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Tricks and treats

A safe and sane alternative to traditional Devil's Night activities is being offered by the Farmington Community Band. Children and adults are welcome to attend a concert at Harrison High School auditorium beginning at 8 p.m., Tuesday, October 30. Children wearing costumes not only recieve free admission but may also particapate in the grand parade of costumes during the show.

Liquor controversy brews

By Joanne Maliszewski
staff writer

Oakland Circuit Judge Robert Templin is expected to decide Monday whether to continue an order restraining the city of Farmington Hills from granting its last Class C liquor license of this decade.

Templin issued the temporary order last Monday at the request of the owners of Capraro's, a proposed restaurant near Haggerty and Grand River. The City Council had voted to issue the license to Capraro's on Oct. 9 but rescinded that decision a week later.

The restraining order prevented council from considering or approving a license for one of five applicants until the hearing today.

Frank Palazzolo, Capraro's attorney, refused comment on the matter until after the hearing.

But he acknowledged that one of the reasons for the restraining order was council's rescission of the license for the restaurant.

City attorney Paul Bibeau said Templin is expected to decide today whether the restraining order will be continued against the city.

If it is continued, council will be restrained from taking action on the license until a hearing is scheduled on "the merits of Capraro's complaints," said City Attorney Paul Bibeau.

THE RESTRAINING order is the latest in a series of events concerning the issuance of the liquor license.

Controversy began almost three weeks ago when council set out to issue the last license.

But council reached a stalemate on its first two choices for the license when Mayor Charles Williams and Councilman Joe Alkateeb announced they would abstain from discussing and voting on the issue.

Both indicated they had a possible conflict of interest because each is or may be professionally involved with an applicant.

Because both abstained, leaving only five council members able to vote, Ernie's Deli and Restaurant of Muirwood and Etkin Equities lost their bids for the license. Five votes are needed to approve a license.

Council was finally able to cast five votes in favor of Capraro's.

But later that week Williams requested that council consider rescinding the license. He also requested the city attorney's written opinion of whether he and Alkateeb actually had a conflict of interest.

A council member may vote on an issue as long as financial benefit is not gained from casting a vote for a particular applicant, according to attorney Richard Poehlman.

obituaries

IRMA V. SHERWOOD

Mrs. Sherwood, 81, of Farmington Hills died Oct. 18 in Botsford Hospital.

Mrs. Sherwood was a homemaker.

Survivors include her son, Donald, and two grandchildren.

Services were Oct. 22 at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. George Ramsey officiating. Burial was in Colfax Township Cemetery, Bad Axe, Mich.

OSCAR A. PAULSON

Mr. Paulson, 84, of Keweenaw County, Mich., died Oct. 19.

Mr. Paulson was a press operator for the automotive industry.

Survivors include his sons, Norman and Stanley; daughters, Virginia Ahonen and Nancy Moraitis; 18 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Services were Oct. 22 at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Dennis Paulson officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

EVVA E. LEE

Mrs. Lee, 89, of Novi died Oct. 20 in Beverly Manor Nursing Home of Novi.

Born in Canada, Mrs. Lee was a homemaker.

Survivors include her daughters, Marie Hackett, Kathleen Bellaire and Betty Walker; six grandchildren.

Services were Oct. 23 at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Robert L.S. Brown officiating. Burial was in White Chapel Cemetery, Troy.

MARGOT W. BROGREN

Mrs. Brogren, 88, of Livonia died Oct. 20 in Dorvin Nursing Home.

Born in Sweden, Mrs. Brogren was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Axel; sons, Bengt and Roy; three brothers and three sisters; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were Oct. 23 at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Gary Johnson officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

RUTH MERZ MICHAL

Mrs. Michal, 67, of Farmington died Oct. 22 in William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak.

Mrs. Michal was a homemaker.

Survivors include her daughters, Toni O'Neil and Brooke; brother, Charles Merz; one grandchild.

Services were Oct. 25 at the Salem United Church of Christ with the Rev. Lee Tyler officiating. Burial was in Oak Hill Cemetery, Pontiac. Arrangements were made by Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington.

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