

## CABLE CONNECTION

**T**une into your information station—city of Farmington Hills Channel 8. We've got the news you can use.

Don't miss "Farmington Hills Update" hosted by former 37th District State Rep. Jan Dolan. Last week's column covered programs on the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Economic Development Commission.

There are two new shows in the works!

Find out what the Economic Development Committee (EDC) is up to these days. Catch Chair John Anhut and members Roy Lindhardt and Howard Gray as they give Dolan the latest scoop.

It's the job of the EDC to encourage commercial and office development in Farmington Hills. Developing a strong commercial tax base helps residents maintain a lower tax rate. You'll hear how the EDC's primary focus is new development, but they're also working with retention of existing commercial development and redevelopment.



Mary Calderone

Have you ever wondered what the role of the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission (SWOCC) is? SWOCC is the agency that administers the cable contract that Farmington Hills, Farmington and Novi have with Time Warner Cable and/or any other cable operator who may wish to come into our communities. Six members sit on the commission: one elected official and one administrator from each city.

Join Dolan as she interviews SWOCC Chairman Bill Hartsack (Farmington) and members Steve Brock (Farmington Hills) and Hugh Crawford (Novi). With deregulation of cable at the fed-

eral level, there has been much confusion about cable rates and the lack of competition. Promises of a competitive market with lower rates have not come true. With the changes made at the federal level several years ago, much of the local control the commission once enjoyed was removed.

Because this commission encompasses all three cities, you can also see this program in Novi on Channel 13, in Farmington on Channel 15 and Channel 12 and in Farmington Hills on Channel 8. Tune in to see how SWOCC members discuss their role and how deregulatory

changes have impacted us on a local level.

Everyday we hear from residents who are watching our community TV channels. From city council meetings to arts programs, our shows are current and informational. Stay connected with your community with cable exclusive programming.

Mary Linda Calderone is the media relations specialist for the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission. The next SWOCC meeting is at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, at Farmington Hills City Hall.

## OBITUARIES

## OCTA R. ROBBINS

Mrs. Robbins, 85, of Farmington, died July 14.

Born in Murray, Ky. Mrs. Robbins was a retired dietician assistant at Grace Hospital. She retired in 1978. She was a member of Detroit Senior Center. She enjoyed reading and sewing.

Survivors include her son, John; daughter, Mary Jo Barak; five grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services were July 16 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Dr. Edward Mattor of Forest Park Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

Memorials may be made to Forest Park Baptist Church, 26805 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, 48334.

## GEORGE H. KENDALL

Mr. Kendall, 67, of Farmington, died July 15 in Seaway Hospital.

Born in Detroit, Mr. Kendall was a medical technician for Great Lakes Steel. He taught CPR classes. He was a graduate of Cass Tech and Wayne State University.

Mr. Kendall was a Navy veteran of the Korean War.

Survivors include his sister, Elaine Smith, and many nieces and nephews.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to the Michigan Humane Society.

Arrangements were made by the McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills.

## LOUIS JOSEPH SCHIFFMAN

Mr. Schiffman, 76, of Farmington Hills, died July 7 at home.

Born in Detroit, Mr. Schiffman was a maintenance supervisor for St. Bede's Catholic Church and school in Southfield. He was a member of St. Francis Knights of Columbus in Farmington and was a little league coach for over 20 years.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Marianne; sons, David (Neila), John (Nancy), Mark (Mary), Joseph (Karen), and Robert (Alena); daughters, Diane (William) Cresswell and Mary Lou Schiffman; 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mass was celebrated at St. Gerald Catholic Church in Farmington with the Rev. Gerald McEnhill officiating. Burial

was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Arrangements were made by the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

## TARMO K. MAATILA

Mr. Maatila, 84, of Farmington Hills, died June 25 in Hospice Home of Farmington Hills.

Born in Newcastle, Pa., Mr. Maatila graduated from Suomi Jr. College, Northern Michigan University, Wayne State University, Michigan State University.

He taught at Redridge Michigan for six years, Lincoln Jr. High in Manistee and Farmington High School for 32 years.

Mr. Maatila was a member of the Swedish Club, Norse Civic Association, Finnish Historical Society, Elks and Eagles, Nordic Fellows, Civilian Military Training Corp and M.P. Battalion, Michigan Troops in Manistee.

He coached at Farmington High School as assistant varsity football; track—Interlakes champions; baseball, co-champs—Interlakes League; basketball—J.V. team and Girl's Bowling Team-Detroit area champions.

Survivors include his wife, Bertha; son, Michael; daughters, Carole Maatila and Marjorie

Bilker; sister, Gloria Maatila; two grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, July 25 at 2 p.m.

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will officiate.

Memorials may be made to the Finnish Center Association and the Swedish Club.

**SPOTLIGHT ON**  
**Orthodontics**  
by Josephine Finazza, D.M.D.  
**GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY**  
If you are the type of person who likes to order a new automobile with the "gold package" option, you may be interested to note that care are not the only consumer products that feature gold trim. The Orthodontic Manufacturers Association in Milwaukee says that sales of gold-plated orthodontic brackets are growing about 20 percent annually, as compared with about 6 percent for the market in general. And, according to a survey by the Journal of Clinical Orthodontics in Boulder, Colorado, 15 percent of the respondents to their survey used gold brackets in 1996 (the first year it asked about the braces). While gold-plated brackets have not yet enjoyed wide-scale use, the percentages indicate a new trend may be starting. Orthodontic treatment isn't just for kids; treatment can be successful at any age. Today, approximately 25% of orthodontic patients are adults. Dramatic facial changes are being achieved for adults with orthodontic appliances. Don't feel like it's too late; be sure to keep in mind the many benefits of having a lifetime of beautiful and healthy smiles. At THE ORTHODONTIC GROUP, 19223 Merriman, we have a computer imaging system that helps patients visualize what the end result of orthodontic treatment may look like. To schedule your free consultation, call 442-8885.

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THURSDAY Thursday, July 23 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Southfield Civic Center 25000 Evington Rd. (10 1/2 and Evington, on west side of Evington)	Thursday, July 23 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Holiday Inn - Fairlane 5201 Southfield Center Dr. (Corner of Southfield Frey & Ford)	Thursday, July 23 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Holiday Inn Livonia 17123 North Laurel Park Dr. (6 Mile and Laurel Park Dr.)

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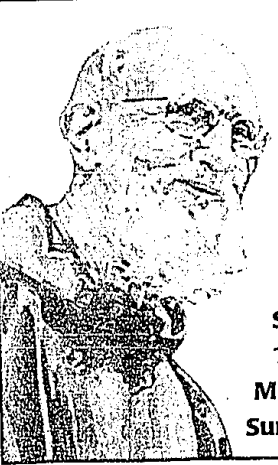
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