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Offenders working in Novi schools

■ State releases list of those with misdemeanors

By Matt Doran
STAFF WRITER

Eight unnamed Novi Community School District employees are on a state list of misdemeanor offenders working in Michigan schools.

The list, released last Thursday by the Michigan Department of Education and obtained under the Freedom of Information Act by

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Community speaks up at forum on redistricting

■ Committee, administration take comments, questions from public

By Matt Doran
STAFF WRITER

In an atmosphere that varied between humorous and slightly tense at times, Novi Community School District parents asked questions, got some answers, and made their opinions known at the first of two public forums on the school utilization and redistricting committee's report.

Held last Thursday at the ITC Forum, roughly 40 people showed up for the event, including superintendent Peter Dion and several members of the committee.

The forum got underway at a bit past 7 p.m. and wrapped up a little before 9:30 p.m., when Dion half-jokingly mentioned his commitment to getting the district's parents to bed at a reasonable hour.

"Tonight's meeting did exactly what we hoped it would do, to provide public input," Dion said, just before the meeting ended for the night.

The man with the microphone for much of the evening was assistant superintendent for business and operations Jim Kester, who kicked things off with a power

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Kristi Zurich and Marvin Yuuff display their sharp 50s' hairstyles outside Novi's Salone Nadwa.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

50's Fest in full swing

■ Town Center event observes 19th year in city

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

This is the week Lori Kapelezak has been waiting for a long time.

After weeks of preparation, the festus opened at 6:30 p.m. yesterday with a VIP reception for one of Novi's premiere annual events — the Novi 50's Festival.

This year, the festival was moved from Fountain Walk shopping center to the Novi Town Center in the heart of Novi.

Kapelezak, festival president, talked about the new venue as she prepared for the event's opening earlier in the week.

"I'm very excited," she said. "This is a fabulous venue, and we think the public will be very happy with this."

The four-day festival runs through Saturday night, and includes a pancake breakfast, rides, fireworks, food and more.

Disney Radio, A&1-102, sponsored by Mazda, Bright House Networks and LOC Federal Credit Union, will be at the festival today and tomorrow.

A free ice cream social is also planned from 1-4 p.m. tomorrow.

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Farmington Hills man receives 55-100 years for killing friend

■ He'll be eligible for parole at 89

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Just three years ago, Kevin Mykolaitis was married with two children, had a good-paying job at Ford Motor Company, a house and drove a nifty 7-250 pickup.

Now 41, the 33-year-old Farmington Hills resident will spend at least half a century in

prison after being convicted for the murder of his so-called best friend, Cameron Sanders of Novi.

Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Michael Warren sentenced Mykolaitis on July 19 to 55-100 years in prison following his May 16 murder conviction.

Mykolaitis was found guilty of second degree murder, felony firearm and convicted felon in possession of a firearm in the murder of Sanders.

Found near Twelve Oaks

A passerby found Sanders' body at 2:15 p.m. on April 14,

2003, in a wooded area north of Twelve Oaks Mall.

An examination by the Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office revealed that Sanders had sustained multiple gunshot and stab wounds.

On April 26, 2005, Novi detectives arrested Mykolaitis for Sanders' murder after a two-year investigation. The investigation revealed that Sanders and Mykolaitis were fellow inmates who developed a close friendship.

The two formed a company called Extensive Enterprises fol-



Kevin Mykolaitis, awaiting his respective releases from prison.

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Work, family keep Hayosh running

■ Businesswoman enjoys water

By Matt Doran
STAFF WRITER

"Working isn't just a job for Terri Hayosh; it's also a chance to get out of the house and socialize."

"I'm a people person," said Hayosh, who handles event planning and community relations for Andiamo Novi restaurant. "I love my job."

Hayosh first started working in the restaurant business when she was 15 years old. She enjoys working for the Andiamo chain, which she said has 10 locations throughout the area, because of the "awesome" people.

"I just utilize this as my

entertainment," Hayosh said.

Before coming to Andiamo Novi, which opened a year ago, Hayosh worked for a weight loss chain, but disliked the corporate world. She said she prefers to know the people she's working for.

An affinity for water

"Originally from Detroit, Hayosh has a natural affinity for the water. She enjoyed working at east side restaurants, catering to boaters, and loves getting out on the water, especially bigger lakes."

"I love to boat," she said. "I love to be on the water."

Hayosh also loves being in the water. She swam while in

school, and later was on a competitive US swim team. She was strongest in the 50' and 100' freestyle events, she said.

"I held a couple little records," Hayosh said.

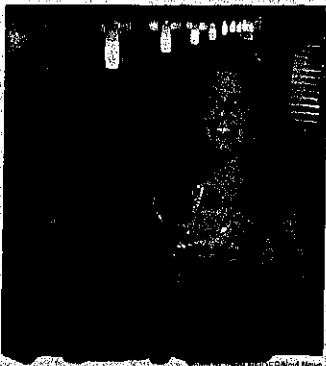
These days, her four children keep her busy. They range in age from 13 to 20 months, and one of her daughters recently was accepted into the junior DSO to play violin. Hayosh is very proud of her.

"I miss my kids constantly," she said.

Hobbies

When she has free time, Hayosh joked that she turns to

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Terri Hayosh, the corporate event planner for Andiamo, stands near the Dirty Martini bar inside the Novi complex.

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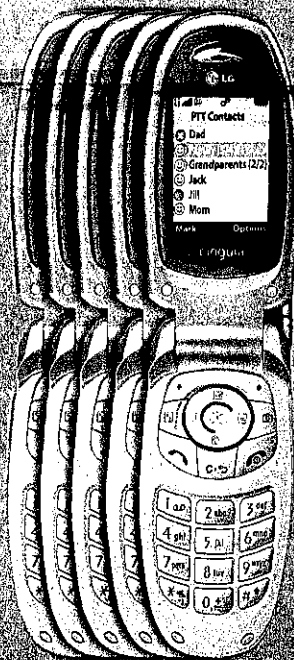
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Robert Lee of New Hudson showed off his 1955 Indian Ivory and gypsy red Chevrolet at the Showcase Wixom car show. He purchased the classic in Milford, finished restoring it himself and has owned it for 11 years.



The line was long for the free balloon art following the dedication of Wixom's Village Center Area. The new Performing Arts Gazebo can be seen in the background.



Kyle Shreve, 11, and Tyler Shreve, 8, of Wixom, liked the marian-themed balloons at Showcase Wixom. The celebration attracted lots of families.

New Village Center dedication represents rebirth for Wixom

Friday event attracts crowd downtown

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Wixom City Manager Mike Doman calls it a renaissance. The city has been reborn with its new downtown area, the Village Center, and area residents came out last Friday night to dedicate the new development at Showcase Wixom.

The dedication ceremony included such dignitaries as Wixom Mayor Michael McDonald, State Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Nowi) and Oakland County Commissioner Jeff Peter (R-South Lyon).

Borrowing words from the city of Wixom's slogan, "A Crossroads Community with Character," Cassis said, "It's much more than a crossroads. It's become a destination."

Cassis recalled when Doman and Tony Nowicki, assistant city manager, invited her to city hall to show her the concept.

The event included everything from food to dance performances to a car show, live music and balloon art for the younger set.

"We all had this dream, and there are still four or five of the original DDA members that worked on this from the start, which was about 12 years ago," Bollore said. "We really saw what could happen when the people of this city voted for a tax millage that enabled the city to buy property. We put that money to good use."

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Town Center event observes 19th year in city

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New this year is a bike parade at 10 a.m. Saturday. "Decorate your bike and come to Town Center Drive and 11 Mile," Kapelczak said.

Free bike helmets will be given to 100 riders. Participants will be awarded in different age groups for the best-decorated bikes.

"We're really hoping to get a good turnout and that this new event goes over well," she said.

Other activities include a parking firm, 5K run, softball tournament and art show and cruise.

Festival headliner Gary Lewis & The Playboys will perform at 9:30 p.m. Saturday, with Rocky

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point presentation summarizing the report.

"That lasted a half hour or less before Foster opened up the floor to the community. There was a brief pause while parents seemed to wait for someone to ask the first question. Once the ice was broken, questions and comments came in a steady stream for the remainder of the session.

Spitting neighborhoods

Several parents from neighborhoods south of 10 Mile road raised concerns that their child would be split up from their neighborhood friends if the redistricting line is drawn as suggested in proposal number seven, which the full committee

State releases list of those with misdemeanors

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The Detroit Free Press, a sister publication of the Novi News, has 12 misdemeanors committed by eight unspecified Novi school employees.

Assistant superintendent for human resources Bob Schram noted that he has met already with all of the employees on the list and the district has no concerns with any of them working in the schools. The names of the employees are exempt from FOIA requests, Schram said.

Getting public input

The forum was the first of two opportunities for the public to comment on the work of the school utilization and redistricting committee, which looked at school facilities, engineered seven proposals for redistricting, and analyzed community education and technology in the district.

A second forum will be held at 7 p.m. August 14 at the TTC forum. The purpose of the sessions, the administration has said, is to give the public a chance to provide feedback on the proposals.

The administration will consider the feedback and comments it gets before making a final recommendation to the board of education at its September 7 meeting.

The board is scheduled to make a decision on the report at its October 5 meeting.

Concerns about Providence

Another concern was raised about the community education section of the report, which suggested exploring a possible partnership of some sort with Providence Park Hospital. One parent noted that Providence's own literature associates it with the Catholic church, meaning there could be separation of church and state issues.

Car shows rev up downtown

Weekly event at Main Street Novi enjoys resurgence

By Matt Doran
STAFF WRITER

The cars have returned to Main Street Novi.

After a three-year hiatus, the Main Street Merchants Association has revived the popular Wednesday night car show at Main Street Novi, Brian Larson,

association president and owner of Larson Jewelry Design, said the last show featured more than 60 cars.

"I wanted to get it going," Larson said. "It's a great venue."

The show began again the second weekend in June. The development received a permit to shut down Main Street each Wednesday from 5 p.m. till dusk so the cars can park. Larson sent people in front and out, but estimated the event attracts 100-200 people.

A few years ago, the car shows attracted 400-500 people and cars would be stretched all the way down Main Street, Larson said. The shows stopped after the last

developer went bankrupt, he said. Larson said customers had been asking him when the shows would start again. He is hoping to build them back up to their former level of popularity throughout the summer, he said.

People can just show up with their cars, Larson said. He's seen all sorts of vehicles, including hot rods, old Chevys and Pontiacs, and lots of Ford Mustangs.

For more information, contact Brian Larson at (248) 347-4653.

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Placement of traffic signal arms at Beck/Grand River questioned

Fix would pull about \$80,000 from city budget

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Have you ever noticed when you pull up to a stoplight that the traffic signal is actually on the opposite side of the intersection? It's something most of don't even think about.

Bal Novi City Council Member Lynne Paul realized recently that this isn't the case at the intersection of Beck Road and Grand River Avenue.

Paul has mentioned the error at a couple of city council meetings. Clay Pearson, city manager, said the Michigan Department of Transportation and Road Commission for Oakland County officials should have reviewed the intersection.

"They found that the signals were correct in that they met all requirements."

Dave Allen of the RCOE, however, said the commission has tentatively sided with the city on placing additional signage at the new Single Point Urban

of Novi to pay for 25 percent of the cost estimated at \$80,000.

A letter-of-intent agreement will be sent to the city after the RCOE Board has approved the budget in September.

Not just the placement

Paul said Providence Hospital officials already have issues with the timing of the lights at the intersection and would like MDOT to perform another formal review.

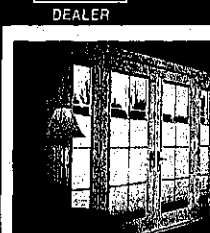
She also wants Speaker of the House Craig DeRoche (R-Now) and State Sen. Nancy Cusick (R-Now) to assist the city.

Council member Andrew March said he has used the intersection and doesn't see the incorrectly-placed signal arms as a problem.

And, Member Terry Margolis said she felt there should be something to show there was an issue with the placement of the signals for the city to spend money to have them moved.

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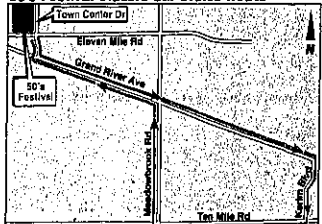
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Event Saturday at 50's festival

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

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Festival-goers can enjoy pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee starting at 8 a.m.

Donations will be accepted for the meal, with proceeds going to the local charitable organization's programs that assist the visually impaired and more.

Patti Barr, new president of the Novi Lions Club, who just took office July 1, encourages area residents to come out, eat some flapjacks and support a good cause.

"We'll probably serve until about 11 a.m.," Barr said. "We don't really have an ending time. If we get a rush at 11 a.m., we'll be there."

The Lions Club helps community members obtain eyeglasses if they can't afford them. It offers scholarships to high school students each year.

Proceeds from their events throughout the year also go outside the community, such as to the Leader Dogs for the Blind organization.

"We like to have the dogs at our activities because they're such a joy," Barr said. "Everybody loves dogs."

The club also donates money to Pruss for a Cause, an organization that trains assistance dogs for those with disabilities and provides lifetime support, encouraging independence.

A longtime Novi resident, Barr has been a member of the Lions Club for five years and founded the Novi Lions Club, which meets at 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at Kim's Restaurant at 11711 Grand River Ave. Those interested in learning more will have an ending time. If we get a rush at 11 a.m., we'll be there.

Barr at (248) 960-3092.

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The Novi list:

- 1977 - Misd. Conspiracy - Stolen Property - Receive and Concoct \$100 or Less
- 1977 - Misd. Stolen Property - Receive and Concoct \$100 or Less
- 1979 - Misd. Operating - Under the Influence
- 1980 - Misd. Conspiracy Malicious Destruction Personal Property \$100 or Less
- 1982 - DISORDERLY PERSON WINDOW PEEPER
- 1982 - DISORDERLY PERSON WINDOW PEEPER
- 1992 - Misd. DWLS 2nd
- 2000 - Misd. LUG SUS REV DEVIANT SUS PER OPERATE
- 2000 - Ordinance Viol. Lic Sus Rev Delet/Lic Sus
- 2005 - Misd. Operating-Impaired
- 2005 - ORDINANCE VIOL OPERATING IMPAIRED
- Misd.-Controlled Substance-Possession of Marijuana

Felons in schools

The release of the misdemeanor convict list follows a Feb.

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The list resulted in the dismissal of custodian John Calhoun, convicted of felony armed robbery in 1996 and "Felony Embezzlement - Agent or Trustee over \$100, Attempt Felony Embezzlement - Agent or Trustee over \$400" in 1994.

The two other employees were retained.

Custodian Daniel Geiner was convicted in 1978 of felony larceny in a building, and in 1986 of felony malicious destruction of fire/police property, and driving under the influence of alcohol.

Electrician Robert Coulman was convicted in 1995 of "Felony Weapons - Carry - Concealed."

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I list given by the state to the Novi Community School District, identifying three employees as convicted felons.

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Does that thing bite?

A group of kids watchee with fascination at Daniel Briers, of Little Creatures Company, during a recent visit to the Novi Public Library. Want to know what he's showing them that's so captivating? Turn to page 16.

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Businesswoman enjoys water

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the "ever-loving Tibo." Her father was a police officer, which sparked her interest in "cop and robbers" shows, like CSI.

She's also getting involved in the Novi area. Though she lives in Waterford, Hayosh is planning on working at the Michigan 50's Festival, and is a member of the Greater Novi Chamber of Commerce.

"I'm starting to get more involved in the community," Hayosh said. "I love this community, I'm familiar with Novi."

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Terrl Hayosh
Residence: She lives in Waterford
Family: Married with four children
How you know her: She is a member of the Greater Novi Chamber of Commerce and handles community relations and group events for Anderson-Hayosh restaurant.
Interesting fact: She is a former record-holding swimmer.
Quote: I'm a people person. I love my job.

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National meeting in Novi looks at communities' preparedness

Cities can't wait until crisis strikes

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

If Hurricane Katrina taught the American public anything it's that when a disaster strikes, communities are on their own for the first 72 hours.

That natural disaster revealed that it takes at least three days for the federal government to mobilize disaster relief efforts.

So, it's important for every village, city and metropolitan area to have its own plan in place.

In an effort to have all cities design a "blueprint" for disaster preparedness, the National Council on Readiness and Preparedness is putting the word out.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NOV NEWS

Former Virginia Gov. James Gilmore meets with Novi acting Fire Chief Jeff Johnson, left, and Novi Police Chief Dave Molloy Friday morning at Walsh College in Novi. They and others were there at the National Council on Readiness and Preparedness where they checked out the latest gear and techniques to deal with large-scale emergency situations.

Walsh College in Novi hosted the first step last Thursday and Friday on a national tour during which public input is being sought for such a blueprint.

Results of this public input will be discussed at the council's national congress Feb. 21-23, 2007, in Washington, D.C.

As head of the city's first responders, Novi Police Chief Dave Molloy and Acting Fire Chief Jeff Johnson attended the event.

The meeting included remarks by former Virginia governor James Gilmore on Friday, chair of the council, on Friday.

Gilmore was governor of Virginia during the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Over the two-day meeting, 112 attendees learned about some of the latest technology available in disaster assistance.

This included demonstrations of a "Scratch-and-Sniff" dog, Raven, from the Search and Technical Rescue Association. Raven, a French dog, only responds to commands in French and can be used to find bodies buried in debris.

The "Sarge Village" set up in the parking lot at Walsh College featured a model of a mobile kitchen that served 2,500 people per meal after the Katrina disaster.

last year and a couple of different types of structures that can be used to treat victims, house people or serve as a command center during a disaster.

The Oakland County Hazardous Materials Response Team truck was also on site.

The National Council on Readiness and Preparedness is a nonprofit, charitable organization whose mission is to establish community-level programs and public-private partnerships that strengthen homeland security.

"We have not yet asked for or acquired any type of government funds," Gilmore said. "This organization is privately funded by individuals who care about the security of this country."

The council is designed as a follow-up to the National Commission on Terrorism and Weapons on Mass Destruction that Gilmore chaired from 1999-2003.

"The core of what we did with this commission was a sense that we absolutely had to have a gen-

Residents submit petition against firearms range

Police say building is safe

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Monika Jackson led a group of residents who submitted a petition against the city's proposed firearms range slated to be built near the police station.

She just wishes it could be built somewhere else in Novi.

After a June 28 meeting at which residents of Orchard Ridge Estates subdivision were briefed on the proposal, Jackson and neighbors Jim and Elise Hinkle went door-to-door.

"I value the input from residents who attended the first information meeting and the subsequent petition," Pearson said. "All of this will be taken into account with facilities recommendations later this year."

Pearson noted that the city has a unique opportunity with the federal drug asset forfeiture funds it has received and will be "deliberate and considerate" with nearby residents.

Council members comment

Terry Margolis, council member, said she's glad residents are getting involved in the process.

"I think we need to have more dialogue about their concerns," she said. "Unfortunately, the petition did not include much information beyond a list of names."

Margolis said she would be interested in discussing the residents' thoughts on the issue.

"In the past couple of weeks, a resident with expertise in the area of noise abatement provided me with some constructive ideas that I think must be addressed before anything is approved."

"I would welcome this same type of discussion with other residents who feel strongly about this issue," she said.

Lynne Paul, council member, said she has not been in favor of a firing range from the beginning.

"Her biggest concern is the city's need to pay down the debt on the current police building due by 2007."

Paul noted that the firing range Novi police currently uses is in Farmington Hills at 11 Mile and Orchard Lake roads and costs \$75 a day.

Paul said the proposed new firearms practice range for the city of Novi would cost at least \$50,000 a year to operate. She said officers will still have to practice at an outside shooting range at a cost of about \$10,000 a year.

"My biggest concern is that the current training setup has worked for more than 10 years and is very fiscally responsible," Paul said.

She noted also that several cities have had to close their firearm range because of the expense.

Residents' feedback wanted

"This process was meant to be very inclusive, and we appreciated the feedback we received from the residents in attendance," Molloy said.

"We always welcome feedback from our community members regardless of the topic."

Molloy said the building analysis is still in its infancy.

"We anticipate having multiple build-out and potential addition options that will ultimately be presented to city council for a policy decision," he said.

Once a decision is made to shut down an existing range, the city will have to practice at an outside shooting range at a cost of about \$10,000 a year.

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Farmington Hills man receives 55-100 years for killing friend

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Life insurance policy initiated

In January 2003, each obtained a \$300,000 life insurance policy and listed the primary beneficiary as "Evasive Enterprises."

In March 2003, both policies were increased to \$600,000. During the investigation, two employees of the insurance company recalled receiving separate telephone calls from Mykolaitis asking if Sanders' policy was paid and up to date.

They, on April 25, 2003, Mykolaitis agreed to an interview at the Novi Police Department with his attorney.

A second interview took place on May 29, 2003. During these interviews Mykolaitis gave conflicting statements.

In a deposition related to the insurance policy, Mykolaitis gave conflicting statements.

He met Mykolaitis when they were both incarcerated at the Kirtland Correctional Facility in Kirtland in the Upper Peninsula. Investigators believe the two concocted the insurance scheme while in prison.

Sill claims he's innocent

Mykolaitis addressed the court on his sentencing day, maintaining his innocence until the end.

"He said that he was innocent, and when he left Sanders he was alive," Lauria said.

Mykolaitis' father, ex-wife and former mother-in-law were present for the sentencing, Lauria said.

"They anticipated a big number, but I don't think they were prepared for the number of (years) that the judge gave him," Lauria said.

He asked that Mykolaitis realize the severity of the sentence.

"When he left the courtroom, he remained to me and my partner that he had just received a death sentence," Lauria said.

Victim lived at Novi Meadows

Sanders lived at the Novi Meadows manufactured home community in Novi and was working at

the House of Sofas in Ann Arbor prior to his murder.

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Mykolaitis wanted a positive recommendation from police on a retail fraud sentence he had received.

"Why would you want to try to

checking accounts, he's renting a manufactured home, he had just bought a used car and had no assets. Why does he need \$600,000 worth of life insurance?" Lauria asked.

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"Why would you want to try to

find some way to benefit from the murder of your supposed best friend?" Lauria asked.

Sanders and Mykolaitis were supposedly working on a drug deal, and police found a scale, latex gloves and plastic baggies in the trunk of Sanders' green Volvo in the parking lot of Deany's Restaurant on Novi Road following the murder. Investigators think Mykolaitis was confident that this evidence would lead police to believe the murder was the result of a drug deal gone bad.

"He thought we would find the body, see the related narcotics paraphernalia and dismiss the entire murder as unworthy of a complete and thorough investigation," Lauria said.

"That was the flaw in his thinking that ultimately was his demise. He underestimated the tenacity of the investigators from the Novi Police Department."

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Novi's Providence Park Hospital to focus on patient before staff

Facility to create over 1,000 new jobs

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Listening to Rob Casalou talk about Novi's new hospital sounds more like a description of a luxury hotel.

The 200-bed hospital, scheduled to open in July 2008 at Beck Road and Grand River Avenue, will focus on patient's needs first — not the staff's needs — right from the get-go, according to Casalou.

Casalou was joined by Jeffrey Zaks, M.D., chief medical officer at Providence Hospital at the July 19 "Dinner with a Doctor" at Providence Park Medical Center.

The two reviewed specifics of the new seven-floor hospital to a roomful of local residents and answered questions after the presentation.

The current Providence Park facility consists of medical offices,

surgical services, the Assarian Cancer Center, and an emergency room whose staff sees about 30,000 patients a year.

"It was designed back in 1992 to only handle 6,500," Casalou said. "We just didn't plan on the growth that we've seen out here."

There's a lot going on where the former Westbrook Golf Course used to be.

The hospital owns about 200 acres, and at least 50 percent of the space will be preserved in its natural state.

"This is going to not only a regional model for a new hospital but a national one," Casalou said.

Health and wellness programs will be part of the picture. "We're working with a yoga studio and a fitness studio," Casalou said.

Walking trails and bike trails will also be part of the hospital campus. The doctors will move into a new medical office building on site.

Other structures will include a neuroscience institute, orthopedics center and surgery center, with the new hospital a separate building.

The current facility will be reserved entirely outpatient procedures.

A preliminary site plan has been approved for a new extended stay hotel on campus, even though all of the 300-square-foot private patient rooms have been designed so a family member can sleep in the room.

"That's good in theory, but the reality is that a lot of patients don't want their relatives to sleep in the room," Casalou said. So, hospital officials thought a nearby hotel was important.

The rooms are also anxiety-adaptable, which simply means that all rooms are equipped to handle all types of medical equipment.

"This is in our minds, a five-star hotel that takes care of very sick people, and it needs to be run in that manner," Casalou said.

A recurring concept at the new hospital will be the patient as a guest. Patient care will be modeled after the famous Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

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"Dinner with a Doctor"

Discussions

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CONTACT: To register, (888) 440-7325, Monday

Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., for more information, Lou

Martin, (248) 485-4855 or e-mail: lou.martin@stjohn.org

TIME: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

DETAILS: These free discussions include dinner, a health presentation and an update on the hospital construction progress.

Reservations are required.

Children's Immunizations

DATE: Tuesday, Aug. 22, Dr. Vinnie Gavini

This includes 24-hour room service instead of the carts and the passing of the tray. "You will be able to call for your own meals," Casalou said. Of course, choices are more-

limited if a patient is on a special diet.

Visiting hours also won't be restricted. The faith-based hospital will also feature non-denominational, spiritual-related scriptures throughout its campus.

"We want it to be a place that has a feeling of spirituality," Casalou said.

Medical records are also being transferred to computers, so that a patient's information can be accessed in different areas of the hospital.

This "electronic record" is a new trend in health care which enables patients to take their medical records with them as well.

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The entire sixth floor of the hospital can also be converted into 66 additional rooms if officials receive permission from the state to add beds in the future.

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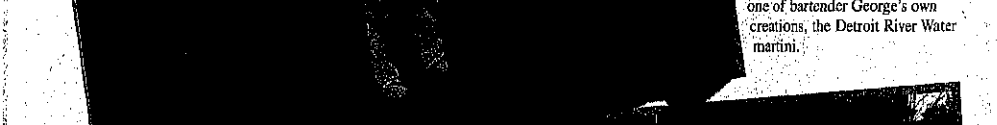
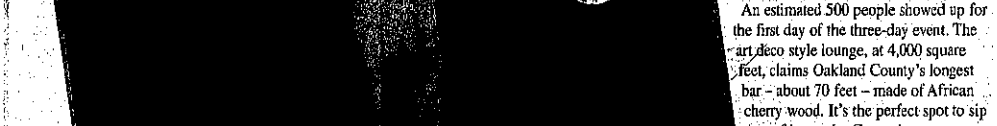
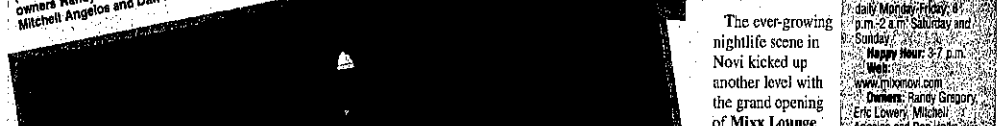
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Above: Gina Kozlowski, co-founder of the Greater Novi Chamber of Commerce, chats with Dan Helka, one of Mixx's four owners.

Right: GNCC Executive Director Whitney McClellan (left) shares a laugh with Shar Batley and Brad Alleyah.

Below: The official ribbon-cutting ceremony included Clay Pearson, Novi city manager (second from the left) and Mixx Lounge owners Randy Gregory, Eric Lowery, Mitchell Angello and Dan Helka.



Mixx it up!

Details
Name: Mixx Lounge
Location: 45155 Main Street, downtown Novi
Hours: 5 p.m.-2 a.m. daily Monday-Friday, 8 p.m.-2 a.m. Saturday and Sunday
Happy Hour: 3-7 p.m.
Web: www.mixxnovi.com
Owners: Randy Gregory, Eric Lowery, Mitchell Angello and Dan Helka

The ever-growing nightlife scene in Novi kicked up another level with the grand opening of Mixx Lounge last Thursday. Hundreds of guests were treated to complimentary martinis and food, courtesy of Momma Vera's, J. J. Land, Bora Bora and Bi-Bim-Bobbie's new venue.

The festivities began at 5 p.m. with a ribbon-cutting by the city of Novi and Greater Novi Chamber of Commerce at 6:30 p.m. The Reelermen (Bobby East and James Wallin) provided the classic rock entertainment.

An estimated 500 people showed up for the first day of the three-day event. The art deco style lounge, at 4,000 square feet, claims Oakland County's longest bar — about 70 feet — made of African cherry wood. It's the perfect spot to sip one of bartender George's own creations, the Detroit River Water martini.

Guests enjoyed plenty of great food and drinks while meeting new friends and catching up with old acquaintances at the grand opening of Mixx Lounge Thursday night.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Walled Lake Church of Christ

LOCATION: 1401 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake
CONTACT: (248) 624-4600
Car Cruise and Show
DATE: Saturday
TIME: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
DETAILS: This event will feature prizes, raffles, refreshments and a DJ. There will also be a dancing demonstration by Dance Dynamics. Proceeds will benefit The Hospitality House, a food pantry serving the Walled Lake school district.

10 a.m. Worship Center for ages 3-7

10 a.m. All ages
Lunch Hour Worship
TIME/DAY: 12:10-12:50 p.m., Wednesday ongoing
DETAILS: This will include scripture and Holy Communion.
Youth Worship
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., second and fourth Sunday of every month
DETAILS: All youth are welcome.

Holy Family

LOCATION: 2405 Meadowbrook Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or visit www.holyfamily.org
Catholic Faith Questions
DETAILS: The church has information available regarding "Being Catholic, What's All About?"
CONTACT: Maria, (248) 349-8847 or maria@holyfamily.org
Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting
DATE: Last Wednesday of each month, ongoing
TIME: 10-11 a.m.
DETAILS: This free informational meeting is open to all adoptive families in Oakland County. Childcare is available. Registration is required.
CONTACT: Lisa Maltby, (248) 334-3595

Meadowbrook Congregational

LOCATION: 21355 Meadowbrook Road
CONTACT: Rev. Dr. E. Neil Hunt, (248) 308-7757 or visit www.mbc.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 10 a.m.

Novi United Methodist

LOCATION: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-2652

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross

LOCATION: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 427-1175 or www.churchoftheholycross.com
Sunday Worship
TIME: 7:45 and 10 a.m., Sunday School
TIME: 9 a.m. Adult Bible Study;

St. James Catholic

LOCATION: 46325 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 347-7778

Commerce United Methodist

LOCATION: 1155 North Commerce Road, Commerce Township
CONTACT: (248) 363-3935

First United Methodist of Northville

LOCATION: 777 W. Right Mile Road, Northville
CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or visit www.fumcnorthville.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 8:30-10 a.m. and 11 a.m.
Community Healing Service
DATE: First Monday of every month
DETAILS: This service is open to anyone asking God for healing in their life, or that of someone close to them.

St. Paul Lutheran

LOCATION: 201 Elm St., Northville
CONTACT: (248) 349-3440
Kindergarten Registration
DETAILS: Children who will be 5-years-old by Friday, Dec. 1 may register for full-day or half-day kindergarten at St. Paul's Lutheran School.

Faith Community Presbyterian

LOCATION: 44100 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-2445 or visit www.faithcommunity-pc.org

Summer Worship and Sunday School

TIME: 10 a.m.
The Bahai' Faith
LOCATION: 23833 Ripple Creek St., Novi
DETAILS: This is a gathering focusing on prayers for peace. People of all faiths are welcome.

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

LOCATION: 200 E. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-0911
Single Pews Ministries
CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singlepeew.org
Thursday Program-Ongoing
TIME: 7:30, social; 8 p.m. program
DETAILS: The cost is \$5 per person. Programs and speakers vary.

Walking Group

TIME: 11:30 a.m.
LOCATION: First, second and fourth Saturday, Big Apple Bagel Shop, 2334 Farmington Road, Farmington; Third Saturday, Panera Bread Co., 34635 Grand River Ave., Farmington
DETAILS: This is a walking/social group. Everyone is invited.

St. John Lutheran

LOCATION: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills
CONTACT: (248) 474-0584 or visit www.stjohn-lutheran.com
Vacation Bible School
DATE: Aug. 7-11
TIME: 9 a.m.-noon
DETAILS: The cost is \$15 per person. The theme is "All About! The Gospel Express!"
Sunday Worship
TIME/DATE: 8:30-9:50 and 11 a.m. Sunday
TIME: 9 a.m.

Christie Mullins is getting ready to send her son, Christopher off to college.

But before she lets go, Mullins said she wants to make sure he's ready. "I've got to do all the motherly stuff," Mullins said. "I lived in a dorm once upon a time. It wasn't pleasant, but I'm hoping to help with his experience."
Mullins said she's always spoiled her son. "It's my only child, and I want everything in the world for him," she said. "If I means spending a lot of money, I mean that. Why I work."
Many parents are getting ready to send their kids back to school, whether that be elementary, middle or high school, or even college.
Art Van Furniture is hosting a back-to-school open house Saturday from noon-3 p.m. to help parents get in the swing of school shopping once again.
All 29 stores across the state, including the Novi location, located at 2774 Novi Road, are offering bedroom and dorm room displays, for parents to brainstorm back-to-school decorating strategies.
Students will also be able to meet with representatives from Sylvan Learning Center to find out how to practice good study habits and the Missing Notices Association will be administering meningitis vaccines and giving complimentary eye exams.

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Take personal photos and mementos to dress up your desk or walls for colorful study sessions.
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BUSINESS

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Tentative Tower agreement made

Tower Automotive announced tentative contract agreements with the United Auto Workers union (UAW) and the United Steelworkers union (USW) covering approximately 2,100 Tower employees. The agreements are subject to ratification by both unions' affected members, and they also must be approved by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court overseeing Tower's Chapter 11 case. Details of the agreements will be released after the ratification process is completed.
"These agreements are a major step toward assuring Tower's future as a profitable, competitive automotive supplier," said Kathleen Ligecki, president and chief executive officer of Tower. "While the issues addressed in the negotiations were challenging, all parties worked hard to achieve a negotiated settlement that provides Tower's future and complement agreements already reached with our Milwaukee unions and retirees. Assuming these agreements are ratified by the union memberships and approved by the Bankruptcy Court, we will be one major step closer to the completion of our reorganization plan and our emergence from Chapter 11 later this year. I want to thank our Tower colleagues for all their hard work and dedication that have been so important to our reorganization process."

Trying to fight Kroger

A coalition of Detroit community, religious, and labor organizations is urging Michigan consumers not to shop at Kroger Stores until the mega-grocery chain reverses its decision to transfer work from a Livonia penshables warehouse to Ohio, resulting in the loss of approximately 250 current jobs and potentially 250 more by 2008. Kroger plans to move these Michigan jobs to an Ohio warehouse that pays sub-standard wages and benefits, coalition representatives said.
Coalition members will detail their concerns about these job losses, which will bring hardship to Michigan families and have a ripple effect on the surrounding communities and businesses.

Health study approved

Wisconsin-based Rockwell Medical Technologies Inc., manufacturer and developer of concentrates and specialty pharmaceuticals focused on the end-stage renal disease market (ESRD), reported that the Western Institutional Review Board (WIRB) has approved the Company's National Institutes of Health (NIH) sponsored study protocol for examining the prospective advantages of soluble ferric pyrophosphate (SFP) delivery via dialysis in hemodialysis patients. The nine-month study is expected to begin in the third quarter of 2006.
The WIRB provides review services for more than 100 institutions (academic centers, hospitals, networks and in-house biotech research), as well as for individual investigators in all 50 states and internationally. The WIRB has worked with all major pharmaceutical and device manufacturers, CROs and the biotech industry.
The National Institutes of Health (NIH), a part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is the primary Federal agency for conducting and supporting medical research. Helping to lead the way toward important medical discoveries that improve people's health and save lives, NIH scientists investigate ways to prevent disease as well as the causes, treatments, and even cures for common and rare diseases.
Rockwell's proprietary iron-delivery product, SFP, is a soluble form of iron called Ferric Pyrophosphate. SFP is designed to provide physiological iron maintenance for hemodialysis patients by delivery of SFP via dialysis. Compared to intravenous (IV) iron administration, early clinical study results for SFP have shown that delivering iron via dialysis is a safe and effective method for maintaining iron balance in dialysis patients, while at the same time eliminating associated nursing and pharmaceutical IV iron administration costs.

Testing wireless

The Road Commission for Oakland County, Michigan (RCOC), the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and Schaumburg, Illinois-based telecommunications giant Motorola, have

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Administration: Low MEAP scores only one measurement

Scores are more complex than first glance reveals, say Novi's officials

By Matt Doran
STAFF WRITER

MEAP scores only tell a small part of the story when it comes to gauging where students stand academically.

"That's the message from Novi Community School District administrators, following the July 14 release of MEAP scores for the class of 2006 which were lower in math, reading and writing than scores from the year before.

Small gains were registered in science and social studies, but scores were still down overall.

"This is just one indicator of the overall educational performance of our students," said assistant superintendent for academic services Nancy Davis. "A test like the MEAP can only measure so much."

Davis noted that Novi still ranks within the top 10 school districts in Oakland County, and said the district's MEAP scores are still well above state averages.

A compilation of scores

Jane Hesse, director of K-12 curriculum and assessment, said the recently released scores are actually a compilation of results from every MEAP taken by members of the class of 2006 at Novi High School, who graduated this May.

Students have the opportunity to take the MEAP up to six times throughout high school, and the scores are actually a combination of the highest results from each of the MEAPs taken by the class of 2006, Hesse said. This makes it difficult to compare the results, since the score may be made up of sections from tests taken in different years entirely.

"The scores are not those from the MEAP given this spring to 11th graders. Those results are still not out, Hesse said.

Analyzing the results

Davis said the administration will be looking at the sub-populations of students who took the tests, such as

students new to Novi versus those who have been in the district a long time, to gather more information.

She likened the process to peeling away the layers of an onion, and said school principals typically take the lead in working to raise MEAP scores.

"Of course, we're always concerned about any dip in a score," Davis said. "We'll be looking at the results when classroom teachers return. (The MEAP is) more important now than it ever has been. We do take it seriously."

Davis noted that the increase in science scores follows an overhaul of the district's K-12 science curriculum. Social studies scores were also up, but she said low scores on that section of the test are a problem throughout the state. Social studies including civics, government, economics, and current social issues, Davis said.

More data needed

Both Davis and Hesse emphasized that MEAP scores tell only a small bit about students' academic progress. Davis said looking at long-term trends and other indicators of proficiency is necessary.

Hesse noted that a variety of factors can cause scores to change year by year. For example, one graduating class may have higher overall scores than another because its students chose to retake the MEAP more often, raising their scores.

"Sweeping curriculum changes are never made in response to one set of lower MEAP scores, Hesse said.

"We really need to have other data sets," she said.

Changes on the horizon

Although the MEAP changes from year to year, Hesse said next year the test will essentially cease to exist in its current form and will be replaced by a combination of the ACT and other tests that gauge different areas of state requirements.

"The district will be looking for ways to help students caught in the transition period, Hesse said.

"It's totally different," she said. "It's a balancing act and the worst part is students get caught in the middle."

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Results

MEAP scores fell slightly overall compared to last year in the Novi Community School District. The test results, released by the state July 14, show that although pairs were made in science and social studies, scores are still down overall compared to last year, with results slipping in math, reading and writing.

In math, roughly 74.6 percent of Novi High School students met or exceeded state standards, down from 78 percent in 2005.

In reading, roughly 84 percent met or exceeded state standards, down from roughly 89 percent in 2005.

In science, roughly 77.6 percent met or exceeded state standards, up from roughly 75.2 percent in 2005.

In social studies, roughly 51 percent met or exceeded state standards, up from roughly 45 percent in 2005.

In writing, roughly 76.6 percent met or exceeded state standards, down from roughly 80 percent in 2005.

More students took the test this year. In 2005, 435 students took the math portion of the MEAP at Novi High School, 432 took the reading portion, 433 took the science and social studies portion, and 431 took the writing portion.

In 2006, 494 took the reading portion, and 406 took the math, science, social studies, and writing portions.

Novi's scores were lower overall than those recorded at Northville High School, which had higher marks in math, reading, and writing, and lower marks in science.

South Lyon High School outscored Novi in reading, science, social studies, and writing, but fell behind in math.

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Marching orders: New members gear up at mini band camp

Three-day camp helps students make the transition

By Matt Doran
STAFF WRITER

It's quiet enough to fool you into thinking the building is empty.

The backpacks and water bottles stashed on the lonely desks in the classroom give off the eerie sensation of an alien abduction. Where did everybody go?

You step across the hallway, and pass through what looks like a storage room. As you round the corner, a small auditorium suddenly opens in front of you, like a hidden cave, and there they are: the roughly 60 new members of the Novi High School Marching Band, lined up row by row, holding their instruments and stretching as "Don't Worry, Be Happy" plays in the background.

It's the second day of mini-band camp at Novi High School, and the kids are stretching more than just their bodies: they're learning new terminology, working on perfecting their posture, and holding their instruments correctly, learning how to decipher different charts, and most importantly, they're learning how to march.

New challenges

Moving quickly around the perimeter and taking attendance while the kids stretch is Mark Hourigan, the tall, tanned director of bands at Novi High School who's conducting his fifth mini-band camp.

The new members are mostly incoming freshmen, with a sopho-

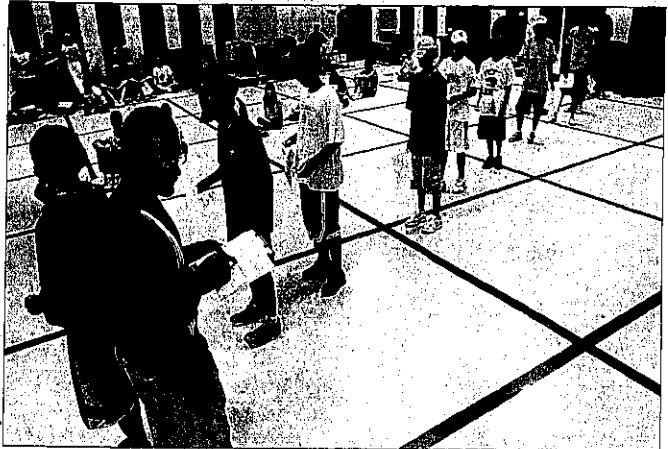


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Jon Thomann, a student teacher, works Thursday afternoon with incoming Novi High marching band freshmen on where to place themselves on the football field during their drills.

more transfer student or two mixed in. It's Hourigan's job to make sure they're prepared for the upcoming mini-band camp, when all of the marching band's members will gather to get ready for this season's activities.

"The focus of this camp is to teach the new kids the physical aspects of marching band," Hourigan said. "The end result is we want these kids to feel confident in the physical aspects when they come to the main camp."

Playing music is old hat for most

of the new members, but learning to do it while holding their instruments properly and marching in formation is a new challenge. On top of that, Hourigan said the camp focuses on a lot of "chalk talk," teaching kids new terminology and how to read drill charts. They also

learn to identify their place on a football field by reading a gridded map with coordinates.

The camp begins with stretching. Hourigan said, to prepare the kids for the physical rigors of being in the marching band.

"It's a very intense activity," he

said. "It's very demanding physically."

Incoming freshman Maria Eloff was involved with band throughout middle school, where she took up bass clarinet because "we didn't actually have any in the band." She said she was enjoying the mini-

camp because the kids were learning new skills without being pressured.

"It's actually really fun," Eloff said. "You meet new people and I love making music. Band's my favorite class."

Marching isn't entirely new to Eloff; her middle school band performed in a parade this past Memorial Day. However, marching backwards and reading coordinate charts were new to her.

"The music this year is more difficult than middle school," she said.

"More than ready"

This year marks the first time the marching band will have more than 200 members, Hourigan said. By the time the trial camp had wrapped up last Thursday afternoon, he was feeling good about his new members.

"Everything went great," Hourigan said. "We had three very productive days."

He said the group is "more than ready" for the main camp, and said the new members succeeded because they came armed with good attitudes and a willingness to work together.

The new recruits were the most prepared group he's worked with during his tenure as director of bands at Novi High School, Hourigan said.

"I went really well," he said. "I'm very pleased."

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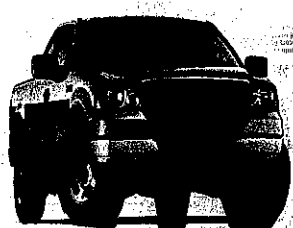
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WORLD SERIOUS

Northville hosts NABF World Series — but still searching for first win

For the past 23 years, Northville has played host to the NABF World Series. Through the years there have been big wins for teams that come from Indiana, New York and all corners of the country. But a championship for

Northville? It has never happened. Just don't tell the Northville Broncos.

Coached by Rich Welch, the Broncos come into this season with some exceptional experience, returning several players from last year's squad.

Can they win it all? Will they? Who knows? Baseball is anybody's game. A big hit or a great pitcher can be all the difference in a contest.

But the World Series has never been about winning a championship for the home squad.

The Northville players are sometimes awed by the talent they face in the tourney and sometimes they are all smiles with just how close they were to the best competition in the series.

This year the Broncos will take to the diamond to play their own version of the Midsummer Classic. They will pitch and hit and field to the best of their abilities and when the dust settles at home plate they might end up with some wins. They may have a championship.

And if they don't? It has never mattered to Northville. The fans come out and cheer their Broncos. The coaches pat their players on the back. The players shake each others' hands.

The NABF Junior World Series, which starts today at Northville High School and continues through Saturday's championship game, is about more than just wins and titles for the Broncos. It's about fun. It's about the experience. It's about being able to sit down 10 years down the road and point at the television screen

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and saying that once, back in the NABF World Series in little old Northville, they played against that professional pitcher.

That's what the Broncos are entering this tournament to get to do. They will go in and play and represent their community. They'll do all of it well. They always do. As long as Northville hosts the tournament their home team will continue to do it well.

And if there are wins then it's icing on the cake. If there are losses, then there will be lessons learned and memories made. No matter the outcome, the Broncos will benefit from every swing, every pitch and every minute of their time at the World Series.

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U-11 Travel Baseball Tryouts

Tryouts for the Novi Powercats U-11 Baseball Travel Team will be 9:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Aug. 12 and 6-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 22 at the Maybury State Park field. Players must be 11-years-old or younger on or before May 1, 2007.

The coaching philosophy provides for a positive/fun environment with a focus on teaching the players the fundamentals along with encouraging the players to enjoy the game while competing at a high level. The season is March-June, which is designed so that players as this age can learn and participate in other sports.

If interested, you will be encouraged to contact parents from this year's team to gain information regarding the coaching staff, etc. Please contact Jim Cox (Head Coach), (248) 735-0410 or Todd Boyer (Manager), (248) 347-3182.

Volleyball camp

A volleyball camp for athletes grades 3rd-9th is currently taking registrations through Novi Community Education. The camp will be packed with instruction, techniques and drills a player needs to play basketball well. Emphasis will be placed on the fundamentals of volleyball.

Cost for the camp, which will be run by Novi varsity volleyball coach Julie Fivette, is \$100. It will run from July 31-August 4 and will be held at the Novi High School Field House.

For more information or to register, please contact Novi Community Education at (248) 449-1206.

Basketball Academy

A limited enrollment of 18 players for each session of the Summer Basketball Academy provides the most dynamic basketball experience in Michigan. High School and Middle School players who are serious about taking their skills to the next level will receive personalized training from professional basketball instructor Coach Paul Tripp.

Current and former players have achieved All-State honors and gone on to play at the college level.

Location: Highland Middle School (M-59 at Midford Rd.)
Players: Boys and Girls, 12-18 years old
Instruction: Training will focus on overall player development in a teachable environment.

- Shooting: off the pass, dribble, spot-up, pull-up and step-back
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- Ball-handling: against pressure, creating separation, spins
- Defensive situations and techniques on the ball, denial, help, pick and roll
- Moves to the basket with an aggressive mind-set
- Decision-making and execution in scrimmage situations 1-on-1 to 5-on-5

Price per player: \$125 per session
Players should bring clothes and shoes for basketball workouts as well as a non-carbonated beverage for each day of camp.

For more information, please visit www.novipsc.com/basketballguru



Recognition

(Left to right) Novi High School Assistant Soccer Coach Mike McShane, Stephanie Crawford, Kristine Chaklos, Jessica Barnet, Lauren Marchionni and Coach Brian O'Leary were recently honored by Oakland County Commissioner and Board Vice Chairman Hugh D. Crawford of Novi. The Wildcat girls earned their second straight Division I state title with a 3-1 win over cross-town rival Northville. The team was 24-0 on the season.

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Northville Mustangs win U12 qualifier

The Northville Mustangs U12 Baseball team hammered out 41 runs during an eight-game tournament on Father's Day weekend and received an invitation to the National Baseball Congress (NBC) State Finals in July. The Mustangs scored early and often at the tournament held at the Charlotte American Legion, beating teams from Kalamazoo, West Michigan (Grand Rapids) and Olivet.

The first game combined stellar pitching and big hits for a 15-0 opening win against the West Michigan Lakers, setting the pace for the rest of the tournament. Mitch Alameddine and Max Williams combined for a three-hit shutout, as the Mustangs hit and ran their way past Kalamazoo.

In the final game of the round robin on an overcast Father's Day, Northville faced another undefeated team from Olivet. Northville completed their 3-0 tournament run with a 12-2 romp. Ryan Powell came in to slam the door and get the save.

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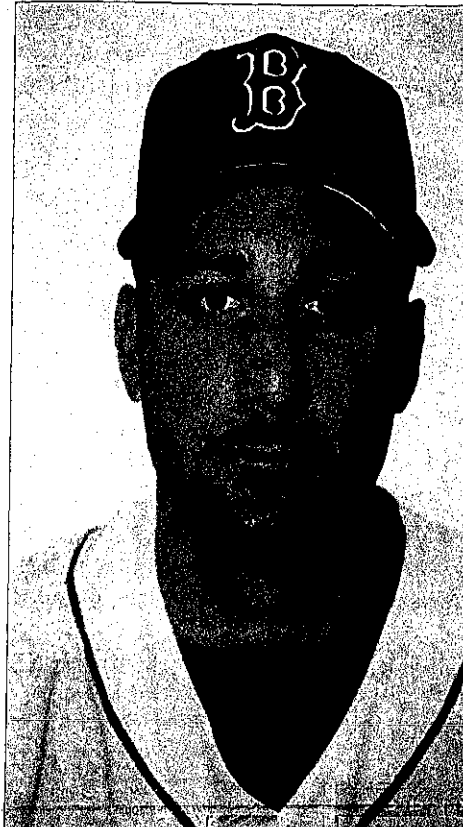
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Jake Peavy, Pitcher, San Diego Padres

Peavy was selected by the San Diego Padres in the 15th round of the 1999 amateur draft. As a right-handed pitcher, Peavy made his major league baseball debut June 22, 2002 and has since gone on to win over 40 games and was selected to the All-Star game in 2005.

JJ Putz, Pitcher, Seattle Mariners

Major League Baseball pitcher Putz earned his nod to the professional ranks in 1999 as the sixth-round pick by the Seattle Mariners. He made his debut Aug. 11, 2003 and has earned a place as the closer for the Mariners, earning six wins and 10 saves.

Austin Kearns, Right Pitcher, Washington Nationals

Any player selected in the first round of the major league draft is likely to have a strong career and Kearns hasn't let anyone down. Selected as the seventh overall pick in the first round of the 1998 draft, Kearns has climbed through the ranks, hitting .266 over four years with a .461 slugging average.

Tony Graffanino, Third Baseman, Kansas City Royals

With over 10 years experience in the major league baseball ranks, Graffanino landed a spot with the struggling Kansas City Royals after being picked up on waivers from the Boston Red Sox.

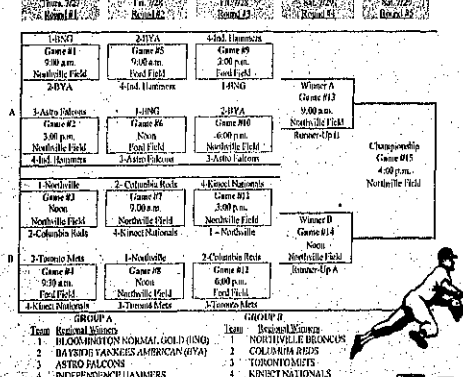


Austin Kearns was the seventh overall selection in the 1998 Major League Baseball draft. He played in the 1999 NABF World Series, hosted in Northville.



Pitcher JJ Putz (left) played in the 1998 NABF World Series, and was a sixth-round draft pick of the Seattle Mariners. Jake Peavy, who played in the 1999 NABF World Series, was a 15th-round draft pick of the San Diego Padres and last year played in the Major League All-Star Game.

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Congratulations, Northville!
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'PONY' up! Local youth baseball league pitches fun first ... winning third

By Courtney Rathowski
SPECIAL WRITER

In a league where the Molby Cheese Sticks play the Big Macs to determine the champion of the possession tournament, enjoying the baseball season is more important than winning the final game.

The Pony League, a division of the Novi Youth Baseball League, is a volunteer-based, non-trophy baseball program. In the summer, 13 and 14-year-old Novi athletes can choose to play house baseball in the Pony League or try out for the Novi Heat, the city's travel team.

"The program complements each other," said Chuck Agnew, Pony League director, for Novi house baseball. "In the house division, there aren't trophies. As long as you sign up, you get to play ... so you have a wide range of kids. You have some kids who could play travel, but decide not to for whatever reason; and they're really good. Then, you have other kids who are not as good but want to play baseball."

A preseason draft determined the placement of Pony League athletes into 15 teams from Northville, Novi and South Lyon. On July 10, the six Novi Pony League teams began a double-elimination house tournament with a championship game on Monday, July 24.

The Novi Molby Cheese Sticks, named for their green uniforms, were 3-1 in the regular season and 3-1 in the playoffs before Monday's championship game.

"The coaches select the All-

stars after the season's over," Agnew said. "They usually don't select them during the tournament; they try and look at a whole season before they make the commitment of who they're going to send."

As in the house tournament, the athletes in the All-Star game will represent the teamwork and spirit of the Pony League's summer baseball season.

"We stress three things in this order: teaching, sportsmanship, and being in a position to win," Agnew said. "For us, it's more about building character than it is winning."

"I just keep telling the boys that everyone has an impact on the game," DePotter added. "Don't get hung up on the small stuff. Have fun."

"We're leaving fun"

Marcus, Doug McGinn, David Plante, Wes Smith, and Matthew Waldrop play for the Novi Molby Cheese Sticks.

The Big Macs, with the help of four solid pitchers and strong steam hitting, had a 12-2 regular season record and a 3-0 record in the playoffs before the July 24 championship game.

"I've coached some of these boys for seven or eight years now, off and on," Agnew said. "We know most of these boys before we drafted them, and they're just great kids."

"I have as much fun watching Mark DePotter's team be suc-

cessful as I do watching my own boys be successful. I've coached half his team, too, at some point. It's just great to have that kind of competitive spirit, and at the same time, this great sportsmanship."

Members of the Big Macs include Mark Anway, Nicholas Colacino, Ryan Coodes, Daniel Egner, Chad Hulath, Jordan Jabbari, Ryan Jek, Jeremy Mims, Andrew Palmer, James Pitcher, Matthew Volchert, and Mark Wagner.

After the conclusion of the house tournament, Novi head coaches will select four athletes from each team to play in the All-Star game on Saturday, July 29. The game is scheduled for 9 a.m. at Novi's Community Sports Park.

"The coaches select the All-



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Home Owners... Does Your Home Have A Whole House Fan?

What is a Whole House Fan?
Whole house fans are designed to exchange the air of the home's living space, thereby reducing the heat radiating down from the roof and attic areas. This helps improve ventilation and increased evaporative cooling for the home. Many home owners do not have a good understanding of what are the proper operations of a whole house fan. The best place to start is by reading and understanding the manufacturer's manual.

How does a whole house fan work?
When the whole house fan is running it will draw cool outside air into the living space through open windows. The air in the living space is then pulled into the attic which in turn pushes the hot attic air out via the attic vents. This will help reduce the temperature within the home and attic in an efficient manner. Note: Whole house fans and air conditioning should not be used at the same time. The most efficient manner to use a whole house fan is when the outdoor temperature is a minimum of five degrees cooler than the home's indoor temperature. Not all windows need to be opened. Centrally located windows should be opened and placed six inches as desired. It is recommended to open the windows on the cooler side of the home depending on the hour of the day and the location of the sun. This will bring in the coolest air for cooling the home.



Randall Patterson

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Is the whole house fan safe to operate?

As a home inspector I have found many units with unsafe wiring, worn belts, attic insulation over the fan housing, blocked soffit vents, loose/broken framing, broken joists, and improper fan controls. It is recommended that the whole house fan be installed on a separate electrical circuit, with no other electrical wiring on the breaker. This will allow for proper shut down during winter months without affecting other home electrical connections.

In addition it is essential to verify the proper attic ventilation system as used properly consists of soffit vents and roof/ridge vents to the whole house fan requirements. It is recommended to have approximately 1 Sq. ft. of attic ventilation for every 750 cfm (cubic feet per minute) of the fan's airflow.

As part of ongoing home maintenance and to ensure the whole house fan is operating efficiently and safely, routine check and observe the following:

- Ensure attic vents are clear of insulation and other materials (soffit & roof/ridge)
- Are the proper attic vents installed
- Ensure ceiling penetrations into attic are sealed, for light leaks, attic hatches, etc. If not then hot air can leak back into the home from the attic)
- Ensure whole house fan is properly mounted and in good condition.
- Are the fan blades protected by a guard
- Do the blades wobble when running
- Does the fan vibrate when running
- Is the belt in good condition
- Do the fan louvers operate properly
- Ensure fan controls are out of reach of small children to avoid accidental operation of fan that could lead to unsafe conditions in the home.
- Backdrafting can occur if the whole house fan is not used properly with windows opened. If the windows are not opened or the attic does not have the proper ventilation then combustible appliances, such as hot water heaters, gas dryers, and fireplaces, may create a risk of backdrafting. This could lead to carbon monoxide entering the home. Instead carbon monoxide detectors in the main living area sleeping areas to provide family safety and protection.
- Monitor the attic space to ensure there is no condensation build up, which could lead to mildew/mold development.

To avoid cold air leaks during winter months, we recommend that the whole house fan be covered and sealed during winter months. When this process is followed, place a piece of tape over the well seals (cover for the fan and tag the bracket in the electrical panel as being shut down. Turn the breaker to the off position. This will help you remember to clear the fan insulation seal prior to using the fan in the spring time of the year. Make sure all family members know not to operate the whole house fan in winter months or prior to clearing the whole house fan insulation seal.

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Expanding their capabilities, Dr. Todd Adelson will soon be joining his brother, Dr. Howard Adelson, joining two of the state's most extensively trained pair of eye surgeons in one location. Each has performed an additional year of training in cataract and laser vision correction.

One of the most exciting developments in implants includes the ReSTOR and ReZoom lenses, which are multi-focal and have the ability to adjust to multiple distances. Implants can also be inserted in patients without astigmatism who wish to be completely free of glasses.

"It's so cool using the latest surgical techniques and technology the patient can see up close or far away in less than 10 minutes. A vast majority of patients can see without any type of glasses," Todd Adelson believes most people are capable of improved vision. Today, more than ever, there are so many new techniques and solu-

tions to select from. "We can provide the patient with multiple options. We specialize in determining what's best for each patient," Adelson added.

Implants/after cataract surgery and otherwise
The area of cataract surgery is one that's seen tremendous advances in recent years, including the ability to insert an intraocular lens. Previously, implants were mono-focal, best suited for distance vision, and lacked the ability to adjust vision for near vision or midrange vision.

Another option is "CK" or Conductive Keratoplasty, a non-laser procedure that can reduce or eliminate farsightedness and presbyopia.

It can benefit those who have difficulty reading small print without bifocals or reading glasses. The entire procedure takes less than five minutes per eye and can be performed in the doctor's office. Most people can resume their normal activity within 24 hours.

Improving appearances as well as sight, they can also offer eyelid surgery correcting upper eyelid drooping, excess eyelid skin and outward turning of the eyelid. These problems can cause eye discomfort, limit vision and affect appearance.

On the Leading Edge

Technology once again paved the way for improved treatment with the latest diagnostic equipment called Optical Coherence Tomography, or OCT for short. It is a new addition to the Adelson Eye and Laser Center which allows the Ophthalmologists to study the eye in a very high resolution. This makes it possible to see different areas or layers in the eye to determine where pathology lies. What this means to the patient is a comfortable, quick and accurate diagnosis of potentially serious eye problems such as glaucoma, macular degeneration, diabetes and many more.

Cautions

When it comes to "bargain basement" deals and "buy-one-get-one-free" schemes, both doctors discourage compromising the quality of care they provide when it comes to caring for your eyesight. As the saying goes, you get what you pay for. Adelson Eye and Laser Center promises to offer only the finest possible care and results for their patients. They'll never compromise the patient's eye care to second-rate equipment or bargain prices. The Center prides themselves on quality of care, honesty, integrity and practicing medicine the way patients expect.

"We'll never mislead our patients," says Dr. Todd Adelson.

All in the Family

Although they took different routes on the way to their success, the brothers eventually ended up at the same point. In July, Dr.

Todd Adelson will join his brother, Dr. Howard Adelson, at the existing Northville practice to form one of the most highly trained and comprehensive medical and eye surgical care centers in the area. Dr. Todd Adelson will bring his unique attributes and extensive background from the Philadelphia College of Ophthalmic Medicine in affiliation with the world renowned Wills Eye Hospital, where he served residency in the field of ophthalmology from 2002 to 2005. He is looking forward to joining the Northville practice with his brother.

"I'm excited about it," Todd said. "We've talked about it for years. It's something we've thought about since I began my training nine years ago." He said they share the same philosophy as where they want to take the practice.

Traditional Services

In addition to surgery and diagnostic and corrective procedures, the Adelson Eye and Laser Center performs routine eye exams, screening for diabetes and glaucoma. They are also available for emergency care. Dr. Todd Adelson points out, "many illnesses in the body can be revealed through the general health of the eyes."

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