

Chamber president elected to BCCC board of directors

Jody Soronen, president of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce, has been elected to serve on the board of directors of Botaford Continuing Care Corporation (BCCC).

A division of Zieger Health Care Corporation, BCCC is comprised of the long-term care facility Botaford Continuing Health Center and the full-service retirement community Botaford Commons, both located in Farmington Hills.

"I am a longtime resident of Farmington Hills, and have been aware of the Zieger Health Care Corporation's services for years," said Soronen. "I consider it challenging and interesting to be part of an organization growing to meet the changing health care needs of the community."

Soronen, a former mayor of Farmington Hills, currently



Jody Soronen serves as president of the Council of Chambers of Commerce of Oakland County. She was president of the West Suburban Area Council of Chambers in 1990.

Active in the community, Soronen serves on a number of local and state boards. Her work has been recognized through numerous awards, among them: the Distinguished Citizen Award from the Farmington Area Jaycees, the Woman of the Year award from the Farmington Business and Professional Women's Association, the Regional Ambassador award from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments and the Michigan Chamber Professional Award from the Michigan Chamber of Commerce Executive Association.

The Botaford Continuing Care Corporation is the umbrella organization for Botaford Commons. Together, they provide a continuum of care services from independent living to long-term care. Botaford Continuing Health Center is a Medicare/Medicaid certified facility.

Hills teen to compete in bee

Heteroclitte, which means deviating from ordinary forms or rules, proved to be the word that determined the extraordinary speller at last year's Lawrence Technological University/Detroit News Spelling Bee.

This year's bee is Tuesday, April 4, and 33 youngsters — including Lindsey Cook, a 13-year-old Farmington Hills resident and Dunckel Middle School student — will trek to Southfield's Lawrence Tech from around the state to vie for this year's top speller crown.

The winner qualifies for the 68th annual Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. May 28 to June 3. The Lawrence Tech Bee is the largest bee in the state and dates back to 1922. The 33 young spellers, in fifth- to eighth-grade, were tapped from the original field of challengers who originated from about 900 participating schools throughout Michigan.

The winner will travel to the national bee courtesy of South-

field's Lawrence Tech. The winner's name will be added to a traveling trophy. Prizes to the winner include an Encyclopaedia Britannica set, and a Samuel Louis Sugarman Award \$50 U.S. savings bond. Other prizes for the winner and runner-up are courtesy of Franklin Electronic Publishing, Merriam-Webster and Houghton-Mifflin.

For information call Louise Garrett, in the Lawrence Tech President's Office, at 810-204-2008.

Class to teach vinyl siding application

Farmington Community Education in cooperation with Michigan Builders Institute will offer a one-day class on the techniques of applying vinyl siding on Tues-

day, April 11, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Farmington Community School, 30415 Shiawassee. The class costs \$35. Pre-registration is required no

later than Friday, April 7, at Farmington Community Education. Those interested should call the school at 489-3333 during office hours.

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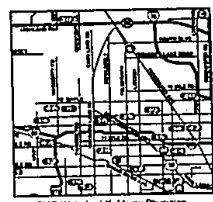
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