

# New coach directs Falcon softball

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STAFF WRITER

Michaelene Ruhl has coached Falcons softball previously, and she will do so again this year. Only the school is different this time. Ruhl, a former standout player at Allen Park Cabrini High School and Wayne State University, is the new coach of the Farmington Falcons. As head coach at Dearborn Divine Child, she led the Falcons to a runner-up finish in the 1998 Class B state tournament. Ruhl, whose husband, Ed, is the varsity volleyball coach at Mercy High School, returned to coaching after a three-year hiatus, because "It's close to home and I heard nice things about the girls and parents," she said. A former first baseman and outfielder, Ruhl was an all-star in high school and was recently inducted into the WSHU Hall of Fame. Ruhl also was an assistant coach at Birmingham Seaholm before going to Divine Child. "The parents are so supportive here (at Farmington)," she said. "The girls are working

hard and want to learn. They have great attitudes. It's a nice welcome back, I think." Ruhl said she was concerned when she learned Farmington's top pitchers were underclassmen, but she has full confidence in sophomore Karen Turkovich and freshman Amber Albright after seeing them in action. "I saw them throw and was pleasantly surprised," she said. "Each has a change and keeps it low. Both throw pretty hard, too." Junior Amanda Mergener, who will do the catching, is a natural leader and a take-charge kind of player behind the plate, according to Ruhl. Senior Allison Kahnoff returns to play first base, and freshman second baseman Lauren Pachuta "was a nice find in tryouts," Ruhl said. Senior Melissa Patterson goes from left field to shortstop to take advantage of her strong arm and quick feet. Senior Catherine Shaw is being challenged for the third base job by juniors Carolyn Kirsche and Maddie McAuley. "I think the (infield) potential is

very good," Ruhl said. "They field the ball well, so I'm pretty happy with them so far. They have some things to learn, but I think they're going to do pretty well." Junior center fielder Marissa Matyas is the fastest pitcher on the team and runs the ball down well, according to Ruhl. Seniors Adrienne Shaw and Jayme Vainer, sophomore Stephanie Zaltowski, Junior Ashley Chumka and Albright are competing for the starting assignments in left and right fields. The Falcons begin the season Wednesday at Livonia Churchill. Farmington will be in Division II of the Oakland Activities Association with Andover, Rochester, Adams, Mont, Harrison, Avondale, Kimball and Dondora. "Because we lost so many players, the beginning might be a little rough," Ruhl said. "Plus, they have a new coach and they're learning a new system. My mild season, they should be kicking in and getting comfortable, and I think we could surprise a few people."

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

**Tuesday, April 1**  
Andover at Farmington, 7 p.m.  
Water Mill at Farmington, 7 p.m.  
Harrison at Water Mill, 7 p.m.  
Barn at Farmington, 7 p.m.  
Marian at Farmington, 7 p.m.  
**Thursday, April 3**  
R.D. Dondora at Farmington, 7 p.m.  
Storey Creek at Farmington, 7 p.m.  
W. Bloomfield at Farmington, 7 p.m.  
H. Mercy at Bishop Foley, 7 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 5**  
Farmington at Harrison, 12:30 p.m.  
N. Farm at W. Bloomfield, 12:30 p.m.  
Trenton at H. Mercy, 1 p.m.  
**BOYS TENNIS**  
**Monday, April 7**  
John Green at Farmington, 4 p.m.  
Stevenson at Farmington, 4 p.m.  
Southfield at Farmington, 4 p.m.  
**Tuesday, April 8**  
N. Farmington at Stevenson, 4 p.m.  
John Green at Farmington, 4 p.m.  
**Wednesday, April 9**  
Liv. Franklin at Farmington, 4 p.m.  
**Friday, April 11**  
Troy at Farmington, 4 p.m.  
Seaholm at Farmington, 4 p.m.  
R.D. Kimball at Farmington, 4:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 12**  
Farmington at Monroe, 1 p.m.  
**GIRLS TRACK & FIELD**  
**Tuesday, April 1**  
PCA, Riverview at Cville, 4:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 5**  
Farmington, North Harrison  
at B.H. Andover Relays, 10 a.m.  
**BOYS TRACK & FIELD**  
**Tuesday, April 1**  
PCA, Riverview at Cville, 4:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 5**  
Farmington, North Harrison  
at B.H. Andover Relays, 10 a.m.  
Redford CC at A.A. Pioneer, 1 p.m.  
**GIRLS LACROSSE**  
**Wednesday, April 2**  
Huron Valley at Farmington, 5 p.m.  
**BOYS LACROSSE**  
**Monday, March 31**  
Northville at Farmington, 7 p.m.  
**Wednesday, April 2**  
A.A. Huron at Farmington, 7 p.m.  
**Thursday, April 3**  
Redford CC at Cranbrook, 5 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 5**  
Redford CC at Woodlee (9:00-4 p.m.)  
Sunday, April 6  
CC at Daddo Scuola (10:00-1 p.m.)  
**GIRLS GOLF**  
**Wednesday, April 2**  
Farmington vs. Stevenson, 2:45 p.m. at Fox Creek  
**Friday, April 4**  
Farmington vs. Millard, 4 p.m. at Mystic Creek  
**COLLEGE BASEBALL (Exhibition)**  
**Tuesday, April 1**  
Madonna at Rochester, 1 p.m.  
**Wednesday, April 2**  
Madonna at Concordia, 2 p.m.

### Observer Classifieds sell!

**CITY OF FARMINGTON**  
**2003 DOG & CAT LICENSES**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, beginning April 1, 2003, license fees will include a penalty, increasing the cost from \$7.00 to \$10.00.

A certificate of rabies vaccination, signed by a certified veterinarian and bearing a current effective date, must be presented at time of application.

Please apply during regular business hours, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the City of Farmington City Hall, 2000 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan.

PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer

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### STORAGE USA

Notice is hereby given that on (APRIL 14, 2003) JOT TATE & CO. Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Storage USA, will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process, by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Storage USA reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: Storage USA, 38875 BROADWAY AVE., FARMINGTON HILLS, MI, AT 1:00 PM.

Unit #113A - Bagmaster/Curtis Hunt - 4 Boxes, 1 Tire, Misc. Car Parts, C/Ds, Sony Play Station, VCR, Tape Deck.

Unit #1110 - Natalie Simovic - Art Pictures, Chairs, Sofa, Mirrors, Dresser - Vanity Set, Boxes, Misc. Household Items.

Unit #11253 - Betty D. Simovic - 1 Box, 3 Plastic Bags, 4 Tote Bags, Misc. Items.

Unit #1287 - Mary C. Glenn - 2 Mattresses, 2 Box Springs, 1 Child Mattress, Office Equipment, Folding Cot, Toys, Misc. Items.

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### CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS

#### SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

Notice of Adoption of Ordinance C-2-03, an Ordinance to amend Chapter 2, Article IV, Division 3, Sections 2-143 and 2-144 to increase the number of members of the Commission for Children, Youth and Families, and to provide for staggering of the terms of office for such added members of the Commission.

A full copy of this Ordinance is on file in the Clerk's Office for public review and inspection.

**THE CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS ORDAINS:**

**Section 1.**  
Chapter 2, Administration, Article IV, Boards, Commissions and Councils, Division 2, Commission on Children, Youth and Families, sections 2-143 and 2-144 are hereby amended as follows:

**Sec. 2-143. Members; appointments; Quorum.**  
The commission shall consist of twenty-six (26) members, who shall represent, insofar as possible, the general citizens of the city, the students of the Farmington area schools, the clergy, the school districts, the juvenile division and/or friend of the court agency of the judiciary, local business, regional and national business, the medical profession, local volunteer agencies and regional volunteer agencies. Twenty-one (21) members shall be appointed by the mayor subject to the approval by a majority vote of the members of the council. Five (5) members shall be appointed by the Mayor of Farmington subject to approval of a majority vote of the members of the Farmington Council. A majority of the full commission membership present and voting shall constitute a quorum.

**Sec. 2-144. Terms of office.**  
Members of the commission shall hold office for three-year terms and until their successors are appointed and qualified; provided, however, the initial appointments for the first commission and thereafter for any members subsequently added to the commission as a result of an increase in commission membership shall be for a period of one, two (2) and three (3) years respectively so as evenly as may be possible to provide for the appointment of an equal number of members each year; thereafter each member to hold office for the full three-year term.

**Section 2. Repealer.**  
**Section 3. Severability.**  
**Section 4. Savings.**  
**Section 5. Effective Date:** April 14, 2003  
**Section 6. Enactment:** March 24, 2003

KATHRYN A. DORNAN, City Clerk  
City of Farmington Hills

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### CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS

#### ADVERTISEMENTS FOR BIDS

##### ELEVEN MILE WATER MAIN PROJECT, S.A.D. C-513 (Old Homestead Drive to W. Lyman Ct.)

**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan at the City Clerk's Office at 3155 Eleven Mile Road until 10:00 a.m., Friday, April 11, 2003, at which time and place, all proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud.

This project consists of the installation of water main on Eleven Mile Road from Old Homestead Drive to W. Lyman Ct. Approximate quantities are as follows:

- 8" Ductile Iron Class 64 Water Main - 1,820 L.F.
- 8" Gate Valve in Well - 1 EA.
- 12" x 8" x 12" Tapping Sleeve, Gate Valve in Well - 1 EA.
- 8" x 6" x 12" Tapping Sleeve, Gate Valve in Well - 1 EA.
- Fire Hydrant Assembly - 4 EA.

Plus miscellaneous items necessary for a completed project.

Plans, specifications, and proposal forms may be obtained at the City Clerk's Office at the above address on or after 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 1, 2003, upon deposit of \$20.00, which is non-refundable. Proposals must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the City of Farmington Hills. Each proposal shall be accompanied by a Certified Check or Bid Bond by a recognized surety company in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid, payable to the City of Farmington Hills, as security for acceptance of the Contract.

The City reserves the right to waive any or all proposals, to waive irregularities and/or informalities, and to make the award, that in the opinion of the City Council is in the best interest and to the advantage of the City of Farmington Hills.

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#### ADVERTISEMENTS FOR BIDS

##### O'NEILL DRAINAGE PROJECT OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

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This project consists of approximately 300 linear feet of ditch and culvert work in the O'Neill and Springfield Roads Right-of-Way. Approximate quantities are as follows:

- Corrugated Steel Pipe, 24" - 70 L.F.
- High Density Polyethylene Pipe, 24" - 100 L.F.
- Ditching - 120 L.F.

Plus miscellaneous items necessary to completed project.

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The successful bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory Performance, Labor and Material and Maintenance and Guarantee Bonds.

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### CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS

#### SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

Notice of Adoption of Ordinance C-1-03, an Ordinance to amend Chapter 2-5, "Telecommunications", Article III, "Telecommunications Rights-of-Way Oversight", inclusive of Section 2-5-41 through 2-5-69 relating to permits for telecommunications companies to use public rights-of-way pursuant to Public Act 38 of 2002 (The Metro Act).

A full copy of this Ordinance is on file in the Clerk's Office for public review and inspection.

**THE CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS ORDAINS:**

**Section 1.**  
The Farmington Hills City Code, Chapter 2-5, "Telecommunications", is hereby amended to add a new Article III, "Telecommunications Rights-of-Way Oversight", inclusive of Sections 2-5-41 through 2-5-69, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE III. TELECOMMUNICATIONS RIGHTS-OF-WAY OVERSIGHT**

**Sec. 2-5-41 Purpose.**  
The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate access to and ongoing use of public rights-of-way by telecommunications providers for their telecommunications facilities while protecting the public health, safety, and welfare and exercising reasonable control of the public rights-of-way in compliance with the Metropolitan Extension Telecommunications Rights-of-Way Oversight Act (Act No. 48 of the Public Act of 2002) ("Act") and other applicable law, and to ensure that the City qualifies for distributions under the Act by modifying the fees charged to providers and complying with the Act.

**Sec. 2-5-42 Conflict.**  
**Sec. 2-5-43 Definitions.**  
**Sec. 2-5-44 Permit Required.**  
**Sec. 2-5-45 Issuance of Permit.**  
**Sec. 2-5-46 Construction/Engineering Permit.**  
**Sec. 2-5-47 Conduit or Utility Pole.**  
**Sec. 2-5-48 Route Maps.**  
**Sec. 2-5-49 Repair of Damage.**  
**Sec. 2-5-50 Establishment and Payment of Maintenance Fee.**  
**Sec. 2-5-51 Modification of Existing Fees.**  
**Sec. 2-5-52 Savings Clause Under the Act.**  
**Sec. 2-5-53 Use of Funds.**  
**Sec. 2-5-54 Annual Report.**  
**Sec. 2-5-55 Cable Television Operators.**  
**Sec. 2-5-56 Existing Rights.**  
**Sec. 2-5-57 Compliance.**  
**Sec. 2-5-58 Reservation of Police Powers.**  
**Sec. 2-5-59 Violation.**

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### ADVERTISEMENTS FOR BIDS

##### 11 MILE ROAD AND HALSTED ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

**City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan**

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan at 3155 Eleven Mile Road until 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 16, 2003, at which time and place all proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The project consists of improvements at the Eleven Mile Road and Halsted Road intersection and extends 1000 feet along Eleven Mile Road and 1000 feet of Halsted Road. The improvements include the relocation of approximately 350 ft of 12" - 20" water main and 600 ft of 12" - 15" storm sewer, installation of a precast concrete tunnel, and rehabilitation or reconstruction of approximately 2000 sq. ft. of stormwater pavement.

Approximate quantities for major items of work are as follows:

- Remove Pavement - 5,220 SYD
- Storm Sewer, 12" - 15" C76 CL IV - 600 LFT
- 8" Dia. Pump Station - 1 150UM
- 12" x 8" Ductile Iron Water Main - 340 LFT
- 12" x 8" Conspen Tunnel - 1 125UM
- Cold Mill Bituminous Pavement - 6,000 SYD
- Bituminous Mixture No. 700, 20% - 700 TONS
- Bituminous Mixture No. 130BL, 20AAA, 1.5" - 1,080 TONS
- Bituminous Mixture No. 130BT, 20AAA, 1.5" - 1,080 TONS
- Aggregate Base, 21AA Limestone - 1,160 TONS

Plus miscellaneous items necessary for a completed project.

Plans, specifications, and proposal forms may be obtained at the City Clerk's Office at the above address on or after 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 1, 2003, upon payment of Twenty (\$20.00) Dollars, which is non-refundable. Persons desiring that the plans be mailed shall also submit an additional Five (\$5.00) Dollars to cover handling and postage. Proposals must be submitted on the proposal forms furnished by the City of Farmington Hills. Each proposal shall be accompanied by a Certified Check or Bid Bond by a recognized surety company in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid, payable to the City of Farmington Hills, as security for acceptance of the Contract.

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### CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS

#### SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

##### CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MARCH 24, 2003

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bates at 7:30 p.m.

Council Present: Bates, Barnett, Brickner, Ellis, Grant, McRae and Overton

Council Absent: None

Others Present: Assistant City Manager Whinnery, City Clerk Dornan, Assistant City Engineer Gwilt, Police Chief Dwyer and City Attorney Joppich

**CITY COUNCIL TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:**

- Received presentations on:
  - Developmental Assets
  - 2002 Annual Report of the Police Department
- Reorganized:
  - 50th Anniversary of Rosenbaum, Rollins & Associates accounting firm
  - Clubbler City as the #1 Verizon Wireless Agent in Michigan
- Proclaimed April 2003 as *Elder Housing Month*
- Enacted Ordinances amending the City Code:
  - Chapter 2, Article IV to increase the number of members of the Commission on Children, Youth and Families and provide staggering terms of office
  - Chapter 2-5, Article III, Telecommunications Rights-of-Way Oversight and adoption of Resolution Implementing the Telecommunications Ordinance

**APPROVED:**

- Resolution urging access to local Public Safety agencies of Michigan State Police Radio Towers
- 2003 Dust Control Program funding through city road funds
- METRO Art Right-of-Way Telecommunications Permit to TDS Metrocom, Inc.
- Date of April 14, 2003 for Cost Public Hearing on Road Improvements for Kendallwood Subdivision #1
- Request for continued employment under Section 10.01A of the City Code
- Submission of Grant Application to the Farmington Hills Community Foundation for Children, Youth and Families in the amount of \$125,000.00

NANCY BATES, Mayor  
KATHRYN A. DORNAN, City Clerk

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