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Safe beginnings



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Novi Meadows' sixth grade house will have new traffic directions at its entrance to keep cars out of the bus drive.

Student drop-off traffic redesignated at Novi schools

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

With a new year set to begin Tuesday, some of Novi's schools are attempting to fix traffic congestion problems near their buildings.

With so many students dropped off during bus arrival times, the sight of kids running across the street among heavy traffic hasn't been uncommon in recent years.

Meadow-ing with mayhem

The district rearranged several traffic signs and laid out some new paint and cones to help simplify issues at Novi Meadows Elementary School.

Last year, parents often used the Educational Services Building parking lot as a drop-off loop for their children, forcing students to cross the bus driveway to get to the Sixth Grade House entrance at Novi Meadows. The one-way bus driveway had an additional danger as many parents often drove north up the southbound-only



road. Moving a few "Do not enter" and "Buses only" signs so they will be more visible to drivers will be partnered with a new white stop line painted on the ground at the end of the bus driveway, using the traffic indicators to keep vehicles out of the bus driveway during arrival and departure times.

"I don't think it's going to be a huge inconvenience for anyone," said Dan Tooman, Transportation director for Novi Schools. "The safest way to do a bus drop is to keep them separate from cars."

The other portion of the change is the Educational Services Building parking lot will be coned off and monitored by a parent volunteer, who will explain the new traffic diagnostics to drivers and move cones if someone needs to get to the Educational Services Building offices. Parents will be directed

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Teacher contract talks on track

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

Novi Community Schools and the Novi Education Association plan to have an agreement reached on the terms of teacher contracts before school begins Sept. 2.

District officials met with Novi Education Association President Tom Brenner and others Aug. 19 and spent 10 hours Tuesday discussing the contracts.

The two parties planned to meet again today to finalize contract terms.

"We're about 99 percent there," said Bob Schram, assistant superintendent of human resources. "We're really just dotting the i's and crossing the t's."

All of the district's 440 teach-

ers are Novi Education Association members and returned to the schools Tuesday to prepare for the new school year.

"The majority of our issues are basically resolved," Brenner said.

Once the contracts are agreed on, they need to be approved by both the district's board of education and the Novi Education Association board of directors during executive session before it is officially finalized. Both meetings are expected to take place late next week.

Terms are not being released as far as common contract items, including salaries, step increases and benefits.

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Novi hits mark on state report card

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

The Michigan Department of Education released annual EducationYES! Report Card scores Monday and most Novi schools fared well in meeting Adequate Yearly Progress requirements.

Seven of Novi Community Schools' eight buildings met AYP requirements while posting an A grade on the state report card. Village Oaks Elementary improved from a B in 2006-07. The other schools all earned As last year.

"We're really pleased with all the schools' scores," said Monique Beels, assistant superintendent of academics for Novi Community Schools.

Despite earning a preliminary grade of 98 percent, Novi

Meadows Elementary earned a B grade because it did not meet AYP requirements of having 85 percent student attendance.

"We're in the process of appealing Meadows," Beels said. "They were there. We've been trying to determine where they got those numbers from."

District educational consultant Dr. Tim Falls said the state's attendance calculations for Novi Meadows Elementary were about 14 percent off, based on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program numbers the state uses.

"Overall, we had 93 percent of our kids were there," Falls said. "The state said 79 percent of the kids were there."

For full scores on districts and schools throughout the state, visit <http://oeaa.state.mi.us/ayp/resources.asp> or www.michigan.gov/rmde.

My Novi News
It's all about you!

Signature park plans progress with district consideration

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

Novi Schools' Board of Education discussed plans for a city-property swap for a signature park last Thursday and will discuss potential development plans before taking action.

The city first approached the board at the July 10 board meeting about trading the city-owned 52.2-

acre Wildlife Woods Park that surrounds Novi Middle School and Deerfield Elementary School at the northeast corner of 11 Mile and Wixom roads for the district-owned 73.9-acre Bosco Property southwest of 11 Mile and Beck roads.

In hopes of creating a signature park for community members, the city has also looked into purchasing three properties connected to the Bosco Property, on the south side of 11 Mile Road, that total

about 38.8 acres.

"We have a real opportunity to partner with the school board and do something really long-term, something that could be a tremendous mark of partnership that could serve the community for years to come," City Manager Clay Pearson said at the July 10 meeting. "The city and the community have a very real, very

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Novi Mayor David Landry, left, and Jeff Nielson, Novi Board of Education president, tour the Bosco property on 11 Mile Road.

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Novi City Council discussion items

Following executive session, which council members entered at Monday's meeting, Novi's City Council approved, by a 6-0 vote, a \$1.5 million land purchase for the 20-acre Kaluzny Trust property, south of 11 Mile Road, immediately east of the ITC power lines.

According to Novi City Manager Clay Pearson, the property is being pursued as one of the elements of the Signature Park discussions. If a cooperative agreement can be reached with the Novi Community Schools for land transfer and future development rights of the district-owned Bosco Property, and if there is voter approval next year for bonds, then this would come together, Pearson said.

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Council unanimously approved to award Hamilton Anderson Associates, Inc. the \$31,350 contract for professional design services, including site plans, construction drawings and bid documents, for the initial development of Puert Park. Council members expressed support for the project and asked to be fully involved during the process. Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department Director Randy Auler assured city staff will be seeking council's input as well as community input. Auler is planning to provide council with final site plans at the Oct. 20 meeting, therefore he is inviting the public to the Oct. 9 Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission meeting to share their ideas and opinions regarding the project. If all goes according to plan, construction of the park will begin April or May 2009.

Construction for lighting improvements at Ella Mae Power Park and the Novi Civic Center and police department parking lots will commence in September, following council's approval to award the \$800,391 contract to Rauhorn Electric, Inc. Although the bids received were over budget, lighting in all three areas is currently not up to code and is a high priority. The \$24,190 additional funding for the softball field lighting will be taken from the Parks, Recreation and Forestry fund balance. To make up for the \$206,125 additional funding for the civic center parking lot, \$127,400 will come from the savings on proposed utility by insurance and \$78,725 will be included in the first quarter budget amendment from the general fund balance. Federal forfeiture funds will cover the police department's share of costs, which is \$39,946. Construction will be completed by January 2009.

Council approved, by a 6-0 vote, to rescind a previously approved contract with University Lithographers, Inc. due to an error in their bid estimate, and award the contract to Stardek, Inc. The contract for \$96,252, which was approved by council July 28, was for design and printing of the annual calendar, Engage!, the senior newsletter and resident handbook. Since that time, University Lithographers discovered an error

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Council meeting notes were taken from the Aug. 25 regular meeting of the Novi City Council. Mayor Pro Tem Kim Capello was excused absent. Next meeting: 7 pm, Sept. 8 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road.

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The idea is the signature park would include a recreation center and festival area close to the main roads, with nature trails and ball field or in the southwestern quarter of the property along the ITC Corridor.

Penon said the city would like resident input throughout the process. The school board's three-person Facilities Committee met Aug. 5 to discuss the proposed trade and board members toured the Wildlife Woods property Aug. 19. Although a trade was not ruled out, several aspects of it were of concern to board members, including property value and buildable space.

"The biggest thing is we want adequate space to build for the future," said Board of Education President Jeff Nielson. "Wildlife Woods doesn't do as well for that because of the oil wells on the north end of the property."

With several possible options, the district needs two things: About 15 acres for future use if another school is needed and acreage space for large high school materials such as linoleum, utilities and stage props, since the Forest barns are being demolished.

Vice President Bruce Bagdady and Treasurer Ann Glubzinski voiced concern with whether the Bosco and Wildlife Woods properties were of equal value, largely based on size, location and topographical makeup.

Several board members seemed in support of retaining 15 acres of the Bosco Property for district use and trading the remaining 58.9 acres for not just Wildlife Woods Park, but also the 14.7-acre area south of Novi High School that currently includes a baseball diamond and woods running from Taft Road, east to the football field. The district currently leases the baseball diamond area from the city and maintains the grounds.

"We already use it. If we had title to it, we'd be able to make improvements," Nielson said.

Tracee Bobbie Murphy said the district should talk with Paul Bosco, who still lives in the home along Beck Road adjacent to the Bosco Property, about the future of the land. Superintendent Peter Dion said he visited with Bosco last May for a preliminary discussion on the land trade, but agreed he should be included as discussions progress.

The district purchased the 73.9 acres from Bosco for \$8.5 million with a 2001 bond.

A 12-year restriction on the 2001 deed requires the property to be a school or school-related object, such as a community area, or else single-family residential. Other restrictions said no lighting fixtures will exist on Bosco's current property and he will be involved with any rezoning.

The district will look to speak with Bosco about the property's future plans, determine the financial costs of transforming the wooded and wetland areas into buildable grounds, and determine costs of maintaining all properties.

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Jeff Nielson
President, Novi Community School District Board of Education

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by Dennis Engerer, P.T.

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Tom Schwartz gives a tour of Providence Park Hospital's integrated operating room last Saturday.



Exhausted but elated, Novi Providence Park Hospital President Rob Casalou greets visitors to the facility last Saturday afternoon during its public open house. The hospital had an estimated 10,000 visitors walk through its doors and tour the facility.

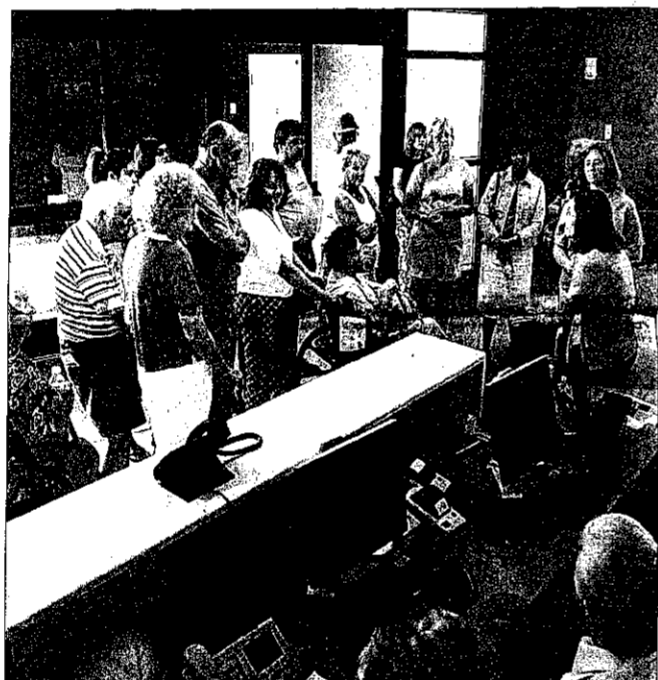
Novi's Providence Park attracts an estimated 10,000

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

Providence Park Hospital's grand-opening event attracted thousands of people from across southeastern Michigan to Novi Saturday morning and early afternoon. "I think it's great," said Belleville resident Sharon Hoffmann after touring the 500,000-square-foot hospital. "What a place... The emergency rooms are nicer than some hospitals' regular rooms." Hoffmann, who made the morning trek to Novi with her husband, said the facility is more than what she expected with its state-of-the-art equipment and cleanliness. The hospital doesn't open for patient care until Sept. 5, so Saturday served as a pre-opening event, providing the public a behind-the-scenes look at the \$224 million health care facility. "The only thing we're focusing on between now and opening day is training," said Providence Park Hospital President Rob Casalou. Casalou is expecting full approval of the building after Tuesday's final inspection and to

and Infants' Health Center. Aside from the hospital tour, there were free trolley tours circling the 200-acre campus, which consists of five other buildings including the Outpatient Medical Center, the Assurant Cancer Center, The Novi Orthopaedic Center and The Bone and Joint Surgery Center of Novi; the Neurosciences Institute and Park Medical Office building; and a Staybridge Suites hotel.

Surrounding the health care campus is a 1.6 mile path for walking or biking through the natural woods and wetlands of the property. While visiting the health care facilities, kids participated in an interactive Operation game, face painting and an art project while the adults strolled the farmer's market and participated in the community art project, sponsored by the Providence Center for the Healing Arts. "We are doing a multi-colored, stained glass mosaic to hang as a mobile in the entrance of the new hospital," said volunteer Janis Madala of Farmington. Participants also had the opportunity to participate in "The Wave" project, which was less abstract and created with all blue glass. "There's this incredible space in the hospital that seems like it's begging for something to go there," said Elena Weissman, manager at the Providence Center for the Healing Arts. "We wanted to take this opportunity to have a lot of people involved."



Visitors fill the emergency room lobby of Providence Park Hospital on Saturday as they wait for tours of Novi's hospital with its 170 beds and many surgery centers. Registered Nurse Robin VanSlyke, right, talks about the E.R. room's services.

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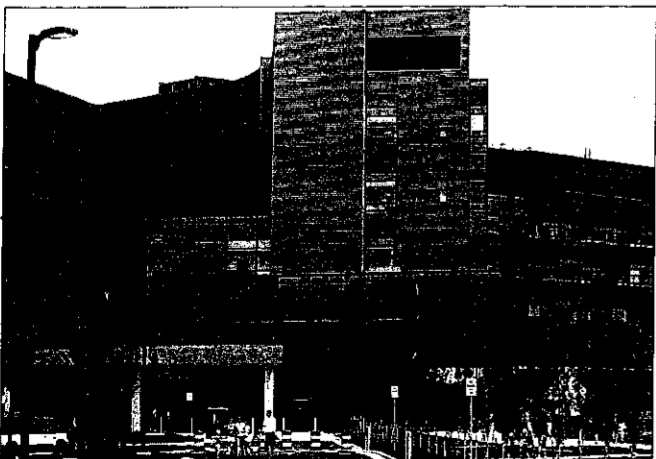
Visitors walk near Providence Park Hospital's first floor cafeteria on Saturday.



Christopher Jacobs, 10 months, with his mother Heather.



Rene Williams describes Providence Park Hospital's CAT scan machines to a tour group.



Providence Park Hospital as seen from the east.



Jeffrey Brown, director of emergency room services at Providence Park, points out the emergency room's services during a tour of the facility on Aug. 23.

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Enjoy 'An Evening in Bollywood' at Rock Financial

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

When Renu Sandhu visited an orphanage her brother helped establish in her native India, she knew she had to help.

Now, the Northville Township resident is speaking at the first annual charity fundraiser, "An Evening in Bollywood," to help Indian orphans through the Austin, Texas-based Miracle Foundation.

The event will be from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Oct. 10 at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.

It will feature Indian food, a fashion show, music and dance performances, and both silent and live auctions. Attire is black tie or Indian dress.

Tickets are \$100 each before Sunday, with tables of 10 costing \$1,000. After Sunday, tickets will cost \$125 each, with tables of 10 costing \$1,150. VIP seating, which includes an auction preview, are \$1,500 for a table of 10.

Orphans receive all funds

All monies are 100 percent tax deductible and will go to the orphans of the Miracle Foundation.

"None of the ticket sales or donations will be used for administrative costs," Sandhu said.

The Miracle Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering children to reach their full potential, one orphan at a time. This is accomplished by raising the standard of living for children in orphanages in India, reducing the number of non-orphans children living in orphanages and increasing the number of domestic adoptions in India.

A group of women known as CARE is the Detroit link for the foundation. CARE is made up of Anita Mahesha of Rangoli Restaurant, Mira Bhat of Chrysalis Fashion, Rupali Bhat, an event/wedding planner, and Renu



Caroline Boudreaux of Austin, Texas, founder of the Miracle Foundation, is pictured with Northville Township resident Renu Sandhu's brother, Nav Sooch, left, and a local celebrity with a group of Indian orphans.

(clockwise) Sandhu. CARE is also seeking additional corporate sponsors for the event. NYX Cosmetics in Plymouth has agreed to be the title sponsor, and Singh Development is another major sponsor.

Downtown Northville businesses that have provided gift certificates include Centri's Hair-in-the-Wall, Stamp Peddler, Simply Wine and Urban Blues.

For more information about ticket purchases or sponsorships, contact Sandhu at sandhujags@northville.com or call (248) 889-2888.

Founded eight years ago

Caroline Boudreaux of Austin, Texas, founded the Miracle Foundation on Mother's Day in 2000 after a life-changing trip to Indiana with a close friend, Chris Monheim.

For five years, Monheim had sponsored a little boy named Manas through the Christian Children's Fund and wanted to meet him to see if he was receiving her support.

He was exactly as his letters had described and had indeed received

her up, and the girl literally pushed her body into Boudreaux's arms and fell asleep.

When Boudreaux went upstairs to find the girl's crib, she saw that the child's room had 30 wooden slatted beds with no pillows, mattresses or blankets. Boudreaux knew she had to do something — and soon.

In 2007, she single-handedly raised more than \$1 million for the foundation, which is one of a handful of American organizations allowed to organize domestic adoptions in India, with the agency currently having seven orphanages in its network.

Before establishing the Miracle Foundation, Boudreaux was an account executive for Fox Television.

Visit to Sooch Village

Sandhu, who is married, has a son and a daughter and has lived in Northville for five years, became involved when her brother, Nav Sooch, was the primary donor of the Sooch Village orphanage, which opened in India in March through the Miracle Foundation, and she was invited to the grand opening.

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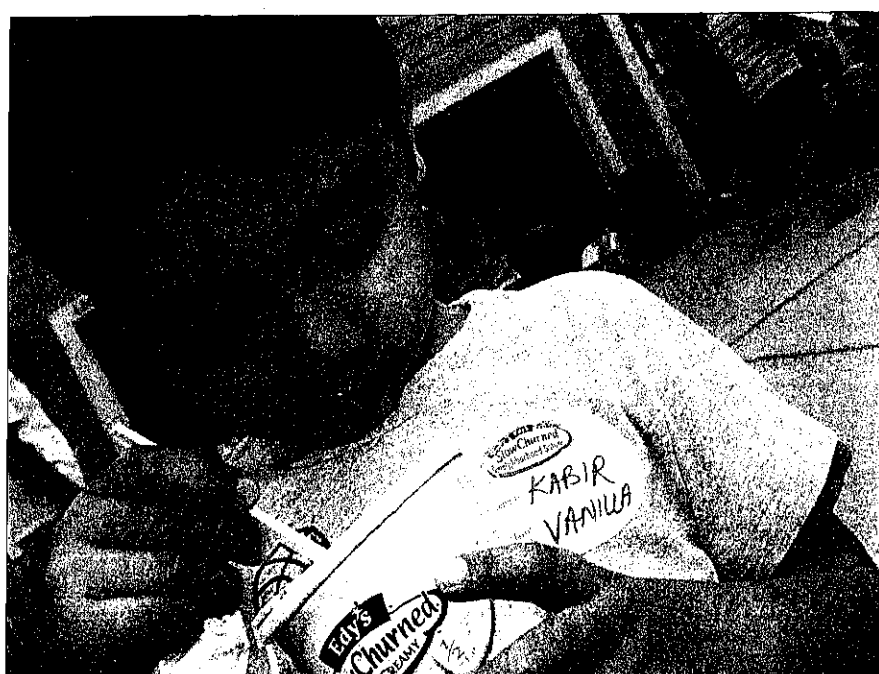
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We all scream for ice cream



One-year-old Colin Smith eats now and worries about cleaning up later during an Edy's Slow Churned Neighborhood Salute ice cream party won by the residents of Camden Court. To win the complimentary ice cream block party, Betty Elias submitted an essay to the company stating why the 56 families on her court deserved to be the contest winner. Her essay was chosen and the group enjoyed the party last Saturday afternoon.



Five-year-old Kabir Devgun takes time alone to enjoy his Edy's ice cream.



So many flavors to choose from that 2-year-old Patrick Chopp decided to try some of each.



Evan Sparago watches in amusement as his 1-year-old son, A.J., "double-fists" his spoons and digs right in.



Betty Elias, who hosted the Edy's ice cream party, serves 7-year-old Riho Okudera, as Sachiko, her mom, looks on.

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Federal grant visually links Novi fire stations

By Kelly Murad

In a matter of months, Novi fire stations will be visually linked with one another...

have visual communication systems installed by National Satellite Corporation. "It was a regional grant that was submitted to the Department of Homeland Security under the Assistance to Firefighters Grants Program," said National Satellite Corporation President Mark Murray.

departments, who are members of the Regional Alliance for Firefighter Training. "RAFT has been organized for several years. It covers a good size area," said Novi Fire Chief Frank Smith. "The idea behind RAFT was to make training exciting and to make it different. It's thinking out of the box as far as training goes."

and all surrounding communities. "It was devastating," McNulty said of the financial and emotional trauma he endured after he was unable to find another job in the ice industry. He said the ordeal cost him his career and his home. He said he eventually accepted a lower paying job with an energy company.

Unknown suspect walks away with new wheels

A client of Tommy's Firestone & Auto Repair on Grand River Avenue, east of Novi Road, dropped off four wheels for a new set on Aug. 9 reports said.

unknown suspect used a drill in an attempt to gain access through the driveway door of the track. The lock was drilled out, but no entry was made.

The suspect also attempted to cut the large Masterlock of the rear door of the truck, but was unable to cut through it and therefore never gained entry to the back of the truck.

The guitar is being held at the Novi Police Department. 45125 W. 10 Mile Road.

circumstances, reports said. Twelve Oaks security found a black backpack between vehicles in the parking lot, filled with empty chewing tobacco containers. Police said nothing was located inside the individual containers.

Police were dispatched to Twelve Oaks Mall at about 6:30 p.m. Aug. 18 regarding suspicious circumstances, reports said. After further investigation, mall security was unable to locate footage from the security cameras of the suspect leaving the backpack in the parking lot.

POLICE BRIEFS

Residence repeatedly targeted

A residence on Mystic Forest Drive, in Mystic Forest subdivision off Novi Road, is currently on the "home watch" list and was damaged between 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Aug. 20, reports said.

The owner of the home, which is currently up for sale, lives in another house in the same subdivision and found the flyer box that was in the front lawn, taken off the post, reports said.

According to the police report, a black, acoustic, six-stringing Indiana guitar was found in a wooded area, west of Tall Road, Aug. 18 reports said.

According to police, the suspect was seen driving a blue pickup truck, reports said.

A white international box truck was parked unattended from 9 a.m. Aug. 15 through 11 a.m. Aug. 18 reports said.

Found guitar

Larceny on Heslip Drive

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The lock from the door was cut and removed and about \$2,500 worth of equipment and tools were stolen, reports said.

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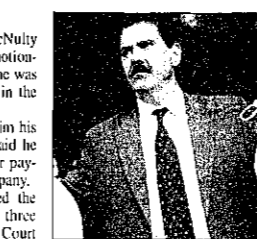
The U-M Radiation Oncology Network provides cancer patients statewide with world-class care only available in Ann Arbor. U-M doctors staff seven radiation centers to bring our knowledge, technology and research closer to home for patients like Specs. He was treated for prostate cancer at the Providence Cancer Institute daily for 42 days and says that leaving his office made for a fairly normal workday.

Novi ex-ice executive sues over firing

He says he set off U.S. probe

By David Ashenfelter GANNETT NEWS SERVICE. Martin McNulty says he was a rising star in the packaged ice industry. But the 45-year-old former sales executive from Novi says he was fired and blackballed by a Canadian ice company in 2005 after he refused to participate in a price-fixing conspiracy.

The suit also involves Roddy Ice Holdings Inc. of Dallas and Arctic Glacier of Winnipeg, Manitoba, which have acknowledged being aided by the FBI and subpoenaed for records. The suits accuse the companies of conspiring to carve the United States into territories so they wouldn't have to compete with each other.



Lawyers for the companies and individuals declined to comment on the specifics of the suits, including McNulty's. But some of them privately suggested that McNulty's lawyer, Daniel Law of Washington, D.C., is exaggerating McNulty's role in the probe.

When they learned that he was considering going to the federal government, they allegedly offered to rehire him at more than twice his previous salary provided he not cooperate with the government, the suit said.

McNulty had a knack for signing up new accounts, making him one of the top ice salesmen in the country, the suit said. The lawsuit is seeking compensation from all three companies, claiming they defamed his career.

Credit Union Advantage celebrates grand opening

Credit Union Advantage celebrated the opening of its Novi Branch with a grand opening extravaganza last month. The Credit Union is located within the new Providence Hospital medical complex at the corner of Grand River Avenue and Beek Road.

with an ATM available to those visiting the Professional Medical Building. Throughout the week, current and potential members alike could take advantage of a special membership promotion with prizes including gas cards valued up to \$500. The highlight of the week was the Kids' Day on July 24, where children enjoyed Colors the Providence Parkway.



Fox Run salutes Library Committee

Back row from left: Carol Misselt, Marianne Barber, Lois Terry, Rosemary Beggs, Shirley Handley, Cary Ormond and Connie Starb. Front row from left: Francis Watson, Phyllis Praski, Barb Birmingham and Nan Goshorn.

Library launches new Web site

The Novi Public Library launched a new and improved Web site this month. Through the combined effort of Library staff and the Web design firm, Five Sparrows, LLC, the Web site offers several improvements for Novi patrons.

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Novi resident debuts film at Farmington Civic



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Novi High School graduate Lee Ehlers' film "Throbbing Justice" will premiere Sept. 3.

By Chris Jaccott
SUNFESTER

Lee Ehlers will display some "Throbbing Justice" for local residents Wednesday evening.

The 26-year-old Novi High School 2000 graduate and former Novi Police officer will make his directorial debut 7 p.m. Sept. 3 at the Farmington Civic Theater.

Ehlers, who just graduated from a one-year program at the Motion Picture Institute of Michigan, said the film is an action-comedy parody starring together Ehlers' law enforcement experience and sense of humor.

"It's influenced by my time as a police officer, working in the Novi area and seeing how politics are involved in law enforcement," he said of the film drawing from his time with Novi Police from 2005-Aug. 2007. "Humor, a lot of times, is the best way to get your point across. It's a commentary on life, but, at the same time, it has action."

The 18-minute short film follows Jack Thunker, a proverbial loose cannon of law enforcement, as "he fights crime and plunders women like no one ever seen," Ehlers said. The film is a shortened length so it can be entered in festivals and gain interest to raise money for a full-length feature film.

"Every single time I've written anything that's gotten out, it's got positive reviews. We have a 90-minute feature on a college ready-to-be ready. We'd like to do a Jack Thunker feature a year after that," Ehlers said, noting funds from "Throbbing Justice" alone would not do Jack Thunker justice in a sequel or remake. "I'll raise money for a feature-length film using the Michigan incentive."

As things get bigger, we can expand the comedy empire."

He said the comedic feel of the film was influenced by Will Ferrell's "Step Brothers," "Anchorman," Danny R. McBride's "Tropic Thunder," "Pineapple Express" and Apatow Productions' "Superbad," "Knocked Up". Fans of those comedic films and others such as "Team America: World Police" should enjoy "Throbbing Justice," Ehlers said.

"Throbbing Justice" won't have any nudity and swearing will be kept to a minimum, but plenty of over-the-top violence and cheesy music should be expected, Ehlers said.

"For me, my big thing is being a writer. This movie is for me to showcase my writing style," he said. "It shows people the humor that we have. If someone gets stabbed, cartoonish blood comes out."

For a taste of what to expect from "Throbbing Justice," Ehlers' production company, Mantastic Films has a nine-minute short film titled "Throbbing Justice 5" posted on its Myspace page at www.myspace.com/34584233.

The clip follows Officer Amsone as he uses an array of guns and other weapons to fend off criminals who broke into his home.

Deckerd out in a black sleeveless SWAT shirt and Rambo-style headband, Matt Druminski, Washington Township, a Motion Picture Institute of Michigan classmate of Ehlers, plays Officer Amsone. Druminski also plays the role of Jack Thunker.

Ehlers makes a cameo as a villain in "Throbbing Justice."

"There used to be a time in the '80s where cops could be cops, men could be men and action heroes could be action heroes," Ehlers said. "I'm real fired up. I'm real excited. We have a feature writer and ready to go. I have the chance to make a living doing what I love."

"No matter how bad things are going, I get in that theater and, for an hour and a half, everything's great."

The 7 p.m. premier on Grand River Avenue in downtown Farmington costs \$3, but will also include commentary after the screening, followed by a surprise 15-minute comedy short film.

"If people don't want to get their faces tracked out, they probably shouldn't go," Ehlers joked.

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There is no charge. Child care is available; registration required.

CONTACT: Lisa Molloy (248) 334-3595

Bereavement Support Group

DATE: Third Tuesday of each month

TIME: 7:30-9 p.m.

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road

DETAILS: The meeting provides the opportunity for those in grief to share their story and to learn about the phases and tasks of grief. All are welcome; no fee.

CONTACT: Michael M. Mayer, Director of Ministry

Friendship Circle

TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. second Thursday of each month

LOCATION: St. James Catholic Church, 46325 10 Mile Road, between Taft and Beck roads

DETAILS: Social group for all widows and widowers.

CONTACT: Norbert Monson (248) 851-6730, Florence Volgot (248) 477-3032, Joy Iovaldi (248) 348-9138 or joyovaldi@earthlink.net

MOMS Club of Novi East (for Novi moms east of Novi Road)

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. first Wednesday of every month

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center

DETAILS: Moms Offering Moms Support (MOMS) is a non-profit support group for mothers who choose to stay at home with their children or work out of their homes. Multiple activities planned monthly.

CONTACT: khanson13@hotmail.com or (248) 504-7735

MOMS Club of Novi West (for Novi moms west of Novi Road)

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. first Thursday of each month

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center

DETAILS: Moms Offering Moms Support (MOMS) is a non-profit support group for mothers who choose to stay at home with their children or work out of their homes. Multiple activities planned monthly.

CONTACT: jansunglamming@yahoo.com

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LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road

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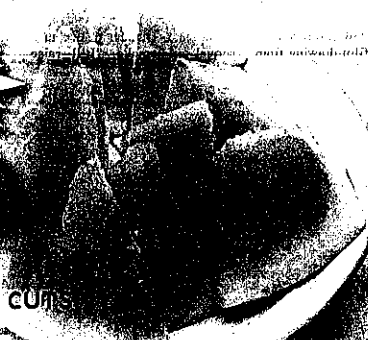
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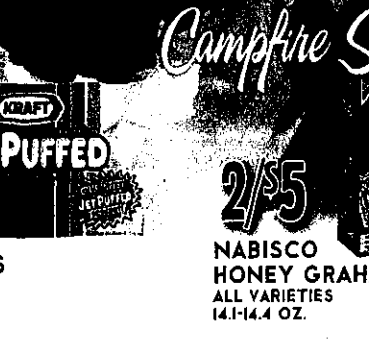
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In his new position, Lawrence will be responsible for environmental and toxic tort litigation, as well as complex commercial, civil and products liability defense. He will

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Three services in one location to energize you

By John R. Hall

There is a type of "one stop shopping" for women who want to feel good and look good in the South Lyon community. That stop is 105 N. Lafayette in downtown South Lyon. The building, located right next to the South Lyon Herald, is home to three businesses that serve the health and beauty needs of South Lyon and others from neighboring communities.

On the top floor of the building are Jan's Skin Spa and Youthology. Below that is Divine Yoga & Massage. All of the businesses are quaint and cozy, and offer products and services especially designed to improve the quality of life for any woman.

JAN'S SKIN SPA

Jan Eldon is the owner of Jan's Skin Spa, a business which offers a variety of services including facials, peels, body-wraps, professional make-up application, and waxing. Owner Jan Eldon is a licensed esthetician, which is defined as "a person trained to administer facials, body-wraps, waxing, professional make-up application, and advise clients on the care of the skin, etc."

Jan has developed a unique blend of techniques from Ayurvedic, Facial Sculpting, Bioelements Uplift Massage, and Facelift Massage.

"These techniques relax facial muscles, improve overall metabolism, helps muscle tone and product absorption, and provides a sense of physiological and psychological well-being," she said.

Jan also believes in giving her clients the very best techniques and products. She attends numerous educational seminars each year and brings back these new techniques and methodologies in order to keep her clients looking and feeling their very best.

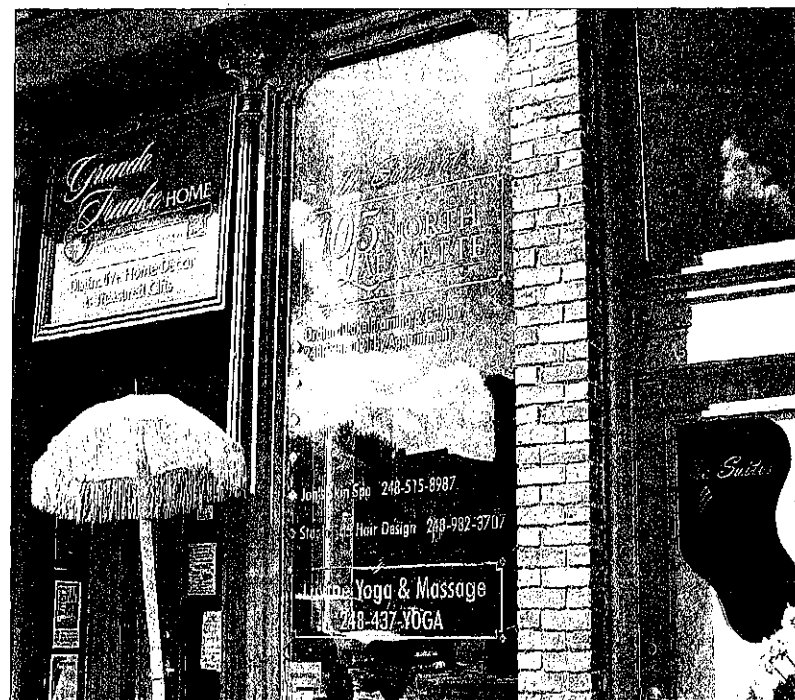
Jan's Skin Spa also carries products for the body as well as the home including Bioelements Skin Care, AHAVA Body Care, Mirabella Mineral Makeup, and Root Candles.

"We have our fall and winter candles in stock now," Jan added. "We also have gift certificates available in any denomination."

Jan said that no one else in South Lyon offers her type of services and she is looking forward to hearing from new clients. You can call her and set up an appointment at 248-515-8987 or visit her Web site at www.jansskinspa.com.

Another important business in this trio of health and beauty professionals is Divine Yoga & Massage, owned and operated by Cheryl Wickham. Cheryl is a Hatha yoga instructor registered with the National Yoga Alliance as well as a Nationally Certified massage therapist and bodywork practitioner.

Cheryl said, "Here at Divine we strive to offer a variety of yoga classes and massage treatments to promote your overall well being and fit your individual needs. We also carry a wide array of



At 105 N. Lafayette St. in downtown South Lyon, Jan's Skin Spa, Divine Yoga & Massage, and Youthology offer products and services especially designed to improve the quality of life for any woman.

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Her business specializes in Botox injections and Dermal fillers.

Kris said that Botox is the "most popular clinician-administered procedure in the U.S." Botox works on the underlying muscle responsible for unwanted lines and wrinkles.

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She noted that these injections are fast, safe, and minimally invasive, which eliminate the unnecessary cost, risk, and downtime associated with many cosmetic surgical procedures.

As part of her ongoing training, Kris is also studying under renowned medical director Dr. Brian Young, D.O.

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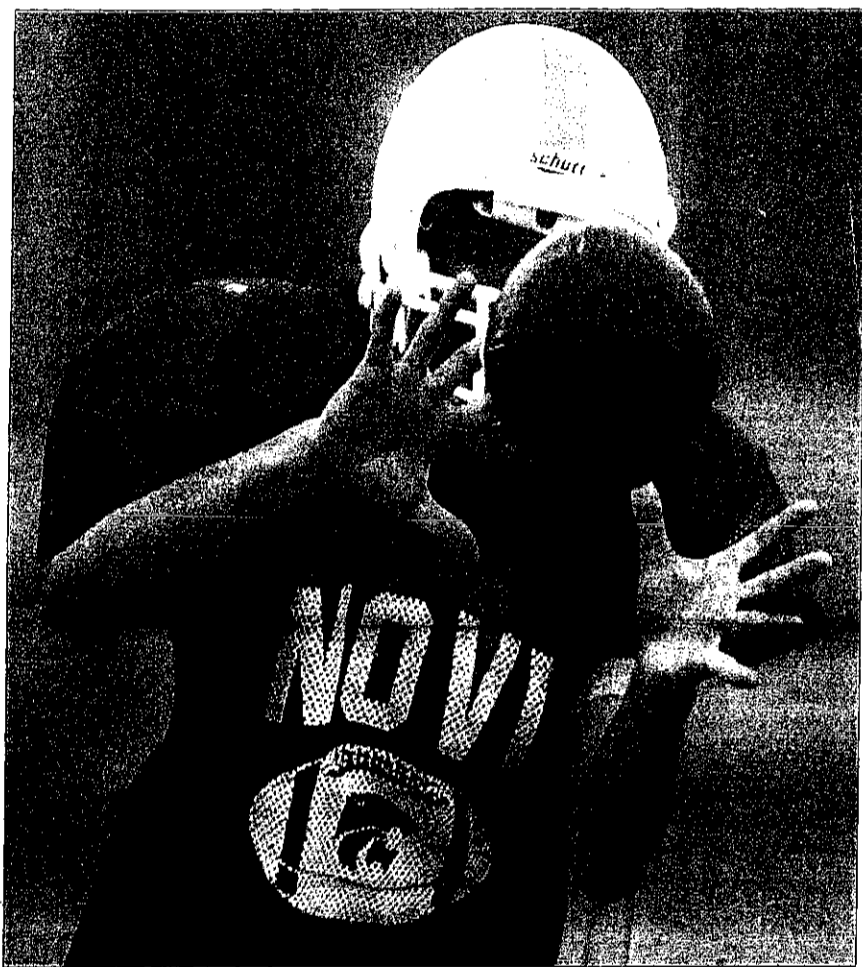


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A Novi Wildcat looks a football into his hands during a Friday afternoon practice. Novi begins its season 7 p.m. tonight at home against Milford.

Novi looks to build off of last year's playoff run

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER

The Novi football team's offense contains a lot of familiar names from last year's run to a final KVC title and a trip to the playoffs.

Last year's backup quarterback Chris Bellamy steps into the spotlight as the starter this year. He's had snaps as a sophomore and a junior, but now it's his time to take over the reins.

"He's a very intelligent football player," head coach Tab Kellepourey said. "He's got tremendous vision of the field. All of his reads and checks are like having another coach on the field."

SEASON BEGINS TONIGHT

WHO: Novi vs. Milford
WHERE: Novi
WHEN: 7 p.m. tonight

Behind him is returning fullback Brad Kotylo.

Paul Favorite and Randall Moore will handle the tailback duties.

Brandon Bradford returns as the featured receiver.

"He's a three-year starter for us,"

Kellepourey said. "He has tremendous ability to get away from a defender and get open. He's a great receiver."

Also outside are Will Mikkelsen, Andy Dohaato (tight end and slot) and Garrett Green.

Leading the offensive line is returning tackle Shane Lemere (6-3, 261).

"Shane is a leader of the offensive line," Kellepourey said. "We are depending on him to get that line going in the right direction."

Also back is Sam Valencos at guard. Zach Danks is working at guard and tackle and

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Photo submitted by David Subject

Novi's Dawn Buelo and Ally Hoomaian celebrate a point during Novi's first tournament.

Expectations high for Novi

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER

Novi volleyball made a run all the way to the state semifinals last year.

Gone are big hitters Stephanie Cripps and Paige Janer, but don't think this is going to be a rebuilding year for the Wildcats.

All Novi did in its opening tournament this past weekend was win six of seven matches to capture the title at the Gull Lake Invite.

Back from last year's run are Kim Hildreth, Sarah Robb, Dawn Buelow, Sam Walker, Julia Thomas and Anne Irvin.

"Sarah Robb has taken over the front row," head coach Julie Fisette said. "Hildreth will set and hit. Sam and Dawn, hopefully, will step up in the outside hitting position."

Last year's run has Fisette thinking bigger and better things with this team.

"We're going all the way," she said. "We still have some goals out there that we didn't achieve last year, and playing in the final game was one of them."

"Our program, as a whole, has gotten so much stronger," Fisette knows the girls learned a lot in what it takes to get to the state playoffs. Last year's team helped show them the way, both in games and in practice.

This year's team might be stronger as a whole. Cripps and Janer were expected to lead the team at the net. Fisette sees a team with a lot of interchangeable parts.

"I think we're going to see a revolving door as far as the line-

By the Numbers

COACH: Julie Fisette
LAST YEAR: State semifinalists
KEY RETURNERS: Kim Hildreth, Sarah Robb, Dawn Buelow, Sam Walker, Julia Thomas and Anne Irvin.

up is concerned," she said. "We're very strong and very deep on the bench. We won't have to kill six or seven of them to win."

The change to the KLA from the KVC will bring a lot of new teams to the schedule. Fisette knows this will bring some new challenges, but she and the rest of the team are ready for the challenge. Only South Lyon will be a familiar face from the KVC in the new Central Division.

One bonus to the new schedule is Novi will get to play Northville during the regular season, adding to the rivalry between the schools.

The other divisional teams include Livonia Stevenson, Salem and new school South Lyon East.

The Wildcats attended the same camp at Ball State that they did before last year, and the style of play is just another year ingrained in the players' minds.

"I'm excited about this year's team," she said. "I think they're ready. Their expectations are high."

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Swimmers dive into tough division

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER

Winning what is probably the hardest division in all of Michigan won't be easy for the Novi swimming team, but that's not to say it can't be done.

Head coach Scott Teeters has several kids back with state experience, including Kerry Abel who swam a pair of top-five individual races last year.

Joining Abel as a returnee with state experience are Meredith Cote, Rebecca Berman, Lauren Kolonowski, Mary Anolick, Ashley Bush and Annalisa Morgan.

"We've got a good group," Teeters said. "We just need to get some top-end performers at the

By the Numbers

COACH: Scott Teeters, second year
LAST YEAR: 11th at state
KEY RETURNERS: Kerry Abel, Meredith Cote, Rebecca Berman, Lauren Kolonowski, Mary Anolick, Ashley Bush and Annalisa Morgan.

state meet like Kerry did last year. If we do that, we're going to be in good shape."

The Wildcats enter the season ranked sixth according to a pre-season poll. Teeters knows that's

good, but hopes for more.

"I'd like to see us continue to be able to move up the ranks ... and get in the top four," he said. "My realistic goal is to be a top-five team at the state meet."

"As a team, I think this could be a breakout year for us in terms of the state meet."

Other goals throughout the year include getting as many kids qualified for the state meet as possible.

Teeters said things are going much better in early practices, as he is no longer the new guy.

"Everybody is on the same page," he said. "Things are a lot easier in my second year in terms of trying to sell where we want to go with this."

"Kids are a lot more familiar with how I do things and I'm more familiar with what they can do. I know my personnel a lot better."

A big change for all schools in the new league will be how the conference meet is determined. Teams will compete in the division meet and decide a champion. The top performers from that meet will advance to the conference meet.

"The division meet is really a qualifier or a prelim for the conference meet," Teeters said.

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Wildcat Mary Anolick swims at Novi High School's pool.

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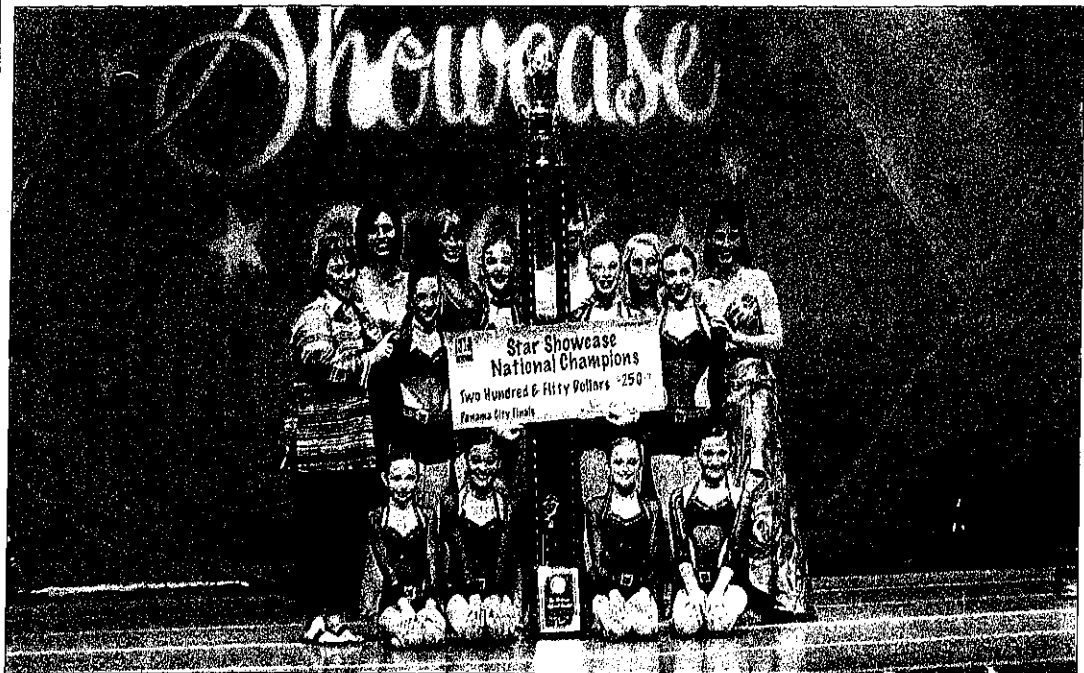


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Karen's School of Dance takes a great amount of pride in its designation as "Best Dance Studio in Huron Valley," as voted by readers of the Milford Times in the annual People's Choice Awards.

Seriously Fun

Training at Karen's School of Dance begins many career paths

By Sally Rummel
SPECIAL WRITER

Your dance-loving daughter or son may not make it all the way to ABC-TV's "Dancing with the Stars," but he or she may earn a full-ride dance scholarship to college, perform on a cruise ship or belong to a professional group such as the "Young Americans."

That's the experience related from Karen's School of Dance owner Karen Kern, who has been teaching dance at her own studio in Highland for 24 years.

"Parents don't always realize that there are some very real opportunities and benefits for their children who love to dance," says Kern. "Dancing is different from other disciplines in that there are levels for everyone, depending upon one's skill levels, dedication, etc."

In her 24-year career as a dance teacher and studio owner, Kern has seen hundreds of her students continue on in their own dancing careers, from earning hometown scholarships through the Huron Valley Council of the Arts, to performing in Los Angeles, Chicago and all over the world.

"Several of our students have performed with the Michigan State Dance Team and other well-known professional groups," says Kern. "Whether you're looking to pursue a professional career or just 'love to dance,' there's a place for you at Karen's School of Dance."

Her progressive, technique-based dance programs have earned her students more national awards than any other local studio, while offering a well-rounded, enjoyable dance experience for young people of all abilities.

Students interested in competitive dance may want to audition for the studio's Dance Company, "Dance Salons," which competes regionally and nationally up to four times per year.

Eighty-four students from Karen's School of Dance performed 100 dance numbers in national competition at the recent Kids Artistic Revue in Panama City, FL from June 28 through July 2, coming home with more placements than any other studio in the entire competition.

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Whether you are dancing for fun or for competition, there's a place for you at Karen's School of Dance.

numerous overall Dance of America runners-up.

"I was surprised and honored with the 'Teacher of the Year' Award," says Kern, whose troupe also earned Top Elite Studio, Top Secondary Studio, as well as numerous choreography awards.

Whether students dance for fun or competition, there are many benefits that result from their time spent in the studio. "Our goal is to instill self-confidence, self-esteem, discipline, creativity and poise," explains Kern.

Karen's School of Dance also takes a great amount of pride in its designation as "Best Dance Studio in Huron Valley," awarded by the Peoples' Choice Awards by The Press & Argus/Milford Times.

It's a commitment to local students that thrills her the most, because she is constantly reminded just how far these young people can go, after "taking their first (dance) steps" at Karen's School of Dance.

Registration is now taking place for Fall 2008, at the studio located at 1185 S. Milford Road. "There's never a registration fee!" says Kern's full-time manager, Maureen "Mo" Hoye, who handles the front desk with receptionist Nancy Moffitt. Registration continues through the month of October.

A new Fitness class is being offered this year for students interested in incorporating both cardio and strength training into their lifestyle.

NEW TEACHERS

Three new teachers have joined the staff for the 2008-09 dance year, including:

• Kimberly Kiplow, who specializes in Modern & Jazz dance, as well as all levels of Tap, Ballet, Lyrical, Performance Art/Acting, Yoga/Pilates and Fitness Classes.

• Lawrence Newman, an experienced ballet instructor who has trained and worked with some of the best ballet instructors and choreographers in the U.S.

• Earl Anderson, who has been dancing hip hop for the past 10 years, creating contemporary and innovative choreography.

These three talented instructors join a team of professional teachers that offer a complete program of dance instruction, including Tap, Jazz, Ballet, Pointe, Modern, Pre-dance, Gymnastics, Jazz/Tap Combo, Boys Only and Hip Hop.

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ing from a Parisian backdrop to a Disney-theme for younger students. Each room contains tinted viewing windows.

Parents are invited to wait for their dancer in a specific lobby area designed just for them, watching their child's progress on a closed-circuit TV or through the viewing window.

Dancers awaiting their turn in the studio have their own "homework room," where they can catch up on schoolwork, have a snack, watch TV or use a computer in between classes.

Students attend Karen's School of Dance from Highland, Milford, Novi, White Lake, Davisburg, Holly and Fenton. A total of 140 classes are taught Monday through Saturday during the school year. A Summer Dance Camp hones interested dancers' skills all summer long.

Studio hours are from 10:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 248-887-1807 or visit their Web site at: www.danceatkarens.com.

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