

Musicale presents all-string concert

Emily Mutter Austin will play lead violinist of the classical string quartet performing for the Farmington Musicales at noon Wednesday, Nov. 2, in Farmington Hills Branch Library on 12 Mile east of Farmington Road.

Austin played first violin for many years in the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and currently holds the position of concertmaster of the Livonia

Symphony and of the Macomb Symphony. She is presently on the faculty of Wayne State University and Macomb College, and performs extensively in solo and chamber music concerts.

Other members of the string quartet are cellist Clifford Bundy of Madison Heights, violinist Mary Beth Dederian of Redford, and Brenda Thalacker, violinist from Farmington Hills. All three play in the Scandinavian Symphony.

In addition, Bundy is a member of the Troy Community Orchestra. Dederian plays in the Plymouth and Allen Park symphonies, and Thalacker is a first violinist with the Livonia Symphony.

THE QUARTET will perform classical works by Mozart, Haydn and Tchaikovsky.

Violinist Virginia Mekjian, a member of the Musicales, will join the quartet in performing Pachelbel's "Canon," in an arrangement for five stringed instruments. Nancy Downie, also a Farmington Musicales member, will be featured in two violin solos by J.S. Bach as part of the afternoon concert.

tion of Music Clubs Crusade for Strings, an ongoing nationwide project that seeks to promote excellence in string performance at the public school and community level. The concert is open to the public at no charge.



Emily Mutter Austin

Auction funds bring programs for youth

"Community support was incredible and God gave us a beautiful day," said Lt. Jonathan Rich, commanding officer of The Salvation Army in Farmington Hills.

He was talking about the annual fall auction early last month at the Salvation Army on Shlawassee and Inkster. The event raised a record amount for youth programming and camping.

"The success was due in full measure to the generous support of more than 100 area businesses and numerous private individuals," he said. The Salvation Army is very active

all year long in providing programming for youth. In 1987 and 1988 registration in the Adventure Corps (boys' program similar to scouting), Sunbeams and Girl Scouts (similar to Brownies and Girl Scouts) was about 60 young people. The corps was able to provide a worthwhile camping experience for 40 area youngsters and hopes to expand these services in the future.

Individuals from the community are invited to join these and many other programs offered by The Salvation Army in this area. Call 477-1153 for more information.

Vocational-Technical high schools renamed

Oakland County's four vocational/technical high schools have new names to better reflect what is happening in the southeast, northeast, northwest and southwest quadrants of Oakland County.

The former Southwest Oakland Vocational Education Center is now the Oakland Technical Center — Southwest Campus. The four technical centers each with its own geographic designation, will continue to serve the students from all of Oakland County's 28 school districts.

The original names, chosen more than 20 years ago, leaned toward geographic identity to help establish the vocational and technical concept available for Oakland County residents.

"Vocational-technical education has a vital role in the educational options for our students," said principal John C. Xenos. "As we strive to keep pace in helping our students prepare for their roles in our complex and increasingly technical society, we decided a name change was in order to help identify what we do for interested students and their parents."

The Southwest Campus serves high school students and adults from the Clarencetown, Farmington, Huron Valley, Novi, South Lyon and West Bloomfield districts, and Walled Lake, which is the contracting district.

He leads U-M band

Jeff Stokes, a graduate of North Farmington High School and now a junior at University of Michigan, has taken the position of drum major for the U-M Marching Band.

The son of Richard and Dinah Stokes of Farmington Hills was drum major for North Farmington's marching band while he was in

school here and also played trombone in the school's orchestra.

"It is a particular honor because the drum major is always elected by members of the U-M marching band," his mother said.

Stokes is studying to become a mechanical engineer.

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