



Fund-raising on the lanes

Farmington Training Center raised nearly \$3,000 at a bowl-a-thon at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills. Ninety-nine special education students bowled to raise money for extracurricular school activities. Above, Farmington Training Center paraprofessional Cindy Ludy helps student Amy Carlson bowl. Event organizers Mary Lou Weaver and Ed Wolf said they were overwhelmed by

the parent and student response. Since most of the students love to bowl, the bowlathon proved an excellent way to involve students in raising money for their own cause, the organizers said. The students enjoyed 50 pizzas donated by Domino's Pizza of Farmington. An afternoon dance with D.J. Terry Shiefer also was held.

RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Haggerty development may spark zoning war

By Jeff Counts
Staff writer

The possible widening of Haggerty and its connection to I-275 are expected to spark more development along the road and a war over what will be built along it in West Bloomfield Township.

A major skirmish is expected this summer when the township revises its master zoning plan, which determines what will be built and where. Haggerty is the border between West Bloomfield and Commerce townships. It hosts mainly industrial plants on the Commerce side and has been long been earmarked for West Bloomfield's industrial development.

"There will be people out at those hearings who have never been interested in the master plan before," predicted Doug Hoxie, a member of the township wetlands board and a community activist.

Planning commission members got a sneak preview of the battle to come at an April 12 meeting on the rezoning of 135 acres at Haggerty and Walnut Lake roads. More than 100 people packed the meeting at which the planning commission voted 8-0 to delay any rezoning that would have allowed construction of an office park until after the township's master plan is reviewed this summer.

BEFORE THE meeting, Citizens Organized Now Toward Acquiring Control Tomorrow, CONTACT, mailed out post cards to residents and asked them to indicate their stand on the rezoning.

The post cards were returned to township officials, and Betsy Releh, assistant planning director, reported to the commission at the meeting that out of 159 cards received, 158 were opposed, and one approved.

The township and the developer had sought to rezone the land from single family and limited industrial zoning to light industrial. That would have allowed the construction of an office park. The developers are represented by Leonard G. Siegal, a Farmington Hills architect.

But that isn't the only development being sought for Haggerty. At the same April 12 meeting Thomas Vestevich, in Bloomfield Hills dentist, presented a plan for a 110,750-square-foot shopping center on 16 acres on Maple Road at Haggerty. It would entail rezoning the property from single family residential to commercial and transitional use.

The planning commission didn't vote on the project or rezoning because it was a work session. However, the issue is expected to come up again.

THE PLEAS from developers come at the same time that the state Department of Transportation is studying the corridor, with an eye to widening Haggerty or putting in a parallel route to the west.

"It's inevitable that something is going to happen," said Hoxie. Said Donald Dresselhouse, vice chairman of the township planning commission: "There's going to be a major thoroughfare and an industrial

corridor. There's no question about it."

He said the change will come in two to three years, noting that a proposal to construct a parallel route west of Haggerty called M-9 is the most probable option.

However, the real crunch to development Haggerty won't come until it's connected to I-275, he said.

"We want to put high quality zoning in place, not smockstack industry," Dresselhouse said, adding that since the township knows the development crunch is coming, it should plan for it.

ONE INDICATION that there will be more development pressure on Haggerty is that Haggerty Harry's, a tavern at the corner of Maple and Haggerty, will eventually be turned to some other use, according to an attorney representing the tavern.

But while development along the corridor looks inevitable, Hoxie sees a bright spot: "An improved Haggerty connected to I-275 will take some of the pressure off Orchard Lake Road."

"Much of the traffic on Orchard Lake is headed up to the lakes area," he said, adding that an improved Haggerty Road corridor could handle some of that traffic.

Students rewarded for reading

More than 240 Farmington fourth and fifth graders were honored recently for reading 11 or more books during a districtwide reading incentive program.

Of that group, 105 students read all 20 selected books and received a copy of the Random House Book of Poetry as a gift.

The books and awards were presented at an April 27 assembly at Longacre Elementary by Farmington Superintendent Graham Lewis. It followed a talk by children's author Alfred Sloate.

"Not every reader becomes a writer, but no one ever became a writer who wasn't a reader," Sloate said. "When do you start reading? The moment you can. Read what? Everything you can get your hands on — so that reading is like walking or breathing."

"Then go out and live and participate, and if you're also a writer, you can tell about it. Writing comes out

of reading and living and liking to tell about it."

The 10-week Book Parade program was started by media specialists throughout the district last year to encourage students to read quality literature during leisure time.

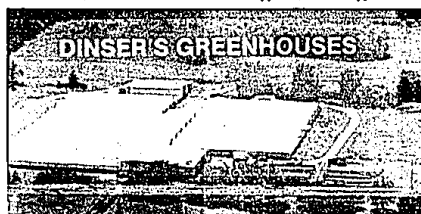
A TOTAL of 828 students participated in this year's program, in which about 6,000 books were read and discussed.

During the program, students completing five books were given bookmarks, and those completing 10 and 15 received distinguishing badges.

High points of the program included:

- emphasis on understanding and enjoyment of books,
- personal discussion with an adult after each book was read,
- recognition for all participants,
- making the program an effective one.

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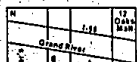
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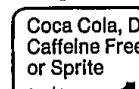


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Total Assets	1,450,000
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