

# Seniors ready for 'World 101'

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nursing home volunteer and within her church.

The Phi Beta Kappa graduate has received a variety of awards, including the American Revolution Good Citizen Award and the Kalamazoo Honor Award.

## NORTH FARMINGTON

A total of 373 seniors will receive diplomas June 14 at Ford Auditorium. Class colors are mauve and silver, class flower is the white rose and class song "The Time of My Life." Class officers are president Jon Whitener, vice president Stacey Holtyer, secretary Mary Beth O'Sullivan and treasurer Marianne Leitch. Class adviser is Dennis Mikel.

Six seniors share top academic honors and are all National Honor Society and Phi Beta Kappa members. The students and their grade point averages include: Annette

Chang, 3.963, Donna Chuba, 3.904, Andrew Drake, 3.928, Steve Elkin, 3.951, Kevin Fuciere, 3.975, and Jayson Greenberg, 3.951.

Chang plans to attend the University of Michigan this fall in a 7-year medical program. She is the daughter of Tai Chang and Soek Chang and is a resident of Farmington Hills. Chang has been student council treasurer, involved with the chemistry olympiad and Spanish and French clubs, and has tutored.

Special awards include the Farmington Youth Assistance Youth Volunteer award and the North Farmington Faculty Enrichment Award, among others. She is a pianist and also a junior volunteer at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills. Her Phi Beta Kappa grade point is 3.961.

Science and education will be the areas of study for Chuba, when she attends the University of Michigan this fall. "I plan to study abroad in London for a year also," she said. Chuba is the daughter of Francis Chuba and Devon Chuba and is a resident of Farmington Hills.

During her high school years, she was active in cross country, track, pom pom, student council, student round table, Girls State and North Farmington Church, among others. She has won both athletic and music awards, and has been active in the community.

As a church youth group member, Chuba did volunteer work at a Casa Corridor soup kitchen and put together Thanksgiving food baskets. She has performed as a dancer for nursing homes and teaches both piano and religion classes. Her Phi Beta Kappa grade point is 3.925.

Drake, an avid basketball player for North, will head for Pennsylvania this fall, where he will attend Allegheny College. He is the son of

Jim Drake and Joan Drake of Farmington Hills.

His awards include a Positive Mental Attitude Award for basketball, the Presidential Academic Fitness Award and the Kathryn Sevin Memorial Award. His Phi Beta Kappa grade point is 4.0.

Elkin, the son of Arthur Elkin and Nancy Elkin, lives in Farmington Hills and plans to attend Grinnell College this fall. He has been lauded as an "academic all-star" and received the Byrd Scholarship. He works 15 hours each week at the Farmington Hills branch of the Farmington Community Library. His Phi Beta Kappa grade point is 4.0.

Fuciere will enter Wayne State University this fall where he will enroll in a pre-med program. He also holds a Wayne State University Merit Scholarship. He is the son of Angelo Fuciere and Lena Fuciere and is a Farmington Hills resident.

Active in Junior Achievement, Fuciere also works with the Goodfellows. His Phi Beta Kappa grade point is 4.0.

Greenberg, known for his four years of varsity tennis for his school, plans to study medicine at the University of Michigan this fall. The Farmington Hills resident is the son of Elliott Greenberg and Jody Greenberg.

He was voted "outstanding math student," attended American Legion Boys State, and has done volunteer work for the Goodfellows.

# Revamp project nearly complete

Contractors are busy with last-minute repairs and cleanup in the first phase of a downtown Farmington rejuvenation.

The \$1.4 million project is slated to be completed during the next few weeks.

In walking the project site, Downtown Development Authority director Wendy Strip Sittsamer and city planner Christopher Wazany compiled a "multi-page list" of items for the contractors to complete.

"Mostly, they're little things," said Strip Sittsamer.

But contractors have also ripped out paving bricks and may have to re-do some cracked curbing that didn't set properly. Work is scheduled to be completed by the beginning of July, in time for the Farmington Founders Festival.

YET TO be done in the project's first phase:

- streetside grates are being sandblasted;
- pedestrian lighting luminaires need to be installed and both luminares and posts painted in a dark green;
- tree guards will be installed and painted to match pedestrian lighting fixtures;
- additional trees will be planted this fall.

Phasing for the project has also been restructured.

The second phase will see renovations to the parking area near city hall plus installation of a new street post from Orchard Street to the post office, connecting the two areas.

PHASE THREE will include street improvements to Farmington Road from State to Slocum. Phase four will include Grand River from Grove to Mayfield.

Phase five, the final stage, will include improvements in the areas of Orchard and Slocum streets, Farmington Road north of Grand River and installation of a cross-walk on Grand River.

Strip Sittsamer said cost projections for the new phasing are not yet complete.

# Land deal may affect parking

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Miller said. He would not reveal what his future plans might be for the building and adjoining lots.

"I've got a lot of ideas and want to do a lot of research. I'm not prepared to make any statement."

Miller has continued to produce soap in his downtown Farmington building on Thomas Street, despite pressure from the city to bring his building up to code, and a non-successful effort by a local architect to buy and renovate the building.

MILLER SAID he hopes to meet with city officials during the next few weeks to talk about his property. He said he plans something to benefit the downtown area. "I want to do what's best for myself and for the city," he said.

He did not rule out using the property for parking.

Miller's Thomas Street property is adjacent to the current Downtown Development Authority renovation project.

**When he closes the sale, the owner plans to meet with city officials to talk about the property, which the city wanted for expanding parking.**

City and DDA officials have gone on record in favor of more parking north of Grand River, where space is limited. They were studying the purchase of the same property, the Porter parcel, which is zoned One Family Parking allowing either single family housing or parking on the property.

Miller's expected purchase, and the apparent non-sale of his property building to Farmington Hills architect Howard Nudell, is prompting city officials to take another look at the situation.

Nudell could not be reached for comment about his purchase offer for the building, although he had already given proposed renovation plans to the city. Miller said the sale had fallen through.

MAYOR RICHARD Tupper said the matter has remained on hold since last year, when city officials declared Miller's building dangerous and took preliminary action to condemn the building.

"I think now, it's time for us to get back involved again," he said. "The building is still in extreme disrepair."

Miller obtained an injunction last year, preventing the city from closing his building and allowing him to operate his business, said Earl Billing, director of public services.

The building permit Miller obtained for renovating the building has expired. Billing said it is probably time for another building inspection.

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