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He's how old?

Most 21-year-olds are too busy with school, friends and other activities to think about being involved in city government.

But Justin Fischer of Novi is no ordinary 21-year-old.

This enterprising young man is so civic-minded that he recently captured a spot as an alternate member on the City of Novi's Zoning Board of Appeals.

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CUTS COMING

June ballot could include two renewals, one new millage

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

The Novi Community School District Board of Education took one more step forward last Thursday in trying to solve its 2004-05 budget dilemma by defining which cuts will most likely be implemented to cover a \$4.3 million

2004 NOVI SCHOOL BOND ELECTION

deficit. The board has set up a special meeting tonight to discuss the issue and also to consider the non-renewal of five administrators' contracts. The board hopes to put two millage renewals and one new millage on the June election ballot. The meet-

ing will start at 7:30 p.m. at the Educational Services Building located at 25345 Taft Road.

For the second year in a row, the state is not going to increase funding to education, and last year the state reduced funding by \$5 million. Combine that with increasing district costs — such as the opening of a new high school addition, increased utility and insurance costs and increased state-mandated retirement — and the district's budget is in jeopardy.

The dilemma, according to Jim Koster, assistant superintendent of Business and Finance, is that the

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Second City heads for Fountain Walk

Lease on permanent location to be signed this fall

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

The Second City, the well-known Chicago-based comedy theater that recently closed its downtown Detroit location to move to Novi, is now going into Fountain Walk shopping center instead of the former Local Color building. Linda Busse, marketing director for Fountain Walk, confirmed this week that the shopping center's management company has a lease on a temporary training center on Orchard Drive for the business.

"We are also working on a second lease to bring them to a permanent location at Fountain Walk," Busse said. "It's very likely that the theater will be on the north end near Galyan's Sports & Outdoor Adventure."

"We have been talking to Second City for a while now, and they are very excited about the property and think this would be a good home for them," she added.

Busse said Second City officials have been out to look at the property several times and like the entertainment aspects of Fountain Walk.

"We're thrilled that they are coming as Second City has a reputation not only locally but nationally. It's a piece of the entertainment component that we didn't have here," Busse said.

Busse noted that Virtually Perfect, a virtual golf training center, just opened at Fountain Walk, and Superior Tobacco, a smoke shop featuring quality cigars, will open midsummer.

Busse said she did not know what happened to the deal with



Peter Paisley for the comedy store to open in the previous Local Color building, which closed several months ago.

"They must have decided that Fountain Walk was a better venue for them," she said.

Kelly Leonard, a Second City producer in Chicago, said, "The deal fell through with Local Color. It was really complicated. Phone calls were not getting returned. I flew out and looked at this new location and approved it about a month ago."

Leonard said that comedy classes have been up and running for about three weeks now

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Photo by John Heider

Spring concert

With baton in one hand, Jack Kopnick, director of the Novi Concert Band, puts his troops through a rehearsal on a recent Tuesday night. The band will be having their Spring Concert Sunday, May 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the auditorium of the Novi Middle School (Wixom Road at Eleven Mile Rd.). The band is made up of players of all ages from early 20s to upper 80s. They play a variety of standard concert band literature from pop to classic. This free concert will feature several selections saluting the movies.

Fish for the Soul

Local man's tale published in book series

By Duane Ramsey
SPECIAL WRITER

Most people have read stories in the Chicken Soup for the Soul series of books, but how many people know someone who has had their story published in one?

The friends, neighbors and relatives of Luke Altomare of Novi can say they do.

Altomare's "fish" story was published in the new book, Chicken Soup for the Fisherman's Soul, scheduled for release May 18.

"It's the first story I've ever written for publication. It's been an interesting journey," said Altomare, who is not a writer by trade but has sold cars for the past 17 years.

One might wonder how a car salesman from Novi gets his fishing tale published in the series of inspirational books. It all began with Altomare's love of fishing.

His homemade oversized fishing lures have led to some personal recognition for Altomare, including appearances on Great Lakes Outdoors and Michigan

Magazine television shows. His lures were the subject of a previous article published in the Novi News on Feb. 3, 2000.

Dahlynn McKowen, one of the editors of Chicken Soup for the Fisherman's Soul, saw Altomare's Web site for his fishing lures. Four and a half years ago, she contacted him and asked if he knew any people with interesting fish stories.

Altomare sent her his story for the proposed book. As one of 1,500 stories of 1,000 words or less submitted for the book, it was one of 88 stories and the only one from Michigan selected for Chicken Soup for the Fisherman's Soul.

"It's a pretty powerful story. It was a real tragedy and I wish it wasn't true, but it is," Altomare said. "It's the only fishing story that came to mind. It was very therapeutic for me to put it all down on paper."

His story, simply titled "Johnny," is about a friend of his and his wife Terry's family. A group of men was fishing on Lake Michigan about four miles out of Ludington in Sept. of 1998.

Johnny, age 55 at the time, collapsed with what they thought was a heart attack. The Coast Guard quickly responded to their call for help.

"They were courageous to come out to our boat in six- to eight-foot waves," said Altomare.

One seaman boarded their boat and helped Altomare per-

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Providence fund-raiser paves the way to deals on meals

By Cal Stone
EDITOR

Those looking for a great deal on a meal can soon follow a yellow brick road to the Parkside Cafe at Providence Park Medical Center.

Providence just launched an engraved patio paver fundraiser and began soliciting local businesses for donations. The brick pavers will be hand-etched with donors names and will be laid out geometrically throughout the cafe's patio area.

"Our goal is to raise \$50,000," said Don Kaster, Food Services

director at Providence and one of the organizers of the fund-raiser, along with Linda Tieng. "The remaining funds will go into the Providence Foundation and the Healing Arts Center."

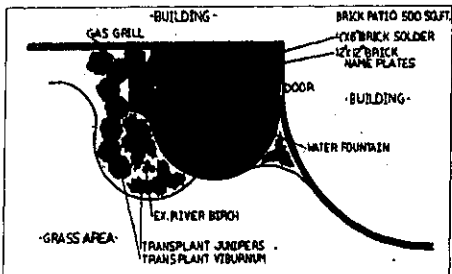
The money will be used for pavers, a grill, a fountain and furniture, including about a dozen bistro tables set up in the 700-square-foot patio area.

The bricks are available in two sizes: 8"x4" for \$120 and 4"x4" for \$90; donations are tax deductible. Make checks payable to Providence Health Foundation, Inc. and mail to: Providence Health

Foundation, Inc., Attn: Parkside Cafe Fund, 22255 Southfield Road, Suite 228, Southfield, MI 48075.

Checks can also be dropped off at the Park Cafe, and payroll deductions are available for hospital associates. Call (248) 465-4199 for more information.

Everyone associated with Providence Medical Center is being encouraged to have a brick in the "relaxation" patio as a permanent tribute to the campus, but one doesn't have to be an employee to buy a brick.



continued on page 3 Yanke's Design & Construction's drawing of the patio.

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and that the comedy theater staff members are pleased with the new location.

"I'm totally thrilled. When we opened up classes, not only did we retain all of the students that we had downtown, but even more at the Fountain Walk location," Linnem said.

"We think that this is a good spot for us in the sense that it seems very well located with easy access and plenty of parking. Ultimately, however, it's going to be us doing good shows that will bring the people," he added.

Tasa Chapman, general business manager of The Second City, said, "All the merchants have been really friendly. We're happy to be here... We've been warmly received, and we appreciate the good wishes from the people in the community."

The lease on the permanent location for the comedy theater is expected to be signed in fall 2004. "We anticipate that it will be at Fountain Walk, but the deal is not technically complete," said Dan Linnem, Second City licensee.

"We're thrilled that they are coming as Second City has a reputation not only locally but nationally. It's a piece of the entertainment component that we didn't have here."

Linda Busse
Fountain Walk

Night Live came from Second City. Linnem said.

"Saturday Night Live has really used Second City as a training ground for their performers. We have a couple of folks from Detroit who are active right now," Linnem said.

He noted that Larry Joe Campbell came from Second City and is now on the prime time television sitcom "According to Jim" on ABC starring Jim Belushi that's been on about three years.

Keegan Michael Key, another Second City Detroit alum, is currently on the comedy show MAD TV.

Linnem noted that children can learn a lot more than how to be funny at the Second City Kids Improv Camp.

"It boosts self-confidence and makes them more comfortable speaking in front of groups. It's a fun way to learn valuable life skills, but the kids don't look at it that way," Linnem said.

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Fish for the Soul

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form CPR in an attempt to resuscitate Johnny. The Coast Guard ship transported Johnny to a hospital in Ludington where he died.

Altonare told about two ironic incidents related to Johnny's death that occurred.

"As we were preparing to go fishing that day, Johnny talked about retiring, buying a boat and a motor home and traveling around the country from lake to lake to fish," he said.

After Johnny's funeral, one of his sons told about having a dream that he saw his father driv-

ing a motor home and towing a boat. The son said that Johnny simply waved and drove away.

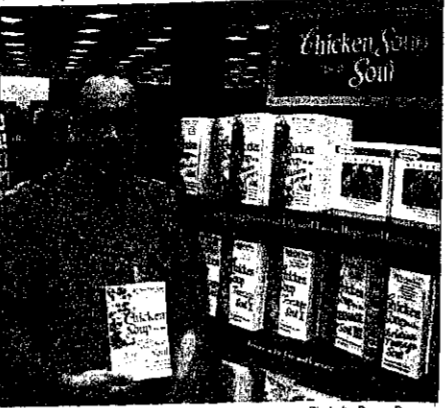
"I had never told anyone about my conversation with Johnny until his son told us about his dream," Altonare said. "It was like he was trying to tell us that he was OK."

"What I like most about publishing the story is that it's something that Johnny's grandchildren can read about their grandfather," he said.

Altonare said that he has been fishing all his life. His love of fishing led him to making and selling the giant fishing lure as a hobby.

"I find it very relaxing and therapeutic. There's nothing else that can just melt the troubles of the world away," he said.

Altonare lives in Novi with his wife, Terry, and three children. He currently sells new cars at Bill Brown Ford in Livonia.



Luke Altonare of Novi holds an advanced author's copy of the new *Chicken Soup for the Fisherman's Soul* in which his "fish" story was published.

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2. Do not fill 1.0 maintenance position 72,424
3. Reduce central office administration (Exec. Dir./Asst.) 142,644
4. Reduce Administration clerical (5) To be Determined 11,959
5. Eliminate Co-op Program (Employed by District) 49,950
6. Freeze uniform purchase (H.S., M.S. Athletics) 55,000
7. Eliminate Ass't Director-Maintenance 73,972
8. Reduce Extra Counseling time by 1.0 day 17,477
9. Reduce (1) Parking Lot Attendant (H.S.) 23,750
10. Reduce Cleaning by 25% (6.0 F.T.E.) 239,760
11. Eliminate all field trips (K-12) (Funded by fees) 30,000
12. Restructure Meadows Camp (Funded by fees) 48,830
13. Reduce Gen. Ed. Portion of Soc. Wk and Psych. (1.0) 45,093

These are additional reductions which may be necessary if the millages fail to pass:

14. Eliminate Elementary Spanish (K-4-3.0 F.T.E.) 135,278
15. Eliminate M.S. Athletics 59,690
16. Reduce H.S. Athletics 201,650
17. Eliminate All Day Kindergarten (All Schools) 180,370
18. Eliminate H.S. Bus Run (All H.S. Transp.) 89,059
19. Reduce A.P. classes (2.0 F.T.E.-Approx. 6 classes) 30,165
20. Eliminate Career Counselor (H.S. and some M.S.) 44,346
21. Eliminate H.S. pianist 20,657
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23. Eliminate S.E. Teacher consultant (ESB)-1.0 F.T.E. 45,093
24. Eliminate late bus runs (Meadows thru H.S.) 17,950
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26. Reduce Gen. Ed. Portion of Soc. Wk and Psych. (1.0) 45,093
27. Eliminate all clubs (all levels) 204,230
28. Reduce noon aides (K-6, 6.0 FTE) 26,215
29. Reduce (1) Secretary at each school building (K-4) 119,591
30. Reduce (1) Secretary at Meadows 23,918
31. Reduce (1) Secretary at M.S. 23,918
32. Reduce (1) Secretary at H.S. 23,918
33. Supply/Misc. Reductions (Across the District) 157,895
34. Reduce (1) media para at Meadows 23,918
35. Eliminate H.S. Police Liaison 40,675
36. Eliminate Athletic Trainer 29,025
37. Eliminate (1) dean at H.S. 58,644
38. Freeze 2004-05 additional teacher hiring (3.0) 205,341
39. Eliminate (1) dean at H.S. 58,644

Fund-raiser paves the way to meal deals

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"You don't even have to buy the brick for yourself," said Steve Weipert, director of Support Services. "This is an excellent way to honor a friend or loved one, parent, child, favorite physician or medical group - anyone in whom you would like to give a permanent place in our history."

Groups as well as individuals can buy a brick. Each brick purchased will be entered for different drawings of raffle items generously donated by Providence patrons. Prizes include a dinner for two at the Lark, complete with limo service for the evening; tickets to events at the Palace and Detroit Tiger games; and cash prizes.

Other fund-raising avenues are being planned and will be announced when the dates have been finalized. In the works are a pig roast/pool party at Central Park Estates, a live radio broadcast with WDRQ, and food sales at Farmington's Founders Day.

"We're going to be offering dinner and golf at Westbrook packages," said Kaster, "and we're working on a Chill and Grill at Visions Spa, across from the Providence campus on Beek Road."

According to Kaster, many of the cafe's customers are firefighters, police officers and other city employees. He said they will be offered discounts on meals and a

community appreciation luncheon is also in the works. HDS Services of Farmington Hills, which operates the cafe, is in the process of putting together a tri-fold menu that will feature cute food items that play on the different city employees' names.

Uni-Lock pavers will be used in the project, and Yanke's Design & Construction in Novi will do the work.

"Five dollar meals, great barbecue and we'll stay open on the weekends," said Kaster. "There's really nothing like this in Novi."

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Between tonight and June 14, there will be meetings and discussions to communicate this issue:

- Monday, May 3 Novi High School 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 11 Deerfield Elementary School 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 12 Novi Middle School 7 p.m.
- Thursday, May 13 Orchard Hills Elementary School 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, May 17 Novi Preschool 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 18 Novi Meadows School 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 19 Village Oaks Elementary School 7 p.m.
- Monday, May 24 Novi Woods Elementary School 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 25 Parkview Elementary School 7 p.m.

state prohibits the district from increasing millage. The district can only make reductions, which it has done the last four years.

Different options include dipping into the district's \$9 million fund equity, which is like a savings account; making reductions; having a millage vote; or doing a combination of all three.

In the state's tax code, originally written in 1977, there is a law that states a school district may levy a millage for "public recreation and playgrounds." Koster said that since the district offers an extensive community recreation program, it is logical that a millage could be levied for these programs, thereby lessening the amount of necessary reductions in education programs.

Those 10 years are now up, and the millage renewal propositions in all likelihood will be on the June 14 ballot, according to Koster. Koster said that these renewals are very critical to the district, as they generate over \$20 million.

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and 5.49 mills against "homestead" properties (current state law, however, only allows the district to levy 4.014 mills, a 1.48 mill reduction). That same year, Novi voters passed these millages for a period of 10 years.

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POLICE REPORT

Limited Too has less clothes

Three thieves left with about \$300 worth of clothing at 8:55 p.m. April 1 at a Limited Too, a children's clothing store at Twelve Oaks Mall.

Police were contacted after one man and two women set off the alarm as they left the store, and the store manager was not able to stop them. The store manager also reported that a large amount of merchandise was missing from the area where the suspects were seen handling merchandise.

The three left the mall parking lot in a blue Chevy Impala with an unknown temporary license plate. The vehicle was last seen westbound on Twelve Mile Road.

The suspects took at least seven shirts, valued at \$26.50 each, five shirts valued at \$18.50 each and three tank tops valued at \$9.50 each. Total value of the stolen merchandise was \$343.

This flag not flying

A theft under \$50 was reported at 7 p.m. April 1 at a home near Roswell and Chase roads. The homeowner told police that on March 30 he noticed that a flag had been taken from the side of his garage. The flag featured an Easter scene and was valued at about \$15. The homeowner told police that \$5. There are no suspects at this time.

Tooling around after O'Toole's

An 18-year-old man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 1:34 a.m. on April 1 at Beck and Nine Mile Roads.

The officer was on patrol in a fully marked police vehicle performing stationary radar on Ten Mile Road when he saw a black 2000 Ford SUV traveling at about 60 miles per hour.

After smelling strong intoxicating odors coming from the vehicle, the officer asked the driver how much he had had to drink.

He replied "one beer." After asking where he was coming from, he said that he had just dropped a friend off at his house but had been drinking a few hours earlier at O'Toole's bar in Novi.

After administering a breath test, the driver's blood alcohol was measured at .12 percent.

Who needs a gate pass?

An incident of Mischiefous Destruction of Property was reported to police at 3:32 a.m. April 3 at Falcon Court Apartments.

Upon arriving at the scene, the officer was told that two

entry gates had been damaged at the complex. The manager said that he saw a crowd of people walking near the front of the complex around 3:15 a.m. after a bus had dropped them off. An unknown man broke the front entry gate.

After watching the party walk in a particular apartment, he confronted a man at the apartment who said that he would pay for the damage to the gate but would not provide his name or the name of the person who broke the gate.

After talking to the lease holder of the apartment, who said that she had no idea who had broken the gate, she was told that she would be contacted by the apartment complex's management regarding the cost of the repairs. No suspects or witnesses are available at this time.

These eggs weren't for Easter

The Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant on Grand River Avenue was the site of Mischiefous Destruction at 2 p.m. April 3. One of the restaurant's employees reported that someone had egged his 1997 Honda Civic while he was working and

Don't let it snow

A Toro snow blower was reported stolen from a resident's shed near Lagrand and Sheri sometime between 3 p.m. April 5 and 12:30 a.m. April 6. The resident said that when he arrived home from work in the morning that he noticed that the shed was open. No other items were missing from the shed, which was not damaged in the incident. The woman was not able to provide any possible suspects but added that many people in the area know that she works afternoons.

Tool time

A theft was reported at a home near LaFleur and Pierre that occurred between 9 p.m. April 5 and 8 a.m. April 6. Four tool boxes and an assortment of tools were stolen from the Novi residence. The tools were located in a storage shed next to the victim's trailer. Value of the stolen merchandise was estimated at \$1,620. No suspects or witnesses are available at this time.

Lock your locker

Bally's Total Fitness was the site of a theft under \$50 at 2:21 p.m. April 3. The complainant told police that he had left valuables in an unlocked locker, stating that he did not know his locker number and checked the entire area prior to arrival.

More than baby on board

A Commerce Township woman was arrested for retail fraud for a theft that took place at 1:58 p.m. April 6 at Lord & Taylor at Twelve Oaks Mall.

Security officers at the store watched on closed circuit television as a woman in the gift department picked up two bags of Golden's coffee and set them on top of the canopy of the stroller she was pushing. She then closed the canopy, concealing the coffee.

Next, she walked to the girls department and concealed two pairs of tights in a Lord & Taylor shopping bag. Next, she walked over to a cash register, picked up two skirts from a rack which she had obtained a refund for earlier and concealed them in the bag.

All merchandise, valued at \$78, was recovered from the woman as she tried to leave the store through the lower level parking lot.

When asked how much he had had to drink that night, the driver replied that he had had a few beers and that he had been at Gatsby's Restaurant on Grand River Avenue.

After being administered a breath test, the driver's blood alcohol was measured at .095 percent.

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No turn on red

A Novi man was arrested for Operating While Intoxicated at 10:51 p.m. April 6 at Novi Road and I-96.

The officer was southbound

Pool hall parties

A Riverview woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 10:05 p.m. April 1 at West Pontiac Trail and West Park Drive.

The officer was driving northbound on Beck Road when she noticed a silver 1999 Dodge truck making a right turn onto Pontiac Trail from the through lane. The officer then saw the driver cross the fog line and later straddled the center line.

After administering a breath test, the driver's blood alcohol was measured at .12 percent.

Upon arriving at the scene, the officer was told that two

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These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for April 16.

Jason Anwar Overton — Felonious assault, domestic violence (second offense notice-2 counts), sentence enhancement (third offense).

Howard Lincoln Dell — Felonious assault, domestic violence, unauthorized telephone tap, sentence enhancement (second offense).

Amy Marie Krause — No account check (three counts).

Justin Steven McBroem — Breaking and entering.

Derrick Dolorean Collins — Possession of controlled substance less than 25 grams, sentence enhancement (3rd offense).

Michael Terry Gore — Operating under the influence of alcohol/per se (third offense), driving while license suspended (second or subsequent offense), unlawful use of plate.

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for April 19.

Robert Murray Bookinger, Jr. — Operating under the influence of alcohol/per se (third offense felony).

Daniel Les Fauer — Operating under the influence of alcohol/per se (third offense felony), sentence enhancement (second offense).

Donnie Allen Watson — Home invasion — second degree.

Corey Allen Honeyman — Home invasion — second degree, home invasion — third degree, sentence enhancement (third offense).

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for April 20.

Jeffrey Paul Lemieux — Operating under the influence of alcohol/per se (third offense felony), driving while license suspended.

Matthew James Luehr — Production violation of financial transaction device, sentence enhancement (third offense).

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for April 21.

Melanie Renee Burton — Uttering and publishing (two counts).

Terry Cooper — Delivery and manufacture marijuana.

Jeffrey Paul Lemieux — Operating under the influence of alcohol/per se (third offense felony), driving while license suspended.

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for April 22.

Ronald John Broden — Operating under the influence of alcohol/per se (third offense felony), unlawful use of plate, driving while license suspended, sentence enhancement (third offense).

David Scott Clement — Operating under the influence of alcohol/per se (third offense).

Juan M. Gomez-Bejarano — Conspiracy-FTD, financial transaction device (two counts).

Abel Alberto Gutierrez-Suarez — Conspiracy-FTD, financial transaction device (two counts), sentence enhancement (second offense).

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for April 23.

David Scott Clement — Operating under the influence of alcohol/per se (third offense).

Juan M. Gomez-Bejarano — Conspiracy-FTD, financial transaction device (two counts), sentence enhancement (second offense).

Abel Alberto Gutierrez-Suarez — Conspiracy-FTD, financial transaction device (two counts), sentence enhancement (second offense).

Teenager to face child pornography charges

Novi High School senior to be arraigned today

A 17-year-old Novi High School senior is scheduled to be arraigned on felony charges today after photographic images of children were found on his home computer.

The Novi teen waived his preliminary exam scheduled for April 21 in 52-1 District Court in Novi and will be arraigned in Judge Mark A. Goldsmith's courtroom in Oakland County Circuit Court in Pontiac at 1 p.m. today.

The teenager is charged with two felonies — possession of sexually abusive material involving children, which carries a maximum sentence of four years, and the use of a computer to commit a crime, which carries maximum sentence of seven years.

The student has not been suspended from Novi High School following his arrest.

The case began in December 2003 when the Novi Police Department began an investigation following a report that the student was threatening and harassing another Novi High School student via e-mail.

As a result of this investigation, Novi detectives obtained a search warrant for his home computer. With the assistance of staff members from the Oakland County Sheriff Department's Computer Crime Bureau, investigators began to download information stored on the teen's computer.

"As a result of that, they found a bunch of child pornography; his computer contained sexually explicit photos of minors involved in sexual acts," according to Det. Sgt. Matt Conquest of the Novi Police Department.

Minors are protected under the U.S. Constitution and the Michigan Constitution. A minor who is 17 years old, however, is treated as an adult for purposes of the criminal system in Michigan. However, until a minor reaches the age of 18, they are still under the care and custody of their parents.

A minor who is at least 16 may be emancipated, which has the effect of having the minor treated as if an adult in most areas. Part of the criteria for emancipation is that the minor has demonstrated the ability to manage financial affairs, including proof of employment or other means of support.

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21-year-old board member "just wants to get involved"

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Most 21-year-olds are too busy with school, friends and other activities to think about being involved in city government.

But Justin Fischer of Novi is an ordinary 21-year-old.

This enterprising young man is so civic-minded that he recently captured a spot as an alternate member on the City of Novi's Zoning Board of Appeals.



J. Fischer

He was appointed at the January 6 meeting. There were 10 applicants and four openings on the board, including the alternate spot. His term runs through January 2006.

"I just wanted to get involved," he said.

The Michigan State University junior, who's majoring in finance, will look for a job in the private sector when he graduates. But for now, he's helping decide important zoning issues in his community.

This summer, he'll be working at the Rochester office of Lear Corp., a Tier 1 automotive supplier, as a finance intern, as he did last summer.

"I really like finance," he said.

The son of Pat Fischer of Novi said he became interested in government while in college.

"I worked in Rep. Nancy Cissis' office and then in her Senate office for about four months each," he said. "She's definitely someone I admire. No one works harder than she does."

When interviewing for the post, Fischer said city leaders asked him why he thought he was the right person for the job.

"My response was that I felt that with my educational background, plus my knowledge of the city, combined with my experience in Sen. Cissis' office that they qualified me for the job," he said.

What makes his nice position on the ZBA even more interesting is that Fischer is working as an intern for Congressman Mike Rogers (R-Indiana) in Washington, D.C., this semester.

So, he has to fly back to Novi whenever there is a ZBA meeting. Fortunately, his mother is supporting his cause.

"Even though my mom's not interested in politics or government, she's willing to split the cost of the air fare with me," Fischer said.

What does he think about our capital city so far?

"Washington is a very interesting city. You'll never get bored because there are all kinds of festivals. Like the Cherry Blossom Festival in the spring. Plus, just all the history involved in the city is exciting," he said.

Since Fischer was already four hours into driving to Washington the evening of Jan. 6, he didn't learn about his appointment until the next day after he received a text

message on his cellular phone from one of his Novi friends that said "Congratulations."

"I found out later that day what he was congratulating me about," Fischer said.

The Novi resident has been to three ZBA meetings so far.

"It's very interesting," he said. "I've learned so much. The other board members have been very nice and have answered all of my questions and helped me along the way."

Fischer said ZBA members look at several aspects when making

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Justin Fischer
Zoning Board of Appeals

decisions about zoning changes, including safety, whether a change intrudes on other people's interests, plus the rights of the developer.

"We've seen instances where developers and homeowners work

together. It can be done," he said.

Two recent proposals that came before the ZBA are the new large signage planned for the Novi Expo Center and the proximity of the Novi Family Fun Park to residential property.

"These are decisions that affect people's everyday lives," Fischer said.

Although it's challenging going to school, working as an intern in Washington, and being involved in local government, Fischer said he's up for the task at hand.

"If I can do it this semester in

Washington, then the rest of the school year should be easy," he said.

"Washington is interesting, as is Lansing, but there's a lot going on right here in Novi. I want to come back and be a resident of Novi when I graduate. In fact, my permanent address is still here. It's like I never left," he said.

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Lions donate display case for low-vision aids

More than 40 devices made available at Novi's library

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Vision loss can have a profound effect on a person's life.

Being able to read the daily newspaper or a label on a bottle of prescription drugs, for example, are important activities of daily living for many.

Members of the Novi Lion's Club are helping area residents with impaired vision with their donation of low-vision aids that can be checked out at the Novi Public Library.

About four or five years ago, the club donated more than 40 magnifiers to the library for public use.

And recently club members contributed \$1,460 for a display case for the devices.

"We thought if the devices were more visible — rather than behind the counter — that more people would use them," said Fred Young, president of the Novi Lions Club.

"We're really pleased to be able to donate something to the community," said Ed Kramer, second vice president of the club.

The low-vision aids come in many different styles, such as lighted and non-lighted models, hand-held ones, a large magnifier on a stand and several hands-free devices. Many are manufactured by Eschenbach, a company known for quality low-vision aids.

Whether you struggle to read the news or the menu of your favorite restaurant, the library has a solution. The Specialized Services department helps those with literacy, disability or mobility barriers to information access. Other staff members besides Roehrig include Mei Shah, librarian, and Carol Johnson, clerk.

Offerings in the department include special classes and programs; facility deliveries; a homebound service; large print collection; literacy collection for patrons with an interest in English as a second language and adult basic literacy.

Adaptive technology available for those with vision problems includes an Opticase closed-circuit television magnifier, a Kurzweil reader that translates written text into audio format and a universal access Internet workstation equipped with an extra large monitor and talking Web browser software.

A device called "The Reading Edge" which scans printed material and reads it back is also available at the library.

The department also sponsors a Senior Book Discussion Group from noon to 1:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month and an e-mail reference service. Residents can e-mail questions at pfleming@nl.homecomm.net.



Photo by Pam Fleming

Novi Lions Club president Fred Young, center, and second vice president Ed Kramer, right, recently presented a check for \$1,460 to the Novi Public Library for a display case for low-vision aids shown behind them. The check was accepted by Lucy Roehrig, left, head of the library's Specialized Services department. The club has donated more than 40 low-vision aids available for check out.

"A lot of the devices have the magnification levels on them," said Lucy Roehrig, head of Specialized Services at the library.

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"The purpose of the lending library on the low-vision aids is so that people can try out different ones before possibly buying one," Roehrig said.

"We do get a lot of elderly people who come in and take a couple home," she added.

Residents can check out the aids just like they would a library book and can take home two at a time for one month. There is no renewal when borrowing them.

Young noted that the Lions Clubs in Novi and Northville are in the midst of their White Cane Campaign, which goes on through the first weekend in May. Residents will see club members collecting donations at various intersections during the drive.

"All the money we raise goes back to charities that assist the visually impaired," Young said.

"We've made an effort to give more back to the community."

For more information about low-vision aids available at the Novi Public Library, call Roehrig at (248) 349-0720.

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The library's Youth Services department is looking for teen volunteers to help with our Summer Reading Program. Volunteers should be in the 6th grade or above and be able to work two hours a week from June 21 to July 30. Applications will be available in the library beginning Monday, May 10. For more information, please contact one of our Youth Services librarians.

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People with heart failure live longer when they receive an implantable cardioverter-defibrillator (ICD), according to results of the landmark Sudden Cardiac Death in Heart Failure Trial (SCD-HeFT) released March 2004. The trial showed that ICDs reduced death by 23 percent in people with moderate heart failure compared to those who did not receive defibrillators.

The 2,521-patient study, the largest ICD trial ever, included patients from 150 centers across the U.S., Canada and New Zealand, including Providence Hospital, a member of St. John Health, only two other hospitals in Michigan participated in the study. They were St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, and Ingham Regional Medical Center, Lansing.

"The results of the trial show definitively that simple implantable defibrillator therapy will prolong life in patients with congestive heart failure," said study director and principal investigator, Gust H. Bardy, M.D., who presented the results at a late-breaking clinical session at the 53rd Annual Scientific Session of the American College of Cardiology in New Orleans. "The study also shows that amiodarone, when used as a prophylactic medication, does not improve survival."

Sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) is the No. 1 killer of Americans. It takes the lives of approximately 450,000 people in the United States each year, more than lung cancer, breast cancer, stroke and AIDS combined. Current medical evidence allows identification of 150,000 of these 450,000 and, with ICDs, protects them from sudden cardiac death. Implantable defibrillators have been vastly underutilized, even

SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST

What It Is: Sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) is a sudden, abrupt loss of heart function. Most sudden cardiac arrest episodes are caused by the rapid and/or chaotic activity of the heart known as ventricular tachycardia (VT) or ventricular fibrillation (VF). These are abnormalities of the heart's electrical conduction system.

What It Isn't: Sudden cardiac arrest is not a heart attack (myocardial infarction), which is caused by a blocked vessel leading to loss of blood supply to a portion of the heart muscle. However, some people may experience SCA during a heart attack and a previous heart attack is a predictor of future risk.

Prevalence Sudden Cardiac Arrest: Sudden cardiac arrest is a major health problem. According to the American Heart Association, SCA kills more than 450,000 people each year in the United States.

- SCA kills more Americans than stroke, lung cancer, breast cancer and HIV/AIDS combined.
- An estimated 95 percent of all people who suffer SCA die before reaching the hospital.
- Early defibrillation is the only definitive treatment for SCA, and survival decreases 7-10 percent for every minute without it.
- SCA victims range from young children to the elderly.
- The average response time to an emergency call is six to 12 minutes.

Providence is a member of St. John Health, a network of community-based hospitals and health care services in Southeast Michigan and one of the largest employers in western Detroit. St. John Health provides comprehensive prevention, primary care and advanced treatment programs with more than 125 medical centers, and eight hospitals spanning five counties.

benefit, approximately 20 percent of U.S. patients currently indicated actually get them. The result has been an epidemic of unnecessary deaths from cardiac arrest.

"This has been a very important trial for an even broader patient population confirming that ICD's save lives in people with no symptoms," states Christian Machado, M.D., medical director, electrophysiology and principal investigator for Providence Hospital. "Discovering a new patient population that will benefit from this therapy, a patient population that has not been studied as thoroughly in the past, makes these findings very good news for many patients."

SCD-HeFT was a placebo-controlled, three-arm trial examining the use of ICD therapy and antiarrhythmic drug therapy in patients who have moderate heart failure (New York Heart Association Class II or III), plus impaired pumping function of the left ventricle, the heart's main pumping chamber.

"The real message of this clinical trial is that it is possible to save more lives with ICD's than without," said Dr. Machado.

"It's critical to understand that this trial was aggressively powered to test whether or not ICDs are effective in heart failure patients who are already receiving optimal medical therapy. We achieved that goal," said Dr. Bardy. "While there are some interesting observations in the major sub-populations, one must be cautious about over-interpreting sub-group analyses. Based on these data, all patients with moderate heart failure, with or without a history of coronary artery disease, should be evaluated for an ICD."

Although they are 99 percent effective in preventing sudden cardiac death, and often provide "pain-free" therapy that is typically undetectable by the patient. Despite their proven

Moderation is key to a healthy life

By Ernie Harwell

I've seen a lot of people over the years make the mistake of putting too much time and energy into one activity or another. They'd develop an interest and, suddenly, that's their whole life. I saw it in college, in the Marines, and in my time as a reporter and broadcaster.

I've always felt that one of the most underrated "secrets" to living healthy is to lead a life of moderation. Whether it's working, eating, drinking, watching TV,

spending time on the Internet, or even exercising, it's important to make sure we maintain a sense of balance. Don't overdo it.

Not investing too much in one aspect of our lives helps us focus and keep our perspective on what's truly important in life.

I believe it was Cicero who said, "Never go to excess, but let moderation be your guide." It's worked for me over all these years, and I think it just makes good sense.

And please remember to take care of your health before it's

languishing gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 35 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling (800) 245-5082.

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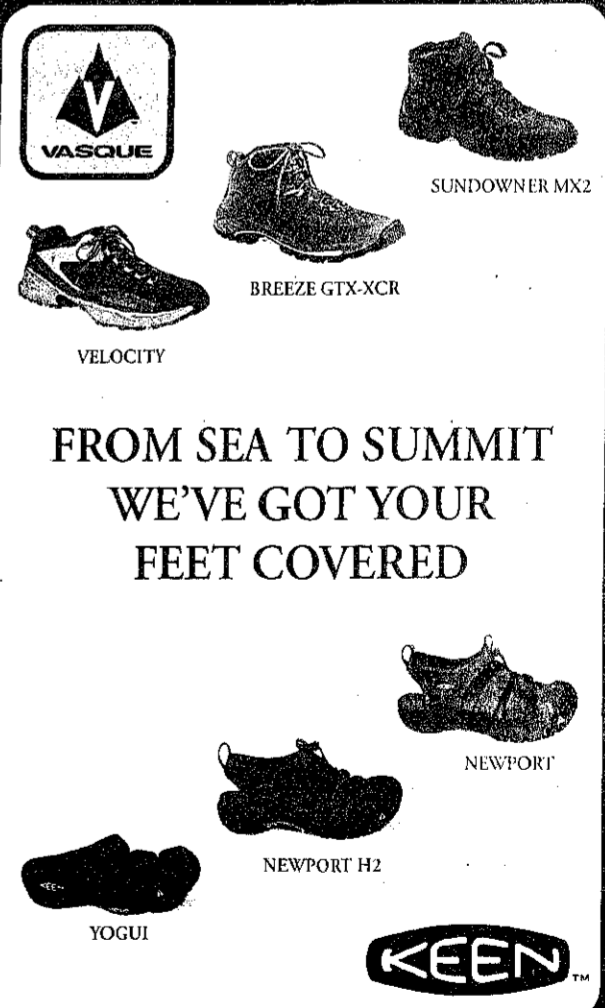
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Cub Scouts Birthday Party
Pack 375 was founded three years ago with seven scouts and was headed by Cub Master Wayne Jacobs. The pack is currently celebrating its third year under the leadership of Cub Master Bill Pasquale and now consists of 28 scouts. Any boy ages 7 to 12 can become a member of scouting. Here, several scouts receive their Bear Cub awards. The banquet celebrating Pack 375's third year, which was held at Novi Woods Elementary School on March 31, proved to be a success. If anyone is interested in joining scouting, they can contact Jim Loomis or Diane Nally at (248) 449-1491.

Earth Day

Cub Scouts from Novi Woods Elementary's Cub Scout Pack 54 observed Earth Day by collecting trash on the school grounds during their monthly Pack Family Night on April 22. Cub Scouts from around the area have been taking part in conservation-related activities during the month of April.

SENIOR CALENDAR

Thursday 4/29

9:30 a.m. Line Dance*
11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sundry Shop Open
noon Lunch
12:45 p.m. Bridge*
1:30 p.m. Music Rehearsal
2 p.m. Beginners Line Dance
2:30 p.m. Adv. Line Dancing
3 p.m. Computer-Beginner
Lunch
Lunch moved to Activities Room
Daniel O'Donnell Trip

Friday 4/30

9 a.m. Stretch & Strength held at Novi Civic Center

9 a.m. Panera Bread
10 a.m. Body Recall cancelled
11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sundry Shop open
noon Spring Variety Show (adv. tk. req.)
1:30 p.m. Lunch
12:30 p.m. Bingo cancelled
noon Clogging* 12:40 p.m.
Dupl. Bingo

Monday 5/3

9 a.m. Stretch & Strength
10 a.m. Body Recall
11 a.m. Gossip Lady
11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundry Shop Open

12:30 Lunch
1 p.m.-3 p.m. Healing Touch
2 p.m.-3 p.m. Computer Class-Beg.
6:30 p.m. Clogging*

Tuesday 5/4

9 a.m. Panera bread
9:30 a.m. Computer Class-Beginners
10 a.m. Asian Pacific
noon Lunch
12:40 Bingo held in Activities Room
1 p.m.-3 p.m. Computer Class-Windows

Oklahoma Trip

Wednesday 5/5

9 a.m. Stretch & Strength at the Novi Civic Center
9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Massage Therapy
10 a.m. Body Recall cancelled
11 a.m. Blood Pressure
11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sundry Shop Open
11 a.m. TOPS Class
noon Cinco de Mayo Lunch (adv. ticket req.)
12:30 p.m. Lunch
Holland Trip

*Activities will be held at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. Phone (248) 347-0414.

EDUCATION

Ramez Khuri, school reporter (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 rkhuri@ht.homecomm.net

Construction at high school is on schedule

■ Many areas should be done by fall 2004

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Once completed, the Novi High School construction project will feature many improvements and a new two-story building.

By fall, when the Novi Community School District opens its doors for the 2004-05 school year, students will return to a whole new high school, literally.

According to Chris Becker, senior project manager for the Skanska construction company, the two-story addition on the west end of the building is probably a little ahead of schedule. He said it will definitely be available and open for school this fall, including enough time for the school district to get equipment and furniture inside.

"In general, construction is on schedule," Becker said. "We have maintained the schedule or have bettered it. I anticipate we will open everything that we have scheduled to on time. Things are going well."

The new two-story wing includes a new media center because the existing one is moving out of the main building this summer.

"The media center is going to be gorgeous," Becker said. "It has a big skylight that you can see from the road. It goes over the whole interior portion and on a sunny day, you wouldn't have to turn the lights on."

Becker also explained that the new bathrooms in the two-story addition will all have a white color glaze, with some accent colors.

"In Novi they try to make things look relatively similar, but you have brick on the inside of the existing school, so the new wing is going to be a little bit different," Becker said.

The swimming pool is also another item that is on schedule, if not a little bit ahead. It is scheduled to be turned over to the school district by the end of June, which means it will be available by fall as well.

"The cafeteria is on schedule," Becker said. "It is expected to be turned over to the school district about the third week in August, so they have about a week to get their food in and to get used to the new surroundings. So, the cafeteria and kitchen area should be open for school this fall."

"It will open for school by the end of August, but because we had to start to work on it in the winter to get it done and January was pretty cold, it made it a little tighter," he said. "Still though, we anticipate it to be on schedule and open."

Other areas include a new stadium entrance. Some work on the new football field is still needed,

which should begin very shortly, along with a new ticket booth. That work should be done for school opening this fall and actually for the first football game near the end of August. The south sports complex should be done this year, but time must be allowed to let the grass grow, so it really won't be available for use until next spring. Same with the baseball field, which is south of the parking lot.

"We will be planting seedling for grass this spring and irrigating all summer long so we have good standard grass," Becker said.

"This summer we have a lot of renovation inside the existing school to do as well. Obviously, we can't start that work until school is out, but that's not unusual and we will have those areas ready. That will go down to the last minute because you're trying to do so much work in that time frame."

Some of the work scheduled for inside the building is removal of all the carpeted hallways and installation of tile instead. There is also some work to do on the entrance to the school from Ten Mile Road. There's going to be a new student drop-off for parents, which, according to Becker, should be done this summer also.

"That's pretty ambitious, but we have planned well for it so far," he said. "We're very pleased with our progress."

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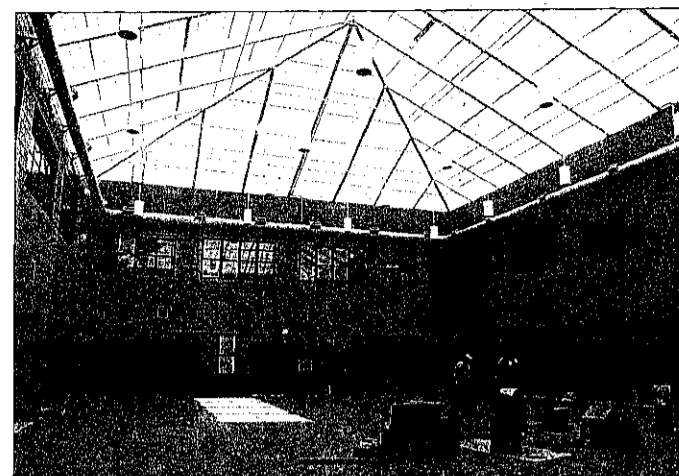


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The media center of the Novi High School addition that's being completed just west of the existing structure. The addition will be ready for students, faculty and staff for the upcoming Fall 2004 semester.

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Budget deficit forces workforce reductions at Oakland Schools; 21 positions eliminated

The Oakland Schools Board of Education has initiated a permanent reduction in work force affecting 21 employees in response to a budget deficit in the General Fund and due to the restructuring of the delivery of the special education center program services to local school districts.

The deficit is caused in part by reduced state funding. The administration and board have exhausted all alternative cost savings. Declining special education student enrollment in the Oakland Schools Autism Program (OSAP) center program is a result of increased programming and additional Autism Center operators in Oakland County.

"This has been a difficult decision for the board, and we regret the painful necessity to reduce our employee costs due to the fiscal restraints and budget cuts experienced throughout Michigan's education system," said Dr. Bill Keane, Interim Superintendent, Oakland Schools. "We remain committed to maintaining core services to the Oakland County schools we serve."

The board will take action on the work force reduction proposal on April 27 at their regular board meeting at 7:00 PM. Notification of affected employees was made on April 21, 2004.

Oakland Schools is providing professional transition support for affected employees who will continue their service through the end of the current fiscal year, June 30, 2004.

Five interview for Oakland Schools superintendent slot

The Oakland Schools Board of Education interviewed the five candidates vying to fill the intermediate school district's open superintendent position last week and were expected to settle on a couple of finalists Tuesday.

The board interviewed three candidates on Wednesday, and the remaining two Thursday. The candidates are: Glenn Pelecky, chief administrator of the Mississippi Board Area Educational Agency in Iowa; Vickie Markavich, who is the superintendent of the Penaharris-Madison School Corporation in Indiana; Charles Bremer, the superintendent of Howell Public Schools; William Mayes, superintendent of the Huron Intermediate School District; and Sally Vaughn, the superintendent of the Livingston Educational Service Agency.

"The interviews went very well. We have a real variety of candidates," said board member Pan Goukhua. "We haven't made any decisions yet about who the finalists will be. All the board members agreed we would sleep on it over the weekend and not discuss it until our meeting Tuesday."

The board has set a goal of hiring a superintendent by July 1. The job opened last year when the board fired former superintendent James Redmond for allegedly mismanaging funds. Bill Keane is currently serving on an interim basis.

According to Goukhua, all five candidates are aware of the controversy that has recently surrounded the district. The board announced more had news Wednesday, notifying the public that 21 district employees will be laid off at the end of June because of a budget deficit.

"In my mind, we need to choose someone with stronger skills than maybe we would have been willing to settle on when

BOARD SEATS

Eight candidates have filed for four seats on the Oakland Schools Board. Election will be held on June 7.

At 5 p.m. filing deadline last Friday, Oakland Schools received petitions and/or checks for \$100 in lieu of petitions from eight Oakland County candidates for the four seats available on the Oakland Schools Board of Education.

Candidates for the single two-year term are:

- Mario Ness Fundarski, Novi
- Daniel Share, Incumbent, Birmingham

Candidates for the single four-year term are:

- George Ehrt, Incumbent, South Lyon
- Lou Ann Beall Tompkins, Troy

Candidates for the two six-year terms are:

- Pan Goukhua, Incumbent, Birmingham
- Barbara DeMarco, Incumbent, West Bloomfield
- Amy Elizabeth Columbus, Commerce Township
- Richard J. Granke, Royal Oak

Ballots will be sent to designated electors (one per each of the 28 local school district boards of education in Oakland County) on May 3. Designated electors may vote in person at 5 PM at the June 7 election. Designated electors may also cast their votes by mail. Members of the Oakland County School Boards Association (OCSBA) will act as canvassers who, once the election is declared closed on June 7, will count the vote, declare the winners, and determine the successful candidate by lot in case of a tie vote.

New board members will be sworn in at the first board meeting in July. For more information on the election, please visit the Oakland Schools Web site at <http://www.oakland.k12.mi.us> or call Shelley Yorke Rose, director, Communications & Marketing, at 248.209.2166.



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Novi Mayor visits Woods

Novi Mayor Lou Cordas came to Woods recently to speak with third graders about the history of Novi and to explain a little about how Novi's council and governing board work.



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New addition to Orchard Hills

The Novi High School academic awards senior honors program will be a little shorter this year. The event is on Thursday, May 27, and instead of calling each student up for every award they won individually, as in years past, each student who won multiple awards will now receive his or her awards in one trip.

Compiled by Ramez Khuri

Novi High students win radio awards

Two win medals in Michigan Association of Broadcasters ceremony

By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

Many students who are involved in broadcasting at Novi High School, specifically the WOVI radio station within the school, walked away from the broadcasting awards, held on April 7, with some shiny new medals.

The award ceremony, held at Canton High School, was put on by the Michigan Association of Educational Broadcasters. There are different categories that students could win an. Applicants at college and high school radio stations from all over sent in two to three minute tapes of what they thought was their best performance, which were reviewed by judges. Their gold, silver and bronze medals are awarded.

Big winners from Novi High included senior Will Elkins, who won a gold medal in news/casualty and a gold medal in play-by-play. Junior Drew Loomer, who won a silver medal in sports-casting, senior Kevin Clay, who also won a silver medal in news-casting and sports-casting, junior Taiki Watanabe, who won a bronze medal in production and senior Josh Otkowski, who won a bronze medal as well. In addition, Watanabe and junior Kathleen Shannon won awards in the Michigan Association of Broadcasters award ceremony, which is a different one.

"At the award ceremony, Mr. (David) Legg, (Novi high broadcasting teacher) gave an award to our guest speaker who used to be on this station," Elkins said. "This is pretty fitting because we work as hard."

Elkins' family moved to Novi five years ago and one of the reasons his mother decided to live here is because Novi High School had a radio station. "I look some of the introductory courses and I liked it," he said. "I ended up being music director of the station. It's something that not a lot of people get to do. To have that much involvement in something like this that actually goes out to the entire community."

Elkins plans on attending Grand Valley State University after high school and he hopes to end up with a doctoral degree in physical therapy. He does want to do radio on the side throughout his life, however.

"I'll try to get a late night shift where I get to play my own stuff on a smaller station," he said.

Loomer has some different aspirations. "I really want Mr. Legg's job," he said. "To run a station like this, but I also want to go into film and television just as much."

Clay said he's planning on going to Michigan State University next year to study journalism or broadcasting.

Watanabe and Shannon had a story of their own, however. "About two months ago we went up to Lansing and they had a Michigan Association of Broadcasters award ceremony," Watanabe said. "This was more than an awards ceremony, they had all these seminars to help people who were looking for a career in broadcasting. I attended a few seminars and at a banquet, we had Dick Purtan come and talk for about an hour. As the awards ceremony, he and I were the only ones from Novi who won. I got a bronze in news-casting. They also give out awards to college and high school students, but it also incorporates commercial radio stations because they help out with the seminars."

Shannon took a gold medal in



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Outline: Students from Novi High School attended a broadcasting awards ceremony at Canton High School on April 7, where many received medals. Pictured from left to right are student Will Elkins, student Drew Loomer, Novi High Broadcasting Teacher David Legg, former Novi student Mike Stern, student Josh Otkowski and student Taiki Watanabe. Not pictured is student Kevin Clay.

Get Movin, Get Groovin and Get Active

Ronald McDonald presented the "Gettin' Fit With Ronald" assembly at Orchard Hills Elementary School recently. McDonald's message was "Get Movin, Get Groovin, and Get Active!" He told the kids to keep being active and gave them tips such as to always warm up before any strenuous exercising to stretch the muscles and get the blood flowing. He used his pet flea, Frederica, who is a body-building flea to get his message across. He also used student and teacher volunteers to help him with different parts of the show.

In the photo, Ronald slaps "five" with all the students as they exit the assembly. From left are third grader Cheyenne Abrego and fourth graders Katalina Faraon, Marlon Mitchell and Jacob Mastropalo.



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SCHOOL BRIEFS

Outstanding Novi teachers sought

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The deadline for nominations is the last day of the month. The Novi News staff will select the winner and a feature story and photograph will appear in the Novi News on the second Thursday of the following month. Those not selected as the Outstanding Teacher of the Month will be considered for subsequent months.

To nominate a teacher, please send the teacher's name, school address and the school's telephone number along with a statement of no more than 200 words telling us why this teacher deserves to be the Outstanding Teacher of the Month.

Senior honors program shortened

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Compiled by Ramez Khuri

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2004-2005 BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council will hold a PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED CITY 2004-2005 BUDGET at the Regular Meeting of Council to be held on Monday, May 3, 2004. Said hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the same may be reached, at the Novi Civic Center Council Chamber, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan.

Interested citizens may appear and present written and/or verbal comments on the proposed budget.

A copy of the proposed 2004-2005 budget is currently available at the Novi Civic Center, Office of the City Clerk for public inspection, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan.

MARYANNE CORNELIUS
CITY CLERK
(4-29-04 NN 128558)

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 2004-23.23

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 2004-23.23 - AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE IDLING, STANDING, AND LOADING/UNLOADING OF COMMERCIAL AND MOTOR VEHICLES IN THE CITY OF NOVI.

The provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, April 19, 2004. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing local time.

MARYANNE CORNELIUS
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(4-29-04 NN 128061)

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ENACTMENT - ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.630

THE CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS:
Part I. That Ordinance No. 07-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Novi is hereby amended as indicated on ZONING MAP NO. 18.630.

Part II. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any Ordinance or parts of any Ordinance in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Part III. WHEN EFFECTIVE. The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety and is hereby ordered to take effect fifteen (15) days after final enactment. The effective date of this Ordinance is May 4, 2004.

MADE AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan, this 19th day of April, 2004. Copies of the Ordinance Amendment may be purchased or inspected at the office of the City Clerk, Novi, Michigan, weekdays between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, local time.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Galen's is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow for an outdoor adventure tour event to be held on Sunday, May 30, 2004, from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm.

A public hearing meeting to consider this request will be held at 11:00 am on Wednesday, May 5, 2004. The meeting is at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. Written and signed approvals or objections will be accepted into the file if received prior to the scheduled meeting. Please address all communications to Denise Anderson at the City of Novi Building Department 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

DENISE ANDERSON
TEMPORARY USE PERMIT SECRETARY
(248) 347-0415
(4-29-04 NN 129448)

CITY OF NOVI FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 04-016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ari Van Furniture is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a tent for a tent sale to be held from May 1-4 and May 8-12, 2004.

A public hearing meeting to consider this request will be held at 3:00 pm on Friday, April 30, 2004. The meeting is at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. Written and signed approvals or objections will be accepted into the file if received prior to the scheduled meeting. Please address all communications to Denise Anderson at the City of Novi Building Department 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

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LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:
Please Take Notice that the regular school election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 14, 2004.

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2004, IS MONDAY, MAY 17, 2004. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, MAY 17, 2004, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION.

To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office or your county, city or township clerk's office. Persons planning to register with the respective county, city or township clerk's office must also register the day and hours on which the clerk's office are open for registration.

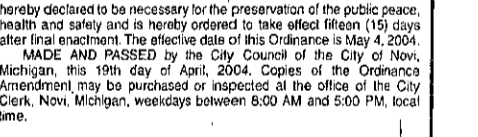
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DR. KAREN M. PACIOREK
SECRETARY, BOARD OF EDUCATION
(4-29-04 NN, NR 128428)

ADDENUM PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Regular Biennial Election of Oakland Community College, Michigan, will be held in conjunction with the Regular School Election.

ONLY REGISTERED SCHOOL ELECTORS RESIDING IN THE OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR BIENNIAL ELECTION OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

(4-29-04 NN, NR 128428)



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WALLED LAKE SCHOOLS

Wixom Web site wins Michigan PTSA award

For more information, please contact Sandy Bell at (248) 956-2059 or Cindy Tanner at (248) 956-2116.

The Wixom Elementary PTA has been selected by the Michigan PTSA Awards Committee to receive the Michigan PTSA 2004 Website Award. The award will be presented at the 86th Annual Convention on Friday, April 30, at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa, Acme, Michigan.

Sue Nyquist, creator of the web page said, "I am thrilled that Wixom won the MPTSA Website award. Our PTA supports many great programs and activities, and it is a pleasure to communicate that in an easy and accessible way. I taught myself how to create websites, and with collaboration from Denise Fox, Media Specialist at Wixom, I think we put out a very informative site."

In visit the Website, go to www.walledlake.k12.mi.us/wixom.

K-12 district art gallery show and silent auction

The Foundation for Excellence Walled Lake Schools, in partnership with the Walled Lake Schools, announces the seventh annual K-12 district art gallery show and silent auction, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., May 21, May 28, to the boardroom of the Educational Services Center, 530 Laid Rd., Building 14, Walled Lake. A gallery reception will be held on Wednesday, May 26, from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. for the public to join in celebrating this collection of talented artwork.

In tandem with the gallery show will be a public silent auction of donated student and teacher artwork, beginning May 21 and concluding on May 26 at the close of the gallery reception. Artists are invited to donate fine art, photography, ceramics or sculptures. All proceeds will be used to support future shows.

This is the first year the Foundation for Excellence Walled Lake Schools, and the K-12 art program have partnered in hosting this event. Cindy Tanner, executive director of the foundation said, "We have some very impressive talent in the district and it will be great fun to share it with the community at large."

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Learning about Braille at Deerfield
Deerfield students watch closely as Garret Gersin uses Braille to read the book, "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie." Gersin, a ninth grade student at Berkley High School, also showed the students how he uses a variety of helpful devices, such as a special tape recorder, to learn in school and complete his assignments.

NOVI COMMUNITY EDUCATION CORNER

One Night Hip-Hop/Freestyle Dance

DATE: Friday, May 7
TIME: 7-8:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Meadows 5 Cafeteria
DETAILS: This class is filled with the latest styles of dance. Begin class by warming up with light floor work and stretches, then learn a hip hop funk routine and free style dance moves. After this class you will enjoy yourself on any dance floor. No previous dance required.
FEE: \$15 per person

9/11 Tribute

The Walled Lake Western High School drama department presents an interpretation of *Trains & Memories: A Tribute to 9/11*, May 7 and 8, 7:30 p.m., Walled Lake Western High School, 600 Beck Rd., Walled Lake. The cost is \$5 per person.

The interpretation consists of several monologues taken from the book *Trains & Memories*, from *September 11th*, which have been edited and interlarded through two acts. There are also projected images from the day of the attacks set to music. Police, firefighters, and emergency workers in the area are invited to the final dress rehearsal on May 6th at 6:30 p.m.

For more information contact Kimberly Panfili at 248-956-4300.

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Optimum Self-Esteem Empowerment Strategies for Women

DATE: Tuesday, May 11
TIME: 7-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Middle School Room 518
DETAILS: Your physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual bodies are all connected. Whatever you do or don't do affects all of these bodies, including which foods you eat. Come and discover which foods will allow you to evolve to new levels of spiritual consciousness. Monica Levin, Registered Holistic Nutritionist, will channel which food YOU (each attendee) are to eat to allow your spiritual evolution.
FEE: \$20

Reflexology

DATE: Tuesday, May 11
TIME: 7-8:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Meadows 5 Media Center
DETAILS: Reflexology is a science that works with the principle that there are reflex areas in the feet and hands that correspond to all of the glands, organs and parts of the body. Massaging a reflex area in the hand or foot sends energy to the body part it is connected to, helping the natural healing mechanisms to the body do their work. Participants will learn reflexology techniques while working with a partner.
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By: Gary Weinstein

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BUSINESS

Pam Fleming, business reporter (248) 349-1700, ext. 105 pfleming@hl.homecomm.net

Financial planner: People need to talk more about money

Sit down, define goals, objectives for future success

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

As the saying goes, "Those who fail to plan, plan to fail." This is particularly true when it comes to money management. Jeff Land, who teaches an asset management class through the Novi Community Education program, feels people don't discuss their financial situation enough. "I'd like to see people talking about their money more," he said, "and, a certified financial planner with Bloom Asset Management in Farmington Hills, teaches the class "Top Ten Money Mistakes" for members of the community at Novi Middle School.

The next class will be offered from 7 to 9 p.m. May 17. The cost

is \$17 per person. "The toughest thing about putting together a financial plan is to sit down and define your goals and objectives," he said. "But, a plan will help you avoid the major obstacles," he said. "If the plan involves more than one person, you need to communicate with that person or persons, and make sure the goals and objectives are compatible," he added.

He noted that people also tend to trust experts who aren't really experts. For example, "They'll hand money over to the broker-in-law who borrows money from them," Land said. "What they need to ask themselves is, 'Do the people that I'm entrusting with my financial future give me honest advice or are they just trying to sell me something?' and 'Do they have my goals and objectives in mind?' Remember, these people are your partners," he said.

People are also too emotional when it comes to money, according to Land. "They let their feelings

affect their decision-making," he said. He added that our consumer-based world also affects people's spending habits. "People often need to validate their own life by the purchases they make," he said. "But, your lifestyle needs to be determined by the income that you make and the choices that you have within that money," he suggested.

"You need to pay yourself first. If you want to save for a house, have a savings account and treat it like a bill," he said. For example, if you want to buy a new car, Land suggests asking yourself, "Do I have enough money to afford the payments without sacrificing retirement goals, educational goals for my children, and adequate insurance needs?"

"It's not about what you're spending money on, but if all the other more important financial goals being met," he said.

Land said everyone should know how much money they

make, spend and save monthly. "Write down what you spend on a daily basis for one week. You'll probably be surprised at the numbers. You're probably blowing money somewhere. Most people aren't wired about thinking about next year, or even next week when it comes to finances. 'Can I make it through today?' That's the big question," he said. "Money is such a taboo subject. We need to break the taboo associated with money and get people to start talking about it," Land said.

Rick and Ken Bloom of Bloom Asset Management also teach classes through Novi Community Education. Land and the Blooms are available to give talks to members of local organizations. "We're always willing to go out into the community and talk about financial issues," Land said.

Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at pfleming@hl.homecomm.net.

WANT TO LEARN MORE?



Jeff Land of Bloom Asset Management in Farmington Hills will offer his class on "Top Ten Money Mistakes" from 7 to 9 p.m. May 17 at Novi Middle School. The cost is \$17 through the Novi Community Education Department. For more information, call (248) 449-1206.

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Jeff Land
Bloom Asset Management

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Novi resident joins ad firm

Mort Zieve, chairman of Simons Michelson Zieve Advertising Inc. of Troy, recently announced that Renee Bak of Novi has joined the firm at an account coordinator.

Bak graduated from Western Michigan University in December 2003 with a bachelor's degree in organizational communications with a minor in psychology. She has prior experience as an intern at Postique, a post-production company in Southfield.

Former Enron exec to speak

Lynn Brewer, founder and president of The Integrity Institute, Inc., and former Enron executive will be the speaker at Automation Alley's first business forum event this year at 11 a.m. May 6 at the Somerset Inn in Troy.

"As this premiere luncheon event sponsored by Oakland University, Brewer, the author of "Confessions of an Enron Executive: A Whistleblower's Story" will share the riveting account of her career and the implications of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, passed by Congress. "Hosting Lynn Brewer reaches our goal of attracting high-profile business speakers to share their expertise and experience with the business leaders of Southeast Michigan," said Ken Rogers, executive director of Automation Alley. "Brewer brings a tremendous amount of experience and insight into business ethics, which is a timely topic that affects businesses across all sectors."

As an Enron executive, Brewer was responsible for risk management in energy operations, the e-commerce initiatives for Enron's water subsidiary and competitive intelligence for Enron broadband services.

During her time there, she witnessed numerous illegal and corrupt dealings. After leaving Enron, Brewer founded The Integrity Institute, Inc., which independently assesses and certifies corporate integrity at the request of organizations for the benefit of their stakeholders.

Prior to Enron, Brewer worked in forensic accounting for 18 years as a legal professional in private practice and then in corporate development for the general counsel and chief financial officer at Ralston Purina.

The Automation Alley business forum is \$25 for Alley members and \$30 for non-members. Due to strong attendance expected, reservations can be made by visiting www.automationalley.com or by calling the Automation Alley Resource Center at (800) 427-5100.

Compiled by Pam Fleming

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SCREEN BEAT

By Brian Renner

Julianne Moore and Pierce Brosnan star as warring divorce attorneys who fall in love in the romantic comedy "Laws of Attraction." At the top of their respective games, Audrey Woods (Moore) and Daniel Rafferty (Brosnan) are a classic study in opposites. She practices law strictly by the book; he always manages to win in the end. They're pitted against each other on opposite sides of a nasty public divorce between a rock star (Michael Sheen) and his fiery fashion designer wife (Parker Posey). Each divorcee thinks an Irish castle is rightfully theirs; as result, Audrey and Daniel travel to Ireland to take depositions on behalf of their respective clients. As Julianne Moore sums it up, "Ireland has a reputation and reason for being a wonderful, very beautiful and romantic country. I think there's an element of romanticism that Audrey and Daniel absorb while they're there." "Laws of Attraction" is a New Line Cinema release and rated PG-13 by the M.P.A.A. for sexual content and language.

After their son is killed in a freak accident, a couple (Greg Kinnear and Rebecca Romijn-Stamos) approach a stem cell research expert (Robert De Niro) in "Godsend." Through an experimental cloning and regeneration process, their son comes back to them, however, he's much different. "Godsend" is a Lions Gate Films release and rated PG-13 by the M.P.A.A. for violence includ-

ing frightening images, a scene of sexuality and some thematic material.

Lindsay Lohan stars as Cady Heron in teen comedy "Mean Girls," written by Saturday Night Live's Tina Fey about the unique outsider perspective a girl who has spent most of her life in Africa and now finds herself in an American high school. After being accepted into the school's A-list clique of girlfriends, she attracts the interest of the ex-boyfriend (Jonathan Bennett) of one of her new friends. However, she is marked for punishment by the rules of the clique, which uses practices like nasty gossip, banishment from their lunch table, three-way calling, cruel Internet messages and "the silent treatment" to get their point across. Soon, Cady (Lohan) finds herself using the same tactics in retaliation against her so-called friends. "Mean Girls" is a Paramount Pictures release and rated PG-13 by the M.P.A.A. for sexual content, language and some teen partying.

When his best friend (Jack Black) turns a crazy idea into a profitable invention, the friend (Ben Stiller) who didn't join him on the venture is whipped into a frenzy of envy. "Envy" is a DreamWorks Pictures release and rated PG-13 by the M.P.A.A. for language and sexual/crude humor.

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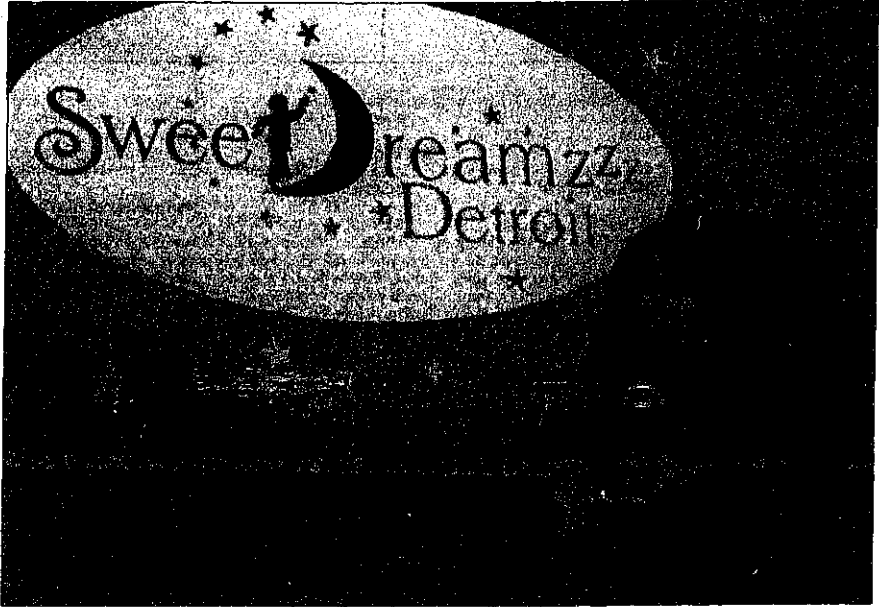


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Sleep tight

Many at-risk children in southeast Michigan will get a better night's sleep thanks to those attending Saturday's charity auction, put on by the Novi Chamber of Commerce, at the Hotel Baronette. Proceeds from this year's event went to Sweet Dreamzzz Detroit, a non-profit organization which provides bedtime essentials to children. Shown is Nikki Pearse, auction co-chairperson. Chuck Gaidica served as master of ceremonies.

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Quick Hits

Novi records first loss of the season

In a game that has seemed to truly spark the Novi Wildcats, the baseball team suffered their first loss of the year. The Country Day squad, which beat Novi last year as well, managed to make some terrific plays to help keep the Wildcats from controlling every aspect of the contest. Novi had three hits but couldn't get the pieces of the puzzle to fall into place as junior hurler Billy Morrison took the loss on the mound.

— See Page B2 for details

Did you know?

Basketball camps seem to be the sudden fad around these parts. Both Pat Schluter, the Novi boys' basketball coach, and Bill Kelp, the girls' basketball coach, will be holding basketball camps to help train the stars of tomorrow today. There are camps for all kinds of age groups, and both coaches are determined to instill as much basketball ability as they can in their young campers.

— See Page B3 for details

Golf team looks poised to surprise plenty of teams

The Novi girls golf team sure isn't kidding around this year. They have definitely come out this looking to get some wins and make some noise.

The squad, which is aided by talented players such as senior Laura Vaughn, took third in the pre-KVC meet while beating Lakeland in dual meet play just a few days prior. The squad has also seen improvement across the board in their overall game.

— See Page B2 for details

Corey Simone helps lacrosse team to victories

The Wildcats lacrosse team is well aware that it always needs one thing to be a success — a solid player in goal. Corey Simone has filled that role nicely as he has buckled down his play and stymied more than one squad this year. Of course, it helps to have players like Jeff Policicchio and Bobby Watts to help run up the score for the offensive end of the game.

— See Page B4 for details

It's all about Novi

The Novi Wildcats track and field teams sure made some noise as both the boys and the girls took on and defeated their KVC rivals in the Lakeland Eagles.

The results were quite contrasting though. The girls had to make sure to come through in all of their events to squeeze a win away from the Lakeland squad while the boys simply dominated every aspect of the contest. The boys swept plenty of events too, while the girls took solid firsts.

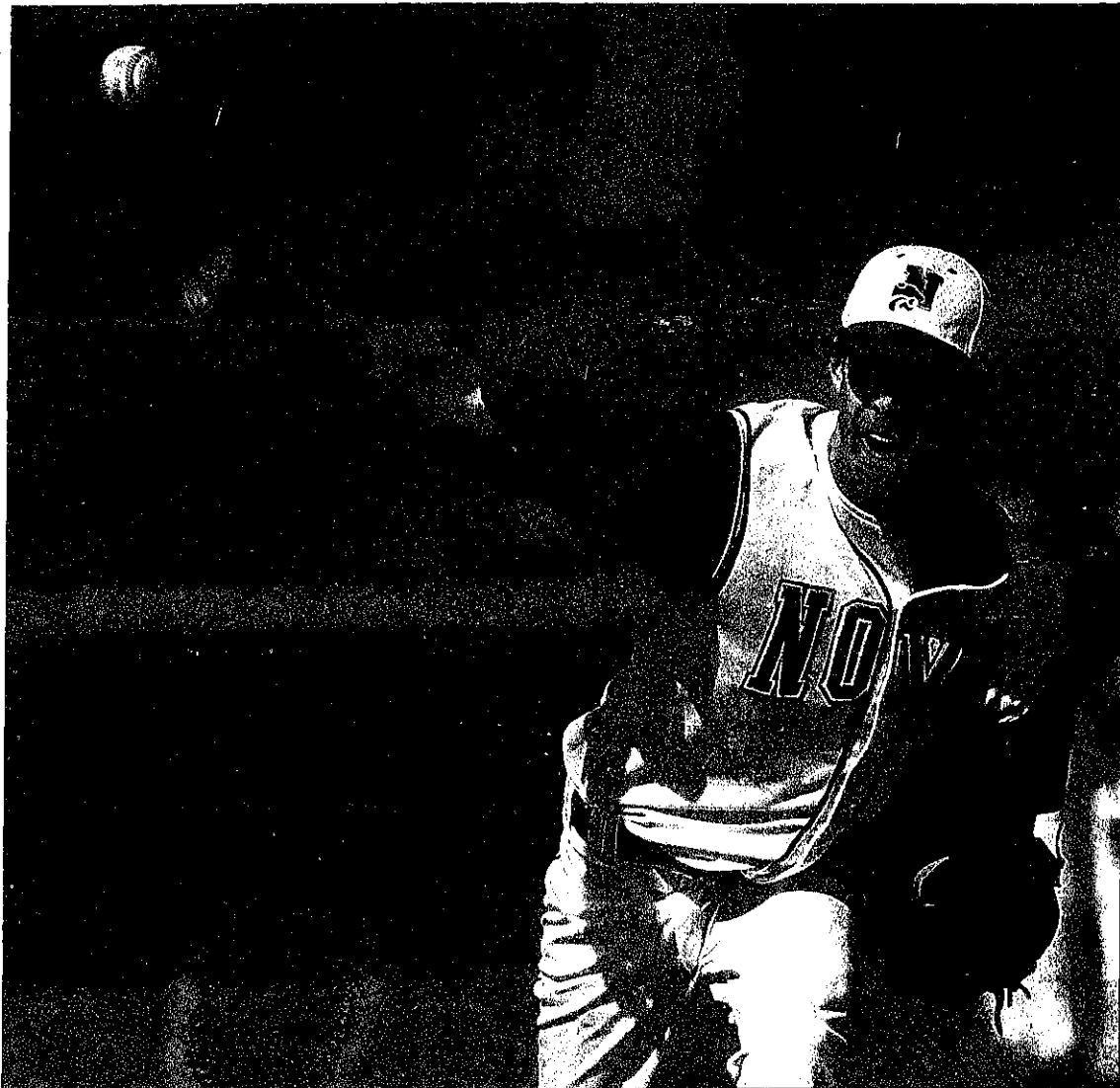
No doubt, both teams are quite happy with their results though as any win is a good win.

— See Pages B4 and B5 for details

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Novi Wildcat hurler Mike Hart fires a two-seam fastball towards home plate Friday when the 'Cats took on and defeated KVC rival South Lyon, 10-1.

HART ATTACK Wildcats rally after first loss, get three victories

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

After taking the first lump this year earlier in the week, the Novi Wildcats baseball team was ready to get their season back on track and they did that with three straight victories.

Novi, which is coached by Rick Green, handled South Lyon 10-1 in conference play before taking down Plymouth Salem in both games of a double header, 10-4, 13-2.

Against South Lyon, Novi came in looking to show off their star pitcher — but he wasn't quite as untouchable as he would have liked. Mike Hart, a senior, threw all seven innings and struck out four while allowing six hits.

"South Lyon looked pretty good," Green admitted. "They hit the ball, that's for sure. I think they have a much improved team this year."

Hart wasn't rocked by the hits though, and showed some of his best stuff so far this season.

"I think he really had command of everything," Green said. "It was some of his best pitching this year."

Offensively, Kevin Cisto, a junior, cranked out two hits, as did Chris Scott. Steve Gawronski had a two-run single in the game and Zach Flavin produced a couple of RBIs to push his season total to 17.

Novi jumped to a 3-0 lead in the second inning before increasing it to 7-0 by the end of the fourth. The Lions added one run in the fifth inning before the 'Cats tacked on three in the sixth to end the game.

Against Plymouth Salem, the Wildcats had no problem securing two quick victories. In the first game, Novi pounded out a 10-4 win with Dan Morrison earning the nod on the mound. He went four innings, allowed six hits and four earned runs before Billy Morrison came in as relief and allowed no runs, and had five strikeouts.

Billy Morrison also went 3-for-3 from the plate and scored three runs in the game.

The biggest hit came off the bat of Brandau, who cranked out a two-run homer to put Novi up 4-0 in the game.

"We didn't have too many hits in that game," Green said. "We had a lot walks and some stolen bases. With more discipline at the plate we got some guys on base and some timely hits."

In the second game, the Wildcats earned a 13-2 victory over their foes as Zach Flavin picked up the win with one hit and three walks in the first four innings. Chris Scott came in as relief in the game and allowed two runs off two hits and a couple of walks.

Though Scott didn't come in early enough for the save, he did crank out a three-run homer in



Wildcat Chris Scott takes a cut in a late April match against Detroit Country Day.

the last inning, scored three runs and had a double for five RBIs on the day.

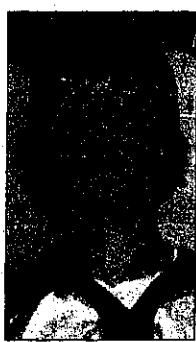
Novi had nine hits and 13 runs with five players being hit by pitches and six walks putting runners on the bag.

The player that was hit by the most pitches was Gawronski, who took three hits in his first three at-bats before walking in his fourth. He didn't seem to mind — he crossed the plate three times during the game to help his squad to victory.

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Corey Simone Junior Lacrosse

Simone has definitely learned what it means to be a difference-maker in a game. The junior goalie has been absolutely stellar for the Novi Wildcats lacrosse team so far this year, even making some diving saves to keep teams out of the net. No wonder the lacrosse squad is looking like they've restored the faith in their program.

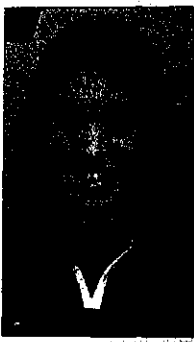


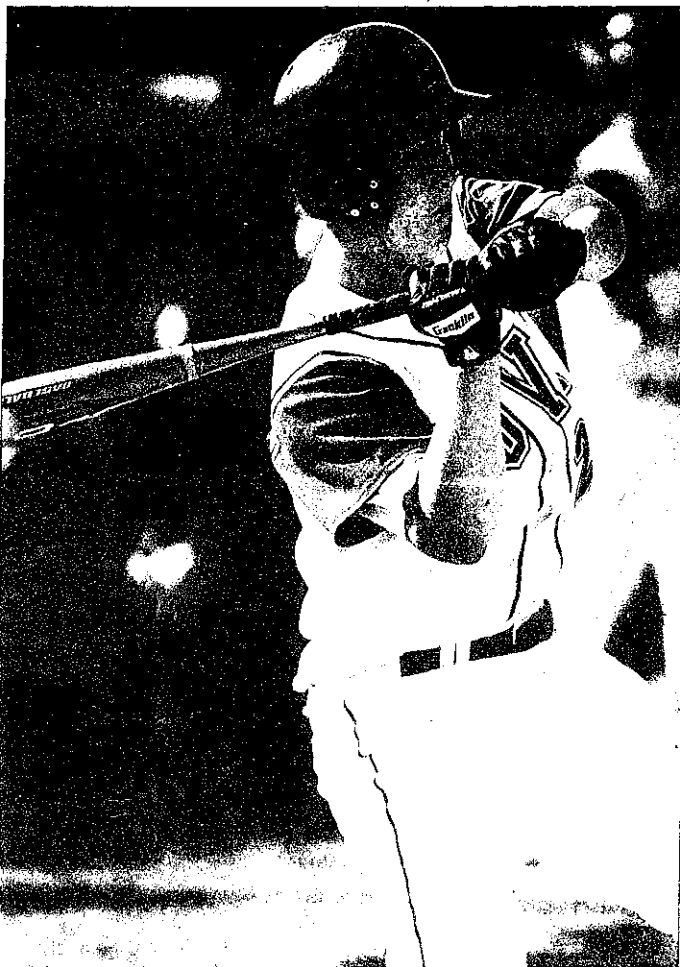
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Chelsea Atiyeh Junior Soccer

Atiyeh doesn't mind being the center of attention — especially if it means her soccer team is winning. She recently stood dead center in the spotlight as she went through the Lakeland defense and scored three goals and an assist to earn the respect of defenses from this point on during the season.





Novi's Zach Flavin takes a cut in a game the Wildcats played at Ford Field in late April.

Novi takes first loss

To go undefeated is a dream that every team has... Novi's Zach Flavin takes a cut in a game the Wildcats played at Ford Field in late April.

"I could see how unhappy the kids were after losing and it was good to see that."

Rick Green, Novi Baseball Coach

Green said that his squad could have made a lot of difference in the game had they held their bats instead of swinging while ahead in the count.

'Cats victorious in duals

In the world of high school tennis, dual meets are the primary way to fill a schedule and Novi has always been known as a team that packs talent into the list of their opponents.

Tough tennis competition should pay off in long run

It wasn't the showing the Novi Wildcats tennis team was hoping for, but they knew going into the tournament that getting points wasn't going to be easy.

'Cat linksters on fire

Novi squad playing some impressive golf

By Sam Eggleston, SPORTS WRITER. There's no doubt about it: these Novi Wildcats are ready to show their skills to anyone they play.

UNDERCLASSMAN SCORES

JV Lacrosse: After a disappointing loss to Grand Rapids on Tuesday, the Novi High School JV Wildcats were ready for a win.

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The Novi-Northville Knights rugby football club goes into action with a line-out play last week. Being hoisted is Steve Minier, while Mike Subu and Ben Mason do the hoisting. The other squad is Brighton, who the Knights defeated, 10-0.

Knights get game back on right track

Just when the season looked like it might as well be over for the Novi-Northville Knights Rugby Football Club...

Dearborn makes short work of Knights rugby

There are certain signs that a season isn't going well in the game of rugby. Losses are one of them and players not showing up to practice is another.

Most important for the Knights. After back-to-back losses to begin the season, the rugby club was looking to get any kind of positive reinforcement to help propel their season.

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Colts expanding. The Northville Novi Colts Youth Football and Cheerleading programs are expanding for the 2004 season to allow for more participants!

Remember those days in school when you'd line up to get picked for teams and then get on the diamond for a mean game of kickball?

The Novi Wildcats girls' basketball team will be holding a summer basketball camp for interested players from third grade through incoming ninth graders.

Learn to Skate/Tot Time. The Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton is located at 4415 Michigan Avenue, is offering a Spring Learn to Skate program for various levels of instruction.

Novi Wildcat Boys Basketball Camp. Novi Wildcat Boys & Girls Basketball Camp (Grades K-2) Learn the basic basketball skills and build your confidence.

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Participants in this camp will receive knowledge of the game of basketball, as well as instruction to aid in the development of their playing abilities.

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Research mortgages before shopping for a house

If you'll be shopping for a home this summer, consider including mortgage programs in your list of items to research. When it's time to finance your purchase, you'll be much more prepared to negotiate a loan that's right for you.

The two most common types of mortgages are the 30-year fixed-rate loan and 15-year fixed-rate loan. Fixed-rate loans have interest rates and monthly payments that remain constant from year to year. The loans are attractive to homeowners who live on fixed incomes or who simply want the peace of mind knowing their monthly payments won't change.

The one-year adjustable rate mortgage (ARM) has also become popular in the last few years. Most ARMs are fixed for a period of time and then increase by a certain amount at preset intervals. The one-year ARM has a fixed-rate for 12 months, while other ARMs, known as hybrid ARMs, have fixed-rates for three, five, seven and ten years, with annual rate adjustments thereafter. ARMs are attractive to borrowers who plan to stay in their homes a short time. The initial fixed rate period can enable borrowers to save money for their next home purchase.

30-year vs. 15-year loans

When deciding between a 30-year loan and a 15-year loan, borrowers should consider how much home they want to buy and how quickly they want to build equity.

Monthly payments are typically less for 30-year loans because the interest is spread out over a longer period of time. Though fixed-rate 30-year loans typically have higher interest rates than 15-year loans, they provide borrowers with a significant tax benefit. Mortgage interest is tax deductible thus borrowers can claim more interest each year, which reduces how much federal income tax they have to pay.

Fifteen-year loans, while they don't provide as good a tax benefit as 30-year loans, are a great way for borrowers to quickly build equity in their homes. In addition to enjoying lower interest rates, borrowers also pay much less interest over the life of the loan because the loan term is shorter. This concept is illustrated well in the following example from Bankrate.com. Let's say you take out a \$150,000 mortgage at an interest rate of 6.64 percent for 30 years. Your monthly payment (principal and interest) would be \$961. Over 30 years you'll pay a total of \$196,304 in interest. If you reduce your loan's term to 15 years at the same interest rate, your payment would increase to \$1,274, but you'd pay just over \$79,000 in interest.

A potential disadvantage of a 15-year loan is the extra money homeowners have to pay each month. The borrower in the example must fork over an additional \$300 a month, or \$3,600 a year. Borrowers who consider 15-year loans should think about whether the extra money they'll pay each month could be funneled into other, more lucrative investments.

ARMs also enable borrowers to put any money they save during the initial fixed rate period into other investments. The low, fixed rate is particularly attractive to first time buyers who wish to forgo the less expensive starter house and jump right into big home. If you're considering an ARM for a house you might not otherwise be able to afford with a fixed-rate mortgage, know how much your rates and payments can rise over the life of the loan. Ask your lender whether you have the option of converting the loan into a fixed-rate loan if interest rates begin to increase.

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) offers tips for shopping for the best mortgage including a glossary of terms and a mortgage shopping worksheet. Visit <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/pubs/homes/bestmortg.pdf> to view this guide.

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Monica McCracken, Carol Lee Van Dusen and Lynne Santi help patrons at Mirror Mirror relax and renew with facials, massage, beauty services and much more. Visit the day spa's website at www.mirrormirrorofmilford.com.

Mirror Mirror helps patrons feel fairest of all

By Annette Jaworski
SPECIAL WRITER

You don't need a special occasion to pamper yourself, believes Carol Lee Van Dusen, owner of Mirror Mirror in Milford. It's more like a necessity for your well being.

"Taking time to pamper yourself is tantamount to your survival," she explains. Her day spa, located in the heart of Milford, is the perfect spot to relax and renew. It's her specialty to pamper clients and send them home refreshed.

Their new 900-square-foot expansion allows them to serve their customers more fully by adding facials and massages to their fantastic line of beauty salon services. The spa packages are a perfect way to make you or someone you love feel special. Mirror Mirror makes it simple by

offering a menu where you can customize your package. You can try any combination.

There are five packages that feature light lunch and/or refreshments. Take the day and enjoy the Luxury Package with a European Facial, Swedish Massage, Spa Pedicure and manicure. Top it off with light lunch and refreshments. There's delightful fare such as fresh fruit salad with scone, pasta salad with croissant, (tuna, Greek or vegetarian), chicken salad with croissant or shrimp cocktail. The grand finale is an elegant dessert that's almost too pretty to eat in chocolate, fruit or nut. Their gourmet food is provided by Escapanti's. Another selection, The Escape Day package includes a spa pedicure and manicure with light lunch and refreshments. They're more than happy to honor special requests; after all, it's your

special time.

"I try to make that day very special for someone," said Van Dusen.

The personalized service they deliver at Mirror Mirror is what truly sets them apart. For example, how about an elegant long stem rose for a special occasion? They'll arrange to have one delivered from The Village Florist to top off the event. All special requests are considered ahead of time, right down to the preference of beverage, so all you have to do when you arrive is check in and relax.

A gift certificate makes the perfect Mother's Day or birthday gift. It's one of the easiest ways to score big points, says Van Dusen. Mirror Mirror makes it even easier by offering them on-line at www.mirrormirrorofmilford.com. She's particularly proud of the website which "gives us the ability to share what we do best, with as many people who want to come here." They list everything from their full line of salon services to their mission statement and philosophy.

Carol Lee Van Dusen clearly loves her job and her warm and positive attitude is reflected throughout her business and employees as well. It's also reflected in her personal success.

"This is the best job because it's a 'feel good' business. When people make that appointment they know it's a special spot just for them. We like that and we acknowledge that. We take the time to take care of them," she explained.

That level of commitment to customer service begins with Van Dusen and flows down through her 12 employees, which she describes as her extended family. The staff consists of outstanding stylists and technicians, Lynne Santi, Judy Jankowski, Kari Boetsch, Tina Lee Worrell, (also a nail tech) and owner, Carol Van Dusen. Her phenomenal estheticians and massage therapists include Marzena Kubacka, Diana DeLisle and Sherry Nowak. They stay on top of it all with continuing education. The girls who keep it running smoothly include coordinator Monica McCracken, assistant coordinators Carol Heinz and Margie

DETAILS

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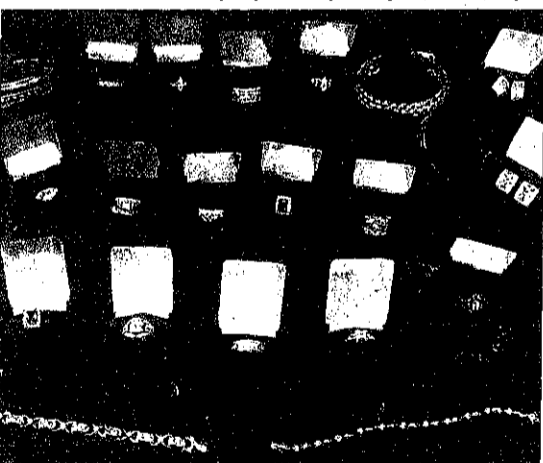
Zahn, Ron and Trish McKee are their "financial people," she adds.

Another way they accommodate customers is by keeping well-stocked with their favorite salon items. They carry over a dozen product lines, she pointed out.

They're also a source for unique and reasonably priced gift items. Van Dusen carefully shops for unique items for personal use or gifts such as jewelry, hats, and purses. It's a convenience factor for busy women. Often these are time savers by eliminating one more stop... shopping for a gift. Or perhaps it's just another way for customers to treat themselves. It's all wrapped up in a beautiful Mirror Mirror bag.

Mirror Mirror has comfortably found its home, being a perfect match for the village of Milford, with its ambience and friendliness.

"The business people in town are so very in tune to what people want," said Van Dusen, and she strives to be a fitting example of that in her establishment. Even their location suits their services perfectly- tucked away on a quiet side street in a quaint historical building with easy access. Mirror Mirror welcomes the entire family from kids to grandparents. They're located at 546 North Main Street downtown. For a great spa experience or just a great haircut, call (248) 684-4490. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, closed Wednesday and Sunday.



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