

## Concert showcases 'Les Miserables' tunes

G. Kevin Dewey conducts the Oakland Community College Chorus and the Renaissance Voices in the concert "Do You Hear the People Sing" with the Harrison High School Orchestra under the direction of Mark Phillips. Showtime is 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 24, in Harrison High School.

A medley of numbers from the rousing Tony Award winning musical "Les Miserables" will be performed along with other contemporary and classic selections.

Admission is \$3. Dewey, a native of Dearborn, is a graduate of Dearborn High School. He earned both a bachelor of music degree in jazz studies and the contemporary media and a master of music degree in choral conducting at Wayne State University. While at Wayne State University, Dewey was assistant director, under Dr. Harry Langford of the world-renowned WSU Men's Glee Club and the WSU Chamber Singers. He was the creator and director of the WSU Vocal Jazz Ensemble. The summer of '89, he

conducted the Dearborn Music Festival Chorus.

Dewey is a professional arranger-composer who has written music for many of the top artists and bands of the Metro area. Some of his arrangements, as well as a major composition, have been included in the Oakland Community College Chorus performances.

Besides currently directing the OCC Chorus on Orchard Ridge Campus, and Renaissance Voices, he is director of the Macomb Community College Jazz Lab, and a performing member of the Mark Phillips Band.

ONE OF HIS proudest accomplishments has been his work at Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church as director of the Rise Up and Sing Choir, Band and Brass Ensemble as well as conductor of the orchestra for its annual Boars Head Festival for the past 10 years.

The concert "Do You Hear the People Sing" from Les Miserables will showcase the Renaissance Voices along with the OCC Chorus. Dewey conducts the program and Mark Phillips directs the Harrison High School Orchestra.

The Renaissance Voices are a marginal group, originated and directed by Dewey.

## Immigrant Wall of Honor being erected

The American Immigrant Wall of Honor, currently being erected at the Ellis Island Museum, pays tribute to immigrants who entered any part in the U.S. Descendants of these immigrants are honoring their forebears by having the names of these ancestors placed on the Wall of Honor. The Quakertown Chapter, DAR encourages you to study the immigrant heritage of this country.

## Foster homes are needed

Foster homes are needed for children from birth to 17 years of age. Reimbursement is \$600 per month per child.

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## Queen of the ball

Jennifer Seymour, a senior at North Farmington High School, was crowned Queen of the Norwich University Carnival Ball. Her escort is Cadet Cpl. Mark Phenoey, a Farmington Hills resident and sophomore at the Vermont military college.

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Suzanne Unger, Susan Anker and Lynn Marette of Family Dynamics Inc. will be offering two parent seminar series this spring in St. Paul's Latvian Lutheran Church, 30623 12 Mile.

The presenters are experienced in the fields of school psychology or social work, and have worked with children of all ages. They are mothers of children ranging in age from 2 months to 7 years.

THE FIRST series, "Managing Work and Family," will highlight stress and time management for working parents who are interested in developing their skills as parents while maintaining rewarding careers.

Classes will meet 7:30-9 p.m. Mondays, beginning April 23, for four sessions. The fee is \$35 for one person, or \$60 for two people.

The second series, "Parenting Your Young Child," is geared for parents of children from birth to age 6. It is based on the Early Childhood Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (S.T.E.P.) program.

Topics will include understanding misbehavior, developing self-esteem, effective discipline and positive family communication. Classes will meet 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning May 2, for six sessions. The fee is \$40 for one person and \$65 for two.

Call 348-5573 Monday-Saturday for registration information.

## Day of Prayer celebrants sought

Edith French has been named coordinator for area churches or organizations participating in National Day of Prayer. She asks those who will be observing the Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 3, to call her, 474-9631 or leave a message with Christ Lutheran Church in Redford, 534-3462.

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