Tornado spotter classes on track

SKYWARN is an effort to save lives during severe weather emer-species by expanding networks of species and by encouraging the oldest possible participation in touched preparedness programs. There is no way to stop torna-tices, and not all tornadoes show up on radar but they can be seen, according to an Oakland County arbitance.

according to an Oskiand County advisory.

The county is seeking more tor-nado spotters to join the SKYWARN team. Besic classes are set for 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 6, and from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Fridox, April 15, at the county EOC administrative

building on the west side of Tele-graph, north of Pontisc Lake Road. Intermediate SKYWARN

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classes (prerequisite, basic class)
37-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, and
130-330 p.m. Turnday, May 5,
in the same location as the basic
class.
The program is aponsored by
the Oakland County Division of
EMS and Emergency Management. Limited space is available.
To register for a class, call 8585077.
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Classes are open to fire, police, EMS and security personnel, vo-lunters and residents at large.

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died last year because of tornadoes, the 11 reported caused \$1
million in damage and Oakland
County has a history of tormadoes.
Northern Michigan took the
brunt of tornado estivity last year,
but that will not necessarily be
the case this year.
Since 1950, there have been 25
tornadoes in Oakland County.
Only Wayns, 28, Monroe, 26,
Lenawee and Gensee, 27, have
had more during that time period.
Tornadoes generally develop
from severe thunderstorms. Although not all sever thunderstorms spawn tornadoes, twisters
are more likely to occur when
there is unaeasonably warm and
humid air at the earth's surface

and cold air at the middle stand-pheric levels, with strong upper-level jet stream winds.

In Michigan, the clash of air masses is more likely to occur in the spring and in the southern lower part of the state, according to officials from the National Weather Service.

Annually, Michigan experiences an average of 16 tornadoes. Since 1950, 237 people have been killed by twisters in the state. Tornadoes can hit any time of the day or night in almost any month. Most occur in April, May, June and July, during the late afternoon and evening bours, generally between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.



S'craft promotes Hills woman

Norean Thomas, a Farmington Hills resident, has been promoted to associate dean for educational services at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

She is responsible for the administration of the college's Continuing Education Services Division, Culinary Arts and Culinary Management instructional program, and oversees the American Harvest Restaurant and Professor's Pantry retail operations.

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In recognition of her efforts establishing the college's Fire Training Institute in 1993, Thomas was named honorary deputy chief of the Livonia Pire Depart-

ment and received a Civilian Citation from the city of Livenia for Outstanding Service to Fire Science Training.

She is the first vice president of the National Council on Commy; ity Services and Continuing Ed-ucation and received the 1991 Na-tional Exemplary Service Award from the National Council on Community Services and Contin-

Thomas joined Schoolcraft Col-lege in 1978 as the bursar, was promoted to director of purchas-ing in 1985, and assistant dean for continuing education in 1987.



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