

## REC NEWS

## OPEN SKATE

The Farmington Hills Ice Arena hosts open skating. Fee is \$3 for Farmington Hills residents and \$5 for non-residents. Skate rental is \$2 per person. A concession stand offers refreshments. For specific days and hours, call 478-8800.

## SAFETY TOWN REGISTRATION

Safety Town is a pre-school education program for children ages 4-6 to learn everyday safety tips. Morning and afternoon sessions

are offered June 16-27, June 30-July 11, July 14-25, July 28-August 9. Registration will take place on Saturday, May 17, from 8:30-11 a.m. at the Farmington Hills City Hall, council chambers at Eleven Mile and Orchard Lake. Enter at the east entrance. You may register children from one other family only besides your own. No multi-inregistrations will be accepted before May 17. Registration is on a first-come basis. Most

morning sessions fill up on registration day. Non-residents may register May 21. Call 473-9570. **FRIDAY NIGHT MADNESS** Kids ages 6-12 can enjoy a night of swimming, movies and organized games from 7-11 p.m. on Friday, May 16. A snack will be provided. Bring bathing suit, towel and gym shoes. Friday Night Madness takes place at the Williams Coast Activities Center and costs \$10 per person. Pre-registration is required.

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cour for the award. Jolicoeur has managed all these things while her husband of 21 years, Donald, was diagnosed with a rare, debilitating heart virus three years ago. He's been in and out of University of Michigan Hospital since January.

Much of her time has been spent traveling back and forth to Ann Arbor to be at her husband's bedside.

Through the ordeal, family members and employees have been extremely supportive, Jolicoeur said. At Target Leasing, people are accustomed to leaning on one another.

When an employee's father was dying of cancer, co-workers banded together to fill in and do her duties while she was off work.

"We all stepped in and did his work," Jolicoeur said. "We just told her to go home and take care of things."

Another employee, who had trouble finding a baby-sitter, was allowed to bring the child into the office with him. Such

acts of compassion are not often possible in larger corporations. Jolicoeur has given such care back to the community.

She's been instrumental helping other entrepreneurs through the National Association of Women Business Owners, Ursal said.

She's also trying to put together a foundation for developmentally disabled and mental ill people in Oakland County. Because the county is seen as prosperous, people who are mentally ill and retarded don't get a fair share of state funding, she said.

Jolicoeur's oldest son is mentally ill and developmentally disabled. He has family to help him financially. Others are not so lucky.

Two adult residents in the group home where her son lives are wards of the state, Jolicoeur said.

"My biggest fear is, 'What happens when we're not here?'" she said.

She made community mental health issues a part of her campaign as a Republican candidate

in the 37th District state House primary last year. She ran a strong race, but finished fourth in the runoff.

If she won, Jolicoeur said she would've served her two terms and happily returned to her family and business.

"I'm not looking for a career; I have one," said Jolicoeur, who worked to get term limits passed.

Her leasing business continues to grow. This year, Target Leasing Equipment will attempt to reach \$5 million in sales. The company specializes in leasing equipment \$100,000 and under to businesses.

Due to pressing family needs, though, Jolicoeur is not sure if the company will hit the market.

"If not, there will be another time," she said.

Tickets for the 1997 Athena Award Dinner are \$33 each and can be purchased by calling the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce at 474-3440.

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tions. We're in the process of them reviewing that work."

Biasell said the project, which includes a large retention pond at 13 Mile and Farmington, should alleviate concerns for flooding for all but about 13 houses that are near the drain (creek).

"We wanted to submit the changes and then if they are accepted, we plan to work with those houses to make them more flood proof," he said.

The real estate agent said one man, who bought a house in the area, said he wasn't concerned about paying the extra insurance, estimated at about \$1,100 a year.

"But for some people that's a problem," she said. Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi said the city has been working to rectify the situation.

"We've been corresponding back and forth," he said.

Biasell said FEMA can be conservative in its findings about flood protection.

"Whether or not they will change that map [to eliminate the flood plain], I'm not sure," Biasell said. "But in our evaluation, there were a lot of homes that could have been flooded. This should solve that problem."

Biasell said FEMA traditionally takes time to make any such decision and the agency has been busy lately.

"Starting with Florida and California, the Mississippi River flooding and now the Red River valley, they have been occupied," he said.

## Moms from page A1

Jenna wrote the following essay about her mom, Linda, and titled it "Honor Mom," complete with smiley face art.

"I think my mom is the best. She helps me with homework and makes me feel better when I'm sad. My mom takes me and my sister and brother lots of places but she doesn't spoil us."

"My mom hardly ever has fits or yells. Even though my mom is divorced, I think she is doing a very good job raising us. She's a dental hygienist and she let me go to work with her on "Bring Your Daughter To Work Day." I helped her while she cleaned teeth and had fun. These are just a few reasons she's the best."

Some teachers from local elementary schools sent in lively, well-thought out responses from their second and third grade students.

Victoria Gordon, 9, a Hillside third grader, wrote: "My mom is the best because if I were to get sick at school she would come home from work and bring me home from school. She would lose a lot of money from work

because she is with me. The next day she would get in trouble with her boss because he needed her, too! But, she thinks I'm special and more important than her boss."

Kevin Gorman, another Hillside third grader, wrote: "My mom is the best because she is always nice, like when she buys me books. She also helps me when I have problems, like when bullies were picking on me. She always takes me places, such as movies, Blockbuster, and the place where she works. She always, and I mean always, plays with me. We play Seaga together, board games and catch. She also makes wonderful food. My favorite food is B-B-Q ribs. That's why my mom is the best mom in the world."

Ashley Wrobel, 9, of Farmington Hills, noted that her mom is the best, because among other things, "Thanks to mom, even my brother is coming out OK."

Alexa Feldman, 11, of Farmington Hills, said "Mom sings to the cantaloupe that she buys at the fruit market. If I knew mom had gone grocery shopping and

her fruits were not being entertained, I would find it peculiar."

Drew, a student in Sandy Houghton's class at Meadow Lake Elementary in Bloomfield Hills, wrote "My mom's food looks like it's supposed to look. She makes my lunch when I bring my lunch which is simply the best. She takes me to hockey and baseball. She buys me my hockey sticks. She sometimes lets me stay up five more minutes after my bedtime, she takes me to movies at the theater. I'm lucky to have her."

Rennie Jones, a student in Mrs. Hays second grade class at Beechview Elementary, wrote: "My mom is nice to everybody. She helps me on a report. She signed me up for swimming. She comes to every exciting class event. She takes time off work to spend time with me. She takes our family (3 kids, 2 parents) on trips like Disney World, Cedar Point and different states. She is nice because after one of our cats ran away, she was going to get one more and get two instead."

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nology.

"Rather than being on the cutting edge of technology, I'd rather see the Farmington Public Schools be on the cutting edge of learning."

A North Farmington High parent had an animated argument for the need of technology, though. She made a motion with her arms to simulate how her mother used to do laundry with a washboard.

"My mother washed clothes with this," said Nicole Myre, a Farmington Hills resident. "... It doesn't mean I want to wash my clothes with this."

"I think people are closing their eyes if they don't think [technology] is not here."

Farmington resident Steve Sutton questioned how building renovations and new technology directly affect his child's education.

"The building doesn't teach the students to read," said Sutton, who voted no. "There are a lot of options to deal with overcrowding. I don't think the board addressed that."

Farmington Hills resident Peter Hatch stood rolling a stroller back and forth while waiting to speak. He attended with his wife and infant.

The Hatches voted against the bond, but admitted they didn't know all the details.

"We're looking at it as a young couple starting out and it was going to cost us an extra \$400 a year," he said.

Hatch's comments underscored frustration about misinformation surrounding the issue with one bond supporter.

An additional 2 mills would've cost the average taxpayer \$165 a year, Farmington Hills resident Bill Steiber said. Of the \$22 million for new technology, \$11 million was going toward buying new computers.

"You start out with the facts and then you ask the questions," Steiber said.

Another bond supporter said the issue is about overcrowding and outdated facilities, not about student performance. Nonetheless, Preston Crabill suggested officials go back and reassess what the real needs are in the district.

"Is \$110 million the right number? I don't know," Crabill said. "I voted yes. I was putting faith in the people who put that number forward."

Partners for Better Health

A salute to our staff, physicians and volunteers during



## National Hospital Week

May 11 - 17



During National Hospital Week we want to take a moment to say thank you to the partners on our health care team. Your work is valued. The work you do here helps not only your employee partners, but is also an immeasurable benefit to our extended partners in the community—the people who depend on us for health care.

In this week when the health care industry takes a bow, we know that it is the contributions of our dedicated partners that have made ours the world's finest health care system. You and the people around you give us cause to celebrate—not only during this event, but throughout the entire year.

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