

# Local wine wins a gold medal

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This is an exciting time of year as we enter the holiday period. Recently I discovered Taylor's Ice Wine which is made from harvesting frozen grapes and they are quickly pressed before they thaw with a resulting tart taste.

An interesting local wine is Bronte's Saco Noire. Bronte pioneered the French-American hybrid grape in Michigan. This cross between the native American and the classical European varieties retains the flavor characteristics of its European ancestors, but thrives in a shorter growing season.

The resultant dry, red table wine received a gold medal at the State Fair this fall, one of many honors it has won. The Robert Wenzel, who owns the winery are Birmingham residents.

You might want to report at your Thanksgiving dinner that Dr. Singh, head of the department of botany, Ann Arbor University, Southern India, made an interesting discovery.

He has found that music excites plants to make them grow faster. The sound of an electric bell can make rice grow to produce earlier than normal, while recorded violin music increased growth with plants. Our music records with strong rhythm might give the same result.

MANY OF you during the holidays will be enjoying comradeship in front

## down to earth Alicia Burlingame

of the glow of a fireplace.

You have to watch softwood because it pops while hardwood will give you a maximum heat. Apple, pear (very high heat and fragrant), yellow birch, hard maple, beech, oak, dogwood are tops.

The woods of fair quality are white birch, pine fir, cedar (smokes considerably), elm, basswood and sycamore. The poor woods are tamarack, larch, redwood, chestnut, hemlock, willow, and other soft woods.

Air dried wood will give off 10-14 percent more heat than green wood. Handwood gives less creosote accumulation in the chimney which can be fire hazard. You might want to clip these wood categories to guide you in buying wood.

As we approach the holiday season many cooks are emphasizing appetizers for healthful food intake. The local health stores can supply the seeds (which haven't been treated with fungicides or insecticides to protect young seedlings upon sprouting).

QUART jars are excellent for processing the seeds in water with a cheesecloth cover to allow the air in. The seeds are soaked in water overnight and then placed in the jars.

Be sure to rinse the seeds a couple of times a day to avoid souring. A tablespoon of seed will swell in a quart jar. Radish seeds are excellent for perking up a salad. The growing of sprouts in itself is an art. Good luck.

Mushrooms taste so good prepared in

a variety of ways for the table. They are really a fungus and not a vegetable. They grow in dark sheds where the temperature is controlled. Our state's mushroom business is the third largest of its kind in the United States. They are yummy sliced, fried in butter and rolled on to fresh toast.

With modern technology our Michigan farmers can each produce enough food to feed themselves and 76 other people. This is done on less land than ever before.

As I follow the horticulture research at Michigan State with its sundry crops, plus animals and trees, and the new avenues of research, I can assure you, we residents can be very, very proud.

For students it builds great pride and interest in all living things. Its curriculum is recognized all over the world.

## Benefits increased

Veterans and their survivors who are receiving VA pensions checks under the "improved" pension plan will receive a 3.5 percent cost of living increase effective Dec. 1.

VA pensions are paid to wartime veterans totally and permanently disabled from circumstances unrelated to their military service. They are paid also to survivors of wartime veterans who are in need. Unlike compensation paid to those disabled because of military ser-

vice, pensions are affected by income from other sources.

The first check to be received by beneficiaries reflecting the cost-of-living increase will be the check received on or about Jan. 1. Veterans and their survivors who are receiving benefits under the "improved" pension plan of 1979 will receive the increase. Pensions for veterans and survivors under the "old" plan remain fixed and payable at the rates in effect in 1978.

## Exercise for those over 40

A new session of exercises, tailored especially for the woman over 40, begins Thursday, Dec. 1, in the exercise room in Bel-Aire Lanes on Orchard Lake Road and 10 Mile.

Cost for the one-hour four-week session is \$18. Registrations may be made by calling Marilyn Esser, who devised "Golden Soundance," at 477-0590.

Clark will share personal experiences and feelings as a widow dealing with the advent of the holidays.

Conn will give demonstrations and tips on easy and affordable entertaining, some gift ideas and quick shopping techniques.

"We've planned an afternoon of fun, music, gifts, refreshments and helpful information," Conn said.

Limited space makes it necessary for the women to ask for pre-registration by calling Cotter at 661-1654. The fee of \$5 is payable at the door.

## Senior women widows can learn techniques planning happy holidays

A two hour workshop called "A Holiday Gathering for Senior Women and Widows," begins at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9 in Farmington Community Center, on Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile.

The event is led by Margaret Cotter, Linda Clark, and Penny Conn, who will share helpful techniques on how to plan for a happy holiday season.

Cotter will tell participants how to turn holiday blues into positive attitudes and how to be responsible for one's own expectations for the season.

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## Fun run set for Sunday

A one to six mile Fun-Run, or walk, if preferred, tailored for people of all ages and degrees of fitness, is sponsored by Wayne State University Professor Arthur Weaver and his Belter Running Seminars. The Fun-Run, which emphasizes personal improvement rather than competition, will start at 10 a.m. Sunday, at Plymouth Seventh Day Adventist Church parking lot, 4295 Napier Road, Plymouth. To register, call 882-7348.

## Spinal checks

Benestad Chiropractic Center offers free spinal checkups 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday. The center is at 21021 Farmington Road.

**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS REGULAR MEETING November 28, 1983**

Mayor Hughes opened the regular meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council on November 28, 1983 at 7:30 P.M. Members present: Burrell, DeLo, Hughes, Lang, Sorocan, Williams and Wolf. Others present: City Manager Savage, City Clerk Cairns, Assistant City Manager Costello and City Attorney Poshman.

Minutes of November 14, 1983 were approved and a printed copy was distributed.

Council adopted Resolution No. 5 for Special Assessment District for Orchard Lake Road Street Tree Program Improvement.

Council voted to transfer Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate Number 81-144 from Diamond International Corporation to Diamond Automation, Inc., 23400 Hagerly Road.

Council enacted Zoning Map Amendment C82-302 (ZTR 11-6-83) rezoning 9.5997 acres of land north of Freedom between Drake and Gill Roads from RA-1 to RC-1 in Section 28.

Council enacted Zoning Text Amendment C82-XX, amending Section 701, to limit the SP-2 district to hospitals, attending the height restrictions, setback provisions and provisions for location of accessory buildings and providing minimum distances between adjacent buildings. Also amending Section 1807 regulating the location of signs in SP-2 district. The summary was approved for publication.

The request of judges of 47th District Court for increased compensation was approved.

Council approved executive session immediately following regular meeting.

Resolution No. 3 for Modallion Investment Company Project refinancing for Economic Development Corporation located on Northwestern Highway was approved setting public hearing date for December 10, 1983.

Council adopted Resolution No. 3 for Economic Development Corporation for North Valley Project Phase No. 2 located on Northwestern Highway, setting public hearing date for December 10, 1983.

Council approved paying policy statement for local road paving for 1984 for all gravel roads and that informational meetings be held.

Council directed City Manager to secure bids for the replacement of roof on Wheeler Fire Station.

Council awarded contract to Hoffman Nursery of Union Lake in amount of \$20,007.25 for supplying and planting street trees for Orchard Lake Road Street Tree Program.

Council approved Agreement with Oakland County Treasurer for collection of delinquent personal property taxes.

Appointment was confirmed for George W. Bowman to fill a vacancy on the Energy Commission.

Council voted to combine the December 19 and 26 meetings to be held on December 19, 1983.

Council approved hiring Ronald Achtenberg who is related to an employee in the Fire Department.

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 P.M.

FREDERICK W. HUGHES, Mayor  
FLOYD A. CAIRNS, City Attorney

**CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS (Summary)**

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Mayor Bennett on November 21, 1983, in Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan.

PRESENT: Bennett, Hartsock, Tupper, Walker, Yoder  
CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: City Manager Deadman, Director Selfert, City Attorney Kelly, City Clerk Busby.

The Oath of Office was administered to Councilmen Yoder, Hartsock and Walker. Council elected Mr. Yoder as Mayor and Mr. Hartsock as Mayor Pro Tem.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Minutes of other boards were received and read for file.

Council restated its position opposing Federal legislation which would substantially reduce local control of Cable television franchises.

Council supported Michigan House Bill 4984 which would update and expand Michigan's antitrust laws to extend coverage to include service businesses and expressly exempt governmental units.

Council granted permission to Oak Hill Nursing Home for temporary parking on Gill Road on November 30, 1983.

Council considered a progress report on Brookdale Street parking.

Council adopted a Yard Storm Drain Policy accepting responsibility for maintaining those drains which were constructed by the city or those drains which may be accepted by the city at the time they are constructed by others.

Council authorized the use of the National Bank of Detroit's Governmental Investment Pool for surplus funds.

Council accepted the low bid of G.M.C. Truck Center in the amount of \$39,191.15 for a dump body truck with snow plow and scraper and the bid of Scallop Roofing, Inc. in the amount of \$4,135.00 for the roof repair of city buildings.

Council authorized payment of \$31,551.25 to Albert A. Detorre and Associates for work completed through November 15 on the 1983 Road Improvement Program.

Council received a progress report on the Old Town Drain Project.

Public comments were heard.

Council received the Election Commission Report for the November 8, 1983, Local Election.

Councilman Bennett was appointed Council Representative to the Planning Commission, and Mayor Pro Tem Hartsock was appointed Alternate to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Thomas Carr and Charles Wisinger were appointed for another four-year term on the Farmington Board of Canvassers.

The following reports were received and filed:

- Public Safety Third Quarterly Report, September 1983;
- General Fund and 47th District Court Financial Reports, Four months ended October 31, 1983.

The following Ordinance was adopted:

**ORDINANCE NO. C-511-83**  
**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON BY ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION, WHICH NEW SUBSECTION SHALL BE DESIGNATED AS SUBSECTION (4) OF SECTION 5.44 OF CHAPTER 39 OF TITLE V OF SAID CODE.**

**5.44 Conditions of Approval**  
(4) Approval of planned unit development or site plans shall be limited to a two-year period, unless construction has begun prior to the expiration of the two-year period.

This ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Farmington City Council on November 7, 1983, was adopted and enacted at the next regular meeting on November 21, 1983, and will become effective ten (10) days after publication.

AYES: Hartsock, Tupper, Walker, Yoder, Bennett.  
NAYS: None.

Monthly bills were approved for payment.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

RALPH D. YODER, Mayor  
JOSEPHINE M. BUSHEY, City Clerk

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