

Bowling center offers non-alcoholic drinks

Sometimes I think bowling must have been invented by the brewers.

The "beer frame" has become a staple part of the game, and there is always a pretty waitress to take the drink orders.

After the game, the cocktail lounge becomes the natural setting for the rest of the evening and the bowling talk is punctuated by the pairing of more kids.

But there's a change in the wind.

With the "tougher laws" on drinking and driving, with more activity by MADD and a general reluctance to take a chance driving home, there is less alcohol consumption in the bowling centers. Now, along comes Thunderbird Lanes in Troy with something different.

It's called the "dry bar." In fact, the only thing about T-Bird Dry that sets it apart from other bars is the coffee and pop that are served in place of liquor.

T-Bird Dry, which opened in November, is the newest innovation on the bowling scene. Joe Stahl, the building manager, was instrumental in the project.

He recently quit drinking and asked himself, "Where do you go from here?"

After consulting with Alcoholics Anonymous, he realized there were AA clubs in the vicinity. Here was a seldom-used room, and the idea came to reality in a very short time.

Once the dry bar opened, its popularity increased steadily. It is now getting recognition from people outside Thunderbird Lanes.

Just recently, T-Bird Dry was

awarded a \$2,500 grant from the Troy community coalition for the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse. T-Bird Dry is not an exclusive club; anyone can come in, as long as they are at least 16 or accompanied by an adult, and are not under the influence of alcohol, and do not bring drinks in from the other areas of the bowling center.

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SPORTS SHORTS

Parks and Recreation Department and will be available at the Farmington Soccer Club booth during the Farmers Festival July 9-11.

* The Farmington Soccer Club will hold tryouts for select boys' teams on July 11 and 12 at the 12 Mile and Drake field.

Tryouts on Saturday for under-13½ will be held from 2-4 p.m., and for under-10½ from 4 to 6 p.m.; on Sunday, under-11½ will be 3 p.m., under-12½ 3-5 p.m., and under-14½ hold 5-7 p.m. For more information call Craig Burton after 5 p.m. at 476-7537. For information on girls' select call Kris Galczyk at 476-6554.

SOCER SIGN-UP

Mail-in registration for the Farmington Soccer Club's fall season continues through Wednesday, July 15. The fee for the eight-game season is \$40, which includes a complete uniform.

Male participants in the USTA-sanctioned event will be divided into six age categories: 55, 60, 65, 70, 75 and 80. Players in each group will have the opportunity to play singles or doubles.

Tennis players interested in com-

peting should call Al Gross (661-2300). More than 100 players from nine states, many of them nationally ranked, participated last year. There is no admission charge.

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SUMMER CAMPS

Farmington Public Schools is of-

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Registration for the basketball camps will be Monday, June 15, and is open to boys and girls in grades four to 12. The cost is \$55.

SOFTBALL

ALL-WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION SOFTBALL TEAM

ALL-CONFERENCE

Individuals: Connie Radovich, senior, Westland; Joni Goren, Vicki Lucas, senior, Livonia Church; Debbie Johnson, junior, Livonia Canton; Lori Givens, senior, Livonia Canton.

Outfielders: Lori Food, junior, Walled Lake Central; Dawn Maruszak, junior, Plymouth Salem; Scott Schmitz, sophomore, senior, Livonia Canton.

Catcher: Laura Argano, senior, Northville.

Pitchers: Kelly Horner, junior, Plymouth Salem.

Allegros: Karen Schmitt, senior, Walled Lake Central; Karen Dale, senior, Livonia Canton.

Relief Pitchers: Linda Johnson, senior, Livonia Canton.

Utility Player: Linda Johnson, senior, Livonia Canton.

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