# Youth Hostelers is for young and old

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Are you young in spirit? Looking for adventure? Do you enjoy recreational pleasures like sailing, bicycling and cross-country sking?

Would you like share your leisure time activities with others?

The American Youth Hostels (AYH) may be the group for you.

The Oaklanders, a division of the AYH Metropolitan Detroit Council, has moved its meeting location from Ponica to the Forum of West Bloomfield High School, 4925 Orchard Lake Rond. The group gathers on the last Wednesday evening of each month to discuss future outings.

Mike Bennett, 31, president of the Oaklanders, asys the club meetings were moved to West Bloomfield last November to attract new members. However, no vast increase has been recorded. Only 25 persons participate in the club's hosteling activities. There's no age limit for AYH members. "We have people from eightyears-old to 77." Bennett said. Anyone may join the non-profit, non-sectarian and non-political group.

TO BECOME an Oaklander, an AYH TO BECOME an Oaklander, an AYH membership must first be acquired. A person either applies for a junior membership if under 18 or senior membership if older than 18.

The cost is \$5 and \$11 for the two age groups. When you're accepted into the organization, an AYH card is sent to the member. This entitles the person

to discount rates in AYH shelters in the United States and abroad. The membership also includes a subscription to the Hotsel News.

Of the 26 shelter hostels in Michigan, he most popular is Bitte Lake near Kalkaska, Bennett said. A new hostel will open soon near Flint.

Home hostels are houses where AYH members may stop and spend the night. The more conventional and prevalent hostel is a dormitory, designed for a large group and complete with cooking facilities.

"Sayling in hostels is only a small part of what we do," Bennett said. "We backpack, hike, said, bicycle, stand take trips. Some are for the day, some weekends and some a week. The AYH's most famous bicycle trip is the four of the Scion River Valley, which is a bite ride from Columbus to Portsmith, Ohio. During the summer, more than 3,500 riders participate in the two day ride.

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Sag wagons to pick up tired bikers
are also part of MELT.

Bennett urges all persons who enjoy
fun and recreation to attend the March
Oaklanders meeting skiing activities
area planned for the month.

For more information concerning

For more information concerning the group, contact Phyllis Mottershead at 642-6534.



## Graceful Mover

Gymnast Bill Beno of North Farmington recently competed in the state meet. He placed sixth in both the floor exercises and the trampoline.(Staff photo)

# Week's agenda set

COUNCIL MEETING
City of Farmington
7:30 p.m.
March 20, 1978
23600 Liberty
The Farmington City Council
will hold a public hearing to consider the proposed use of federal
revenue sharing funds before the
general meeting begins.
Business includes consideration of an ordinance regulating automatic sprinkling systems in mid-rise and
institutional buildings; authorziation to negotiate a new threeyear contract for rubbish disposal; consideration of House
Bill No. 4945 to limit muricipal
Biblity on roads; and a request liability on roads; and a request from St. Gerald parish to con-

duct a three-day carnival.

Council also will receive bids for construction of a parking lot on State Street and hear a presentation on the progress of the construction of the Old Winery

Restaurant, on Grand River. Review of a preliminary report from the Michigan Municipal League, concerning a con-stitutional convention, is sched-

BOARD OF EDUCATION Farmington School District 8 p.m. March 21, 1978 32500 Shiawassee

The Lord Statewasse The board agenda includes consideration of a request from Oakland County to place a request for one mill for special education on the ballot; adoption of a preliminary budget for the 1978-79 school year; approval of high school graduations; consideration of the purchase of a piano for Harrison High School, and regular business items. A curriculum report will be made on the elementary science program by instructor Ken Barry.





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## **Obituaries**

GRACE MARIE PLUNK

Mrs. Plunk, 35, of Farmington Hills died March 1 in Redford Community Hospital. Surviving are her husband, Robert; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cam-marata of Farmington Hills; in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Plunk of Melvindale; son, Robert Joseph; daughter, Nancy Ruth; and brother, Fred Cam-

marata.

She was a saleswoman for Crowley's
Livonia Mall store.

Funeral services were conducted by
the Rev. James B. Wright of St. Alex-

ander Catholic Church, Farmington Hills.

### MARGARET L. STRONG

Mrs. Strong, 77, of Farmington died Feb. 23 at William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, of heart disease. Surviving are her son, Duncan of Livonia; brother, Carl Scherping; and

Lavonia; brother, Carl Scherping; and three grandchildren.
Mrs. Strong, a homemaker, was born in Saginaw.
Services were conducted by the Rev.
Raymond Lumley, with burial in Glen Eden Cemetery.

## MSU names winter grads

Farmington area students were among the graduating class from Michigan State University, recently, James Devilo of 29782 Old Bedford, Farmington, graduated with a masters' degree in mechanical engineering. Alice Engelbrecht, of 28303 Forsetbrook, Farmington, earned a masters of businens administration in marketing.

## Lady Liberty

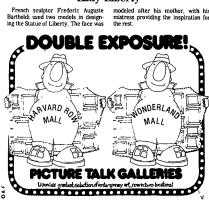
Jaske of 21243 Robinwood, Farmington, earned a bachelor's degree in park and recreation resources.

Carole Massey of 23294 Lilac, Farmington, earned a masters in counseling.

ing. Alice Engelbrecht, of 28003 Forestbrook, Farmington, entrande a masters of businens administration in marketing.
Kathryn Hickey of 25590 Kilreigh.
Farmington, received a bachelors and fegre in hotel degree in special education. Kirk

French sculptor Frederic Auguste Bartholdi used two models in design-ing the Statue of Liberty. The face was

modeled after his mother, with his mistress providing the inspiration for the rest.





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