

Adult ed teachers honored

Terry Leland and Lorraine Hawley, adult education staff members at Ten Mile Community School, were honored by the Oakland School Community Administrators at its annual awards luncheon June 5.

Leland was named Outstanding Adult Education Teacher in Oakland County. Hawley was named Outstanding Para-professional in Adult and Community Education in Oakland County.

For the past six years, Leland has served as reading improvement instructor with the Farmington/Clareville consortium, teaching both day and evening classes. She also teaches reading at Marillac Hall.

The first adult education representative to sit on the Clareville Curriculum Council, she is a recent initiate of Phi Delta Kappa. Leland has co-authored a nutrition grant to be implemented in the summer program at Marillac Hall. Called

"Project Neat," it will provide basic nutrition information to pregnant teens. In addition, her class was used as a model in a 1986 literacy campaign sponsored by Channel 7.

Hawley has worked as a child care provider in the Farmington Community Education Program for 14 years. She has seen the child care program grow from one housed in a portable classroom behind Shawanawash School to a sizable program with a part-time aide and housed at the Ten Mile School.

Ten Mile teachers have recognized her contribution to building morale and program success. In addition to basic story time, she provides exercise, craft activities and snacks and the appropriate holiday parties.

She was given the county award because of her devotion to the program and her willingness to help and support.



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Ten Mile Community School award-winning teachers Lorraine Hawley (seated) and Terry Leland.

Business group plans luncheon

Product liability.

That's the topic of Gus Harrison, guest speaker at the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce general membership luncheon at noon Thursday, June 18, at Gino's on the Grill, 27815 Middlebelt.

Harrison, a public relations consultant to state and corporate clients, is executive director of Michigan's Product Liability Task Force.

He's the former commissioner of the Michigan Bureau of the Lottery and former director of the Michigan Department of Corrections.

Cost for the luncheon is \$10 per person. For reservations, call the chamber: 474-3440.

Prospective new members may attend any general membership luncheon. Business and individual membership information is available by calling the chamber. The



Gus Harrison
PR consultant

chamber is at 33201 Grand River in downtown Farmington.

Bill would protect against duplicate insurance

Legislation to protect senior citizens from becoming victims of insurance agents selling duplicate supplemental insurance policies was introduced by state Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, co-sponsored by a majority of state senators.

Faxon's bill would call for regulation of insurance agents by requiring anyone selling a Medicare supplemental policy to determine if a prospective customer already has such a policy.

The bill would require the insurer to tell the customer how the additional policy being offered would duplicate or coordinate with any existing coverage the customer has. It would allow the Insurance Commissioner the authority to establish

penalties for those who violate its requirements.

Both the insurance agent and the senior citizen consumer would be required to sign an acknowledgement certifying that any new contract does not provide coverage a person is already entitled to or is currently receiving. Consumers will acknowledge, along with the agent, they are purchasing supplemental insurance with a better understanding of what the additional coverage will provide.

"I AM again bringing this bill before the legislature because I strongly feel we must protect senior citizens from spending their limited assets on supplemental insurance policies they erroneously believe

will keep them from being wiped out financially should they become seriously ill," Faxon said. "Too often, salespeople oversell medical insurance to seniors who are concerned about their coverage. In truth, most of these policies mirror each other and little additional coverage is gained by having more than one policy."

Faxon proposed Senate Bill 328 as

part of a package of legislation dealing with the problems of senior citizens. Increasingly, the media has published stories that tell of senior citizens spending as much as \$4,000 a year on insurance premiums and still not have coverage for vision, dental, hearing and nursing home care, as well as prescription drugs and many forms of medical equipment not currently covered under Medicare, Faxon said.

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