

YMCA HIGHLIGHTS

WHO, WHAT, WHERE...

The second in the fall series of television shows will be shown every Wednesday at 8 p.m. on Info Channel 12. The Farmington Area YMCA will be providing more services to our community with a teen center and a second swimming pool for handicapped adults.

LUNCH WITH SANTA

Children three to five years will enjoy games, songs, stories and crafts of the season Saturday, Dec. 14, at 10:30 a.m., noon, 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m.

HOLIDAY CAMP

Dec. 23 and Dec. 26-31. Camp activities include swimming,

crafts and games. Bring a snack lunch, swim suit, towel daily. Space limited.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NITE

Activities include: movies, racquetball, basketball and swimming. Building is open to middle schoolers only. Food is provided. Bring a bathing suit, Dec. 14, 7:30-11 p.m.

NEW PROGRAM BOOK

New program books are in the mail. Programs for the Winter 1 session will begin Jan. 6. Program registration will begin Dec. 17. There are a wide variety of new offerings because of the expanded facility. Look for the new book in the mail now.

Cable show is tuned into Lansing

CABLE CONNECTION



MARY LINDA CALDERONE

recently, you may have seen a new face. Let me tell you how this all came about.

Since the program's inception in 1990, the show has been hosted by Senator Bill Bullard, who was the state Rep. for the 38th District, and state Rep. Jan Dolan, 37th District. After a successful eight year career in the House of Representatives, Jan Dolan has decided not to run

again. We wish Jan well in her future endeavors and we welcome the new co-host of "Lansing Connection" state Rep. Nancy Cassis, 38th District. Cassis took Sen. Bullard's state House seat in November after he became senator in a special election in June of this year.

Cassis goes to the House of Representatives after a savvy political career of nine years on the Novi City Council and much experience serving on numerous local, regional and statewide committees such as SEMCOG and the Michigan Municipal League.

Cassis speaks with vigor and enthusiasm as she states, "Being accessible to my constituents is really important to me, that's why I'm excited to host 'Lansing Connection' with Senator Bullard."

Currently, leadership has placed Cassis on Senator

Bullard's former committees. She is a member of the Insurance Committee which deals with oversight of all insurance issues of the state. She is also on the local government committee which handles all issues that affect our local government entities such as changes in laws regarding issues of residency for police and fire officers, lot splits and developmental transfer of property rights.

"In the New Year," Cassis says, "I see transportation, taxes, health issues and the budget being issues of vital concern. That's why I've requested to be appointed to the Tax Policy Committee, Health Policy Committee and Transportation Committee."

Sen. Bill Bullard has been busy in the Senate chairing the committee on Government Operations which deals with a plethora of local election issues. He's also a member of the Edu-

cation Committee, which handles all issues dealing with kindergarten to 12th grade, and a member of the Health Policy and Senior Citizen Committees.

Most of the work on legislation is done in committees. Sure you can get coverage of the issues through the newspapers, TV networks and radio, but why not receive the information from the people who are actually on the ground floor, the ones who are in the meetings all day, people like Sen. Bill Bullard and state Rep. Cassis. Hear it straight from the source. Tune into "Lansing Connection" on INFO TV-12.

The next SWOCC meeting is 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, at Novi City Hall.

Mary Linda Calderone is the Community Outreach Coordinator for the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission.

Nominations sought for Rainbow awards

The Farmington/Farmington Hills Multicultural/Multiracial Community Council is accepting nominations for its annual Rainbow Recognition Awards.

The second annual Rainbow Recognition Awards Breakfast takes place 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, at the Wm. Coatick Activities Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. The awards

program recognizes community members, including students, who have made significant contributions to multicultural understanding and advocacy.

Nomination letters can be sent to the attention of Judy Laidlaw, City of Farmington Hills, 31555 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills 48336. Nominations must be received by Tuesday, Jan. 7.

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