded a 74, along with teammate Domenic Mancinelli, a senior. Senior Dan Ault recorded a 76, while freshman Ben Smith shot an 80 to round out the scoring for the Shamrocks. Only the top three teams advance from the regional to the state finals and neither North-

ville nor Novi were able to earn one of those coveted positions. Northville finished in sixth place, shooting a team total of 323, while Novi finished ninth with 330. Leading the way for the Mustangs were Andrew Sarokin and Brad Minniear, both seniors, as they shot each a 79, while Andrew Stevens, a

senior, shot an 82, followed by junior Jacob Pierce's 83. Matt Robinet, a senior, carded an 87. Novi was led by senior Garret Buckley, who shot a 79, while junior Bryan Fegert and freshman Ryan Welch each carded an 81. Junior Erik Czekaj shot an 89, while junior Billy Ulle recorded a 91. The top three individ-

uals not on qualifying teams also earned a berth to the state finals. Those players were Birmingham Groves' Jordan Bohannon (73), Hartland's Bryce Messner (73) and Brighton's David DeMarios (74).  
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## Shamrocks' Campau captures all-state

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

The Michigan High School Athletics Association Division 1 track and field state championships were held Saturday at Rockford High School, with the best athletes the state has to offer for 2014.

Among them was Detroit Catholic Central's Shane Campau, who had earned the right to compete thanks to an impressive performance the week before at the Milford regional.

Campau not only competed at the finals, but his throw of 53-4½ in the shot put landed him in eighth place, earning him all-state status.

Winning the shot put was Kevin Weiler of Swartz Creek, with a throw of 60-4½, the only thrower to pass the 60-foot mark. In second place was Exhildi Prekaj of Walled Lake Central, who threw 56-2½.

Campau's finish also scored a team point for the Shamrocks, which tied them for 56th place.

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## Shamrocks fall to North Farmington in postseason play

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

The Detroit Catholic Central baseball team ended its season Saturday with a tough loss to North Farmington. The squad, coached by Dan Michaels, couldn't find its offense in the first round of the district tournament,

while the North Farmington bats were red hot, resulting in a 7-3 loss for the Shamrocks. North Farmington went on to lose in the district final to Novi, 3-2, in a 10-inning game. But the week wasn't all bad for the Shamrocks, who had to win a pre-district contest May 27 in order to advance to

the district semifinals. In that game, the Shamrocks used solid pitching from Grant Hartwig to lead them to a 4-2 win over Farmington Hills Harrison. Hartwig threw six innings, allowing two runs while striking out eight. He was relieved in the final inning by Joe Abeska, who picked up

the last three outs and earned the save. "We were happy with the way the team battled," Michaels said. "Grant Hartwig gave a great performance on the mound. He battled all day and bore down when he needed to. He really showed what he is made of (and) gave his all."

Mike Scott, Justin Green, Chris Dulzo, Yuki Taketani and Nolan Clenney all picked up hits in the win. The Shamrocks ended their season with a 12-18 record.  
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you saw the one got hurt and the other was playing by herself, they're a completely different team. We scored our goal, they never have the ball. But the two of them together is just brutal, almost impossible to stop. I don't think a team in Michigan can stop those two forwards."

### Second half

The match was much more back-and-forth in the second half, as both squads either squandered golden opportunities or allowed the goalkeepers to put on a clinic for digging yourself out of crummy situations on failed defensive clears.

"That's the most work she's had to do," Brucker said of Maresh. "She even brought it up at halftime, 'I'm touching the ball too much.' But

the touches she made were quality. Taylor's a great player and that was a great shot we saw from 30 yards out and we don't need to see her anymore. Emily did her job and we knew she would be the difference maker today and she was. Everything that was in her box, she owned it. It was awesome."

With 23:14 left in the game, Northville got the insurance goal it needed on a controversial non-call. The Novi defense attempted to clear the ball out of the left side of the goal box, but it hit Cheslik in the arms as she was attempting to block her face and duck out of the way. However, the deflection put it right into her running path along the side of the goal box that she took to the line before centering to Buckingham just inside the penalty spot for a low one-timer into the far side of the net past a diving Kopel.



The Northville girls soccer team clinched the district title Friday with a 3-1 victory against rival Novi. CHRIS JACKETT

Play continued to get physical, as the teams traded hard tackles in the final 12 minutes, but neither would score. Brucker wasn't worried about injuries affecting the Mustangs' tourney run. "Physicality comes with rivalries," Brucker said. "Part of the game. Contact sport."

Northville's path to the district final included a 2-0 victory May 28 over Farmington Hills Mercy and 8-0 mercy-rule victory May 29 over North Farmington.

Novi's path included a 6-0 win May 28 over Farmington Hills Harrison and 4-1 win May 29 over No. 10 Walled Lake Western (16-3-0).

For the Wildcats, it marked an end to the high school careers of seniors Pavlika, Kendall Kramer, Jacqui Kozlowski, Karissa Koomen, Gabby DeLeon, Natalie Greenhalgh, Jessie Parvana, Rachel Russ and Meg Bruce.

"I'm very much a system person, I'm very much a core value person. We talk about the things you want to learn playing soccer that you can carry in life," O'Leary said. "A lot of people come from club where, if you win, it's going good.



Novi goalkeeper Bethany Kopel makes a punch save against Walled Lake Western. Novi beat the Warriors, but lost to Northville. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

If you lose, it's going badly. For us, it's never been that way. I'll lose a game if it means you'll learn something that will make you better at life. And the seniors, this group, they've embodied that.

"They're all equals; no kid is better than the other one just because

they're better at soccer. If a kid doesn't believe it, they don't treat people equal. They very much embody everything we stand for as a soccer program."

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## STATE CHAMPS



The Team Detroit 12-1 volleyball team shows off the gold medal it won at the MJVBA State Championships last weekend to become the U12 Open division winner. The 12-1 team ripped through pool play without losing a set, winning each by at least nine points. In the semifinals, it continued its domination by winning 25-12 and 25-13. In the first game of the gold medal match, it jumped to a 10-0 lead before cruising to a 25-18 victory. In the second game, facing a 19-16 deficit, 12-1 launched a comeback to capture the gold with a 25-20 victory, ending the tournament without losing a single set. Team D 12-1 is ranked 29th in the country and is the top-ranked team in Michigan and Ohio. In addition to an upcoming national tournament in Chicago, 12-1 will represent the state of Michigan and will compete for a national championship later in June. Team Detroit is based in Novi. The 12-1 team includes girls from Novi, Livonia, Plymouth, Brighton and Sterling Heights.













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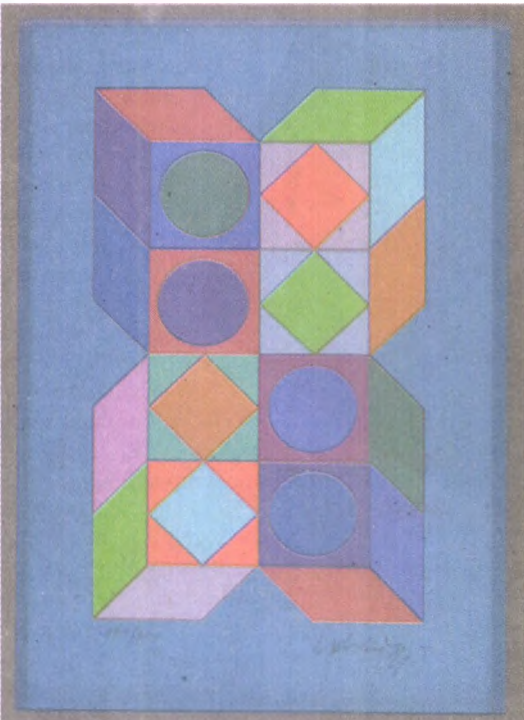
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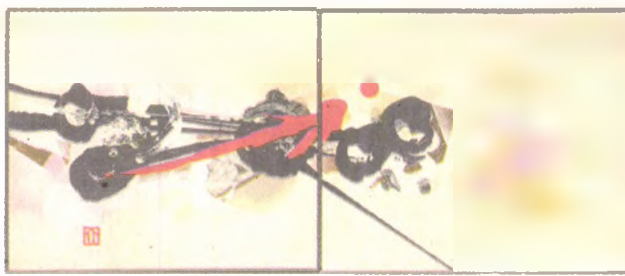
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