

# Embezzlement case heads to Circuit Court

An embezzlement case involving a former youth football and cheerleading organization president continues next month in Oakland County Circuit Court.

Ralph Kevin Maly, 47, of Farmington, resigned as president of the Farmington Rockets Jr. Football Inc.'s board. Police allege he took nearly \$18,000 from the organization. He waived his preliminary exam in 47th District Court last week and faces an arraignment before Circuit Judge Richard Kuhn at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 8.

Sparking the investigation was a complaint filed with Farmington's Department of Public Safety by someone involved in the sports organization. There were apparently several irregularities with the equipment ordering process, including typographical and mathematical errors on invoices. Police said the board became suspicious when they noticed players were still using old equipment after Maly told them new equipment had been ordered. A Farmington Public Safety Department investigation revealed Maly claimed to have

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purchased football equipment with his credit card, then approached the organization for repayment. Police contacted the companies where Maly said he ordered equipment, but found no record of the orders. Further, the invoices Maly supplied to the board did not resemble real invoices, police said.

If convicted, Maly faces a maximum sentence of five years in prison and/or a \$5,000 fine. He was arraigned March 11 in 47th District court on a felony charge of embezzlement. He continues to be free on bond. Maly has declined to comment on the case.

# Get seat on the bride's side

Tickets are still available for "Tony n Tina's Wedding" the hilarious off-Broadway interactive hit comedy, coming to the Costick Center, 28500 W. Eleven Mile Road, in Farmington Hills on April 5. The fun begins with cocktails

at 6:30 p.m. and the "wedding" starts at 7 p.m. Individual tickets are \$52; a table of 10 is \$500. Tickets are available in advance at the Costick Center during regular business hours (8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) or by calling (248) 473-1800.

# 'Peter Pan' christens school's new stage

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Peter Pan (Kaitlyn Bourque), a boy who refuses to grow up and Wendy Darling (Alisha Schweiger) share a moment during a rehearsal for 'Peter Pan'.

Walled Lake Northern High School is bringing a childhood classic to the stage with a little help from a special effects company that helps people fly - but audiences will be led to believe it's all because of pixie dust.

The school's spring musical "Peter Pan" takes the stage Thursday, April 10 through Saturday, April 12. Show times are 8 p.m. each day, with an additional 2 p.m. Saturday, April 12 matinee.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors 60 and older and for children 12 and younger.

ZFX Flying Illusions of Las Vegas was hired to make the characters look as though they're really flying to Never Land. In reality, the characters Peter Pan (Kaitlyn Bourque), a boy who refuses to grow up, and Wendy Darling (Alisha Schweiger) - will be wearing wires attached to harnesses, according to Jeff Drewno, the play's director.

"I think it's going really well," Drewno said of rehearsals. "(The actors are) really excited about doing the first play in the new theater."

The cast includes mermaids, crocodiles, Lost Boys, Indians, pirates and of course the archvillain, Captain Hook, who will be played by Eric Johnson. The original story, penned by James Barrie, has been adapted for Broadway,

and in several films, including a Walt Disney cartoon and the Hollywood film, "Hook."

The character "Tinkerbell," who helps provide the magic pixie dust for flight, will not be portrayed by a person. Special lighting and synthesizer effects will create the illusion of the diminutive fairy character, Drewno said.

The show is a first for the school, which opened this fall. A dedication ceremony will be held Sunday, April 13 at 2 p.m.

The Friday, April 11 show will be a special "gala" performance, with festivities, including a "strolling" dinner

and silent auction beginning at 5:30 p.m. An afterglow will include a performance by "Three Men and a Tenor." Tickets for this special performance are \$35.

Cast members include Jane Alexander; Ryan Arbour; Paige Baker; Travis Balough; Kyle Bannatz; Anjull Barden; Nick Belanger; Kaitlyn Bourque; Jason Brilleau; Cameron Bryant; Jinnie Dorris; Chris Duflos; Tim Esper; Glenn Garner; Joe Godel; Jessica Green; Nathan Hargreaves; Chelsea Hetherington; Robin Huhenschmidt; Janine Hum;

Eric Johnson; Alex Kamtschke; Jessica Nimmergut; Ericka Pasquale; Lindsey Phillips; Alisha Riddell; Alisha Schweiger; Nicole Smith; Alex Schott; Jon Smith; Matt Smith; Matt Smith; Aaron Snyder; Tim Snyder and Jessica Suldan.

Walled Lake Northern is located at 6000 Bogle Lake Road, Commerce Township. To order tickets, call (248)956-5465. Box office hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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# Clarenceville holds kindergarten roundup

Clarenceville School District will hold kindergarten orientation at Grandview and Botsford Elementary Schools to enroll children eligible in the fall of 2003.

■ Botsford's orientation is

scheduled at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 2. The school is located at 19245 Lakeside.

Parents are encouraged to call Botsford at (248) 473-8911 prior to the Kindergarten Roundup in order to initiate the necessary enrollment process.

■ Grandview's orientation is scheduled 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 3.

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