

## cable connection

### COMMUNITY ACCESS PROGRAM- SCHEDULING CHANNEL 12 Oct. 22

- 11 a.m. — Duel of Knowledge. Mercy vs. Novi.
- 11:30 a.m. — Life Styles, Diana Martinez.
- 12 p.m. — Oakland County Parks and Recreation.
- 12:30 p.m. — Rock Hot Shots #4.
- 1 p.m. — Soundtrax. Rock Group Hallowsen.

- 6 p.m. — Duel of Knowledge. Mercy vs. Novi.
- 6:30 p.m. — Life Styles, Diana Martinez.
- 7 p.m. — Oakland County Parks and Recreation.
- 7:30 p.m. — Rock Hot Shots #4.
- 8 p.m. — Rock Hot Shots #4.

- 11 a.m. — Farmington Junior Football League. Freshmen Vikings vs. Eagles.

- 12 p.m. — President Reagan visits St. Agatha School.
- 1 p.m. — Cablegram. Understanding your bill.
- 1:10 p.m. — Insight #3. Host, Fred Lichtman.
- 6 p.m. — Farmington Junior Football League. Freshmen Vikings vs. Eagles.
- 7 p.m. — Cablegram. Understanding your bill.
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- 8 p.m. — President Reagan visits St. Agatha School.
- Oct. 24
- 11 a.m. — Capital Improvement. Program — Farmington Hills.
- 11:30 a.m. — Farmington Hills capital improvement presentation.
- 1:50 p.m. — Jobs through rehabilitation.
- 6 p.m. — Capital Improvement. Program — Farmington Hills.

- 6:30 p.m. — Farmington Hills capital improvement presentation.
- 8:50 p.m. — Jobs through rehabilitation.

Oct. 25

- 11 a.m. — Henry Baskin interviews Oakland County Circuit Court judges.
- 12 p.m. — Home security. Police Sgt. Dennis Brills and Chief John Nichols.
- 12:30 p.m. — A House for all Seasons. More heat.
- 6 p.m. — Survival Therapy. Learning to live with serious or terminal illness.

- 1:30 p.m. — Health talks. Myasthenia gravis. Psychiatric care.
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Oct. 26

- Viewer's Choice. Contact 553-7300 before 2 p.m. Friday.

# District coordinates courses

Six years ago, when the North Central Association (NCA) evaluated Walled Lake's two high schools, one weakness was emphasized again and again — lack of communication.

In "educational-use" it's called "articulation" or "program coordination." The lack of communication has occurred within departments and between departments, between the two high schools, between the two junior high schools and between the high schools and their respective feeder junior highs.

"The lack of coordination is a common problem because of the preoccupation with adding courses and changing graduation requirements," said secondary education director Carl Pacacha.

Pacacha recently told the school board he planned to solve the communication problem for grades 7-12 over the next four years.

"Phase one has begun this year," he noted, explaining that the process of unifying courses between the two junior high schools and between the two senior high schools already is underway. "I'm a strong believer in similarity of course offerings," Pacacha added.

"The importance of this phase is that all students should be afforded the same learning opportunities."

THE GOAL is to have similar offerings at both junior highs and both senior highs, unless the lack of facilities or lack of teaching staff prevents it.

The second phase of Pacacha's program will take an estimated three years, he told the school board. In 1985-86, the teachers in each subject will begin writing broad goal statements for that subject.

The same year, teachers within each subject area will work on more specific "performance" objectives for each student to obtain.

These goals and objectives will "give direction to teaching in the classroom," Pacacha said. "I think we need to get away from 'doing your own thing' — where individual buildings are developing their own curriculum apart from the rest of the district," he explained.

"The project will not work unless teachers take ownership of it," Pacacha added. "It's going to require some effort, because teachers are very particular in some cases to what they're teaching."

PACACHA ADMITTED there would be problems in working out the plan with the teaching staff, but he added: "I

taught school for 16 years and I wish I'd had this."

The project for 1986-87 will be of particular importance to parents. The teachers within each subject area will devise uniform tests to measure the student's attainment of the performance objectives set in each subject.

"Student performance can then be judged by the mastery of objectives, rather than (his or her) standing in relation to (other students)," Pacacha explained. These tests will provide "greater program clarity for teachers and more understanding for parents," he added.

The final step in completing "curriculum coordination" will be identifying the specific teaching materials needed to reinforce skills not attained by individual students, Pacacha said.

"It's a very ambitious plan, but we see this as within the realm of possibility," he noted.

However, board member Merin Reeds said the program was not ambitious enough. "I would expect a more ambitious time frame. I'd like to see this thing underway before the end of the decade," Reeds said. "It's been my experience that if you let a program go for five years, everyone gets tired of it."

## Consultant certified

George A. Benington of Farmington Hills has been elected a member of the Institute of Management Consultants and has been certified as a CMC (Certified Management Consultant).

Certification by the Institute of Management Consultants means the consultant meets the Institute's standards of technical competence, professional experience and ethical conduct.

Benington is employed by Arthur Young & Co. in Detroit.

In addition to membership in the In-

stitute of Management Consultants, Benington holds membership in the Association for Computing Machinery and the Association for Systems Management.

In 1963 he received bachelor's degrees in electrical engineering and mathematics from the University of Michigan. He also has a master's degree in business administration from the University of Rochester in 1971.

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