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Gala sports affair strikes up the band

This will be the best sports event in town. That's the way Bill Conroy, executive director of the Farmington Community Band, talks about the all sports variety show Friday April 9 in Harrison High School.

While those attending will be contributing to the community band they also will have the benefit of a night of sports entertainment. Local, state and national champions in a variety of sports will appear. Everything from the Detroit Lions basketball team to Karate and table tennis will be featured.

Set to begin at 7:30 p.m. and running until 10:30 p.m. the event will cost \$2.00 for adults and \$1.75 for students and children 12th grade and below.

Community band officials are turning their fingers in hopes of a big turnout so they can continue band operations. Looking for the best of practice are track, street music, exchange concerts, local artists for visiting artists and a variety of band conductor.

OF SPECIAL CONCERN is paying a bank note of \$24,000 now pending in the showmobile.

If the goal isn't reached the showmobile may have to be sold, says Conroy. You can help by fixing out the showmobile to become a patron of the community band.

Paul Barber, our resident sports columnist, says: "I've seen a lot of talented men. But if we want them to stay around, we're going to have to give them some money. Otherwise, what's the use of coming and taking time out of their lives?"

Businessmen also can help by supporting the concert band by having advertisements in the program. Show booklets and advertisements run at the way from \$1.00 to a one-eighth page to \$6 for a full page. A quarter page ad costs \$3 and a half page ad costs \$10.

These listings to be patrons also will be mentioned in the program. Those desiring to be a patron should contact the Farmington Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 15, Farmington, Michigan 48024.

Several employees of the Farmington School District also were victims of the fire on March 20.

JUDY NEHROFF, a Farmington schools psychologist reported that her home in the West Bloomfield subdivision was completely destroyed by the tornado.

Mrs. Nehroff's family was uninjured and many district teachers had week helped her husband through the debris in an effort to locate possessions.

Weldon Peltz, principal at Flanders Elementary School, had \$1,000 worth of damage to his home as the tornado ripped off the top of the house.

The paper's weekly staff when the tornado struck and has valuable collection of Abraham Lincoln articles were used damaged in the disaster.



Prestigious candidate Joe Dailey expresses his faith with his guitar.

Inter-city teamwork saves day

By RON GARRENSKI

Damage estimates may be more than \$4 million in the West Bloomfield tornado area, but the value of services provided by rescue workers far exceed that amount, many disaster victims said.

"After that tornado hit, we really needed help. These men provided us with a little bit of security and protection as well as comfort in a time of need," one West Bloomfield tornado victim said last week.

"It's good to know that when you need someone to lean on, our local police department and officers from all over the area, were there when you needed them," another home owner said while expressing his

gratitude for rescue workers' time spent on the scene.

Along with these comments came other words of thanks from several residents of the tornado struck area as they began to pick up the pieces and start rebuilding.

BOTH THE City of Farmington and Farmington Hills public safety departments assisted last weekend in a support role, providing manpower and equipment to help in rescue attempts.

Farmington public safety officers worked 302 hours and the department's resources to help another 172 hours during the tornado rescue.

Farmington Hills responded initially with 60 man—34 police and 26 volunteers

firemen—and began working 12-hour shifts the evening the tornado touched down in a northern section of Farmington Hills before heading into West Bloomfield.

Working through Sunday morning, the Hills department completed 608 hours of police overtime with the volunteers adding 347 hours of rescue help.

Figuring costs for the Farmington Hills Safety Department, it meant 12-hour shifts and more than \$2,000 in overtime pay for the regular officers.

For Farmington Hills the volume sky rockets after considering overtime hours pay and equipment costs during the disaster.

"It was an all-out effort by everyone involved in the rescue operation," Farmington Public Safety Director Daniel Byrnes said last week.

Under the circumstances, the West Bloomfield Police Department did a commendable job, considering the fact that their chief was out of town and didn't return until Sunday morning," Byrnes continued.

BGT WAYNE ALLEN of the West Bloomfield Department received praise from both Byrnes and Capt. Russ Conway of the Hills detective bureau.

"He did a fantastic job of coordinating activities and rescue efforts," Byrnes commented. "It's not everyday an officer handles decisions like that and I think he handled it pretty well."

Capt. Conway, Det. Albert Hanner and Officer Raymond Oranson of the Hills Public Safety Department assisted Allen in setting up a mobile command post in the tornado-damaged area.

Byrnes directed his department from their stations within the damage residential area.

A total of 195 rescue workers were coordinated from the mobile command post and directed to areas in need of special attention.

Several homes in Farmington Hills Woodbridge Subdivision suffered damage on an area level, but police officials say that all homes are repairable.

Only one home in the subdivision received considerable damage as the tornado ripped through the garage moments after the owner left it to return inside his house, one Woodbridge resident said.

Distrust marks tax protesters

By CATHERINE COLLINS

A bill before the Michigan Senate Tax Committee and a proposal by Gov. William Milliken were the targets of a Citizens Tax Council meeting to fight further taxation held March 21 in Birmingham.

The newly-formed council, headed by Gregory Kennedy of Southfield, represents an alliance of the Southfield Homeowners Tax Association and similar groups in Farmington, Birmingham and other communities, with Taxpayers United, a national citizen's lobbying group. The meeting was marked by opposition toward taxes and a distrust of government.

"A lot of politicians are mixed up," Kennedy said. "They think we're working for them instead of them working for us."

THE PETITION, supported by 26 state legislators, would limit taxes on personal income to 8.3 per cent, prohibit deficit spending and prevent the state from reducing and local taxes to the state to fund state programs for which it failed to provide funds.

The petition would also enable the governor to raise taxes by asking the legislature to declare an emergency. Henry Dodge of the Civic and Consumer Council, said that the Taxpayer United petition would make it easy for officials to raise taxes.

The group's petition makes no emergency provision, but would freeze all state taxes, including personal income, sales tax and property taxes, at existing levels.

Eight-year-old Michelle Richardson, 2080 Glenview in Farmington, received multiple lacerations, puncture wounds and scratches Friday evening, March 19 after being attacked by a dog.

She was rushed to St. Mary Hospital in Livonia where she was treated for wounds inflicted by the dog. She received stitches from under her shoulder to her elbow.

Doctors also said she had a lacerated artery and a blood clot had formed in the injured area shortly after the accident. Doctors were able to relieve the clotting, a hospital spokesman said last week.

According to police reports, Michelle, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schwabe, was walking with a girl friend when the dog attacked her.

Martha McGowan, 8, of 3268 Grand River, was walking with Michelle by the creek in Spicer Farm, 3675 Farmington Road in the Hills, when an Irish setter and Dalmatian approached them.

GARY DAILEY of Farmington was walking his friend's dog on the Spicer Farm property.

He was walking about 200 feet behind the dog when he heard the girl scream for help.

The girls said the dog approached them from behind. Martha McGowan was carrying a stick and tried to scare them away.

Michelle wasn't carrying a stick and according to the police report, the dog pushed her into the creek.

The Dalmatian attacked Michelle and bit her in the neck, arm back and legs, the report added.

Police, responding to the dog bite incident, took the two girls home. Michelle was rushed to the hospital by her parents and was released last week.

As of Friday, the dog remained in confinement at the Oakland County Animal Control Center pending investigation of the incident.

Dog bite victim making recovery

KENNEDY URGED support of House Bill 468, now before the Senate Tax Committee and supported by two of its five members, which would lower the percentage of true cash value at which property is assessed.

"We believe our petition complements each other, but ours is more definitive. We don't want to fight each other, we're friends with the same goals."

Each petition needs 300 signatures before the proposals can be placed on the ballot.

Several lobbying groups are concerned about a proposed increase in the real estate transfer tax and are actively supporting the two petitions.

GAY MULLIKEN has proposed that the tax levy on transfer of property be increased substantially. The measure for assessment is on page 11A.

The measure would reduce the current rate of 30 percent of the market value assessment by one percent each year and would freeze the rate when it reached 6 percent.

The group is concerned primarily with two petitions to amend the constitution so state taxes would be frozen at existing levels. Taxpayers United and the Civic and Consumer Council, another citizen's lobbying group, each sponsoring a separate petition, argued over which was more worthy.

"Government in Michigan is horrendous and our petition would stop politicians' spending right in their tracks," said Eldon Andrews of Taxpayers United.

He elaborated on that idea in words that appear on the jacket of his first album, "Happy Are the Children of the Lord."

His statement explained that he writes "both because of a need to express my own prayer in song and to share that song and faith with the community."

This album was published last year by Alba House, a religious publishing firm in Detroit, which now is completing work on a second Dailey album, "Speak to Your People, O Lord."

Both, said the musician, feature a rock kind of beat and expose the joy to be found in the Christian faith.

REV. DAILEY's career as a writer of religious song started with a minimum of difficulty.

"What happened," he said, "is that I sat down one day and thought I'd write a song, and it turned out to be the title song for my first album."

He explained that "Happy Are the Children of the Lord" is his interpretation of the Sermon on the Mount. "I've grown to cherish that part of the Bible as the basis for the lived Christian experience," he said.

The group is pretty well scattered now but did get together, with several instrumentalists, to do the necessary recording for the second album.

"We hope that will be out this summer," Rev. Dailey said.

THEY BELIEVE in a native of Toledo who grew up in Detroit, attending Christ the King grade school, Catholic Central High School and Sacred Heart Seminary before entering St. John's. His family now lives in Indianapolis.

He had lessons on organ and piano and started playing the organ first in his home parish, but has been playing in church since he was 10.

He has found music a very important part of his life while he works with the Rev. Joseph Ransome, co-pastor of St. Agatha, in a "getting-the-best" stage of learning to be a parish priest.

"I decided to train for the priesthood because I felt a call to serve and to minister," he said. And at this stage, he says

Dailey becomes priest with song in his heart

By MARGARET MILLER

Joe Dailey, a deacon at St. Agatha Catholic Church in Redford Township, is making his final move toward priesthood with a lot of help from the music in his soul.

Rev. Dailey started writing songs while he was studying at St. John Provincial Seminary in Plymouth last year and, in collaboration with several friends, put them into an album of happy religious tunes.

He went on writing while spending last summer in Our Lady of Sorrows parish in Farmington and as he completed his final term at St. John and began his tenure as a deacon at St. Agatha.

New he's still writing songs, incorporating his music into some of the services he leads in the Redford parish.

He still hasn't made a firm commitment, but it's coming more and more clear.

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