

Bowling event benefits dual cause



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Just think, if you had someone with you whom would make the bed, open and close the refrigerator, turn the lights on or off, open doors and cabinets, answer the phone, be able to dial 911 if necessary and a person who is in a wheelchair.

Wouldn't that be nice, considering that it is a highly-trained dog doing all this. Novi Bowl hosted the Bowling Benefit for Canine Companions for Independence and Area 27 Special Olympics April 1 with UAW Local 36 of Ford Wixom.

Although these are two separate worthy causes, it is a combined effort of the many volunteers who support both non-profit organizations and raise over \$100,000 in the event to help the financial needs of each. Most folks know what the special Olympics is all about, where the special kids and adolescents are able to compete for prizes in

various athletic events. This bowl-a-thon had been run for 18 years by the people of Local 36 at the Ford Wixom plant. It is an occasion where the hourly and salaried workers and managers all team up and raise the money to fund these programs.

For the past eight years, it has been hosted by Jerry Harris, the proprietor of Novi Bowl. The Special Olympics funds go entirely to the needs of the special athletes, who have been able to buy a two new vans, an 18 passenger mini bus with a wheelchair lift, and to support the cost of uniforms and other activities. It started 18 years ago by a few guys at the plant, and a few that are still there helping out (Robert Schultz, Rick Wilkerson and Ralph Schlaf).

The Special Olympics oath was recited by one of the girl athletes, it is "Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

As for the CCI canine program, it costs over \$10,000 to raise and train each of these incredible dogs. They learn to obey about 50 different commands. Recipients only have to provide the loving affection that

the dog needs. Fay Johnson, sister of Jerry Harris, is one such recipient. Her Golden Retriever, Duke, is with her constantly, pulling her wheelchair, turns lights on and off, carries her purse, can get her a soda pop from the fridge, can bring her the cordless phone and can push a "panic button" should she fall out of her wheelchair or run into trouble.

"He absolutely changed my life," says Fay, who is now active in the Michigan Volunteer Chapter and organizes fund-raisers. "I'm so thankful for what he has given me," Fay says, "Not only is Duke my arms and legs, he is also my best friend."

After seeing what these remarkable animals can do, I would like to see if someone can train one to bowl. That would make it possible to find a sub when we are bowling a man short.

It all took place on Saturday, March 31, at the bowling center literally "went to the dogs." Many of the CCI canines were on hand showing their many talents while the full house of bowlers carried on with their games right after Hall-of-Fame bowler

Cheryl Daniels sang the National Anthem to open the event. Channel 4 WDIV All-stars Steve and Megan Garagiola, Karen Drew, Shon Gables lost the bowling and pledge challenge to WDRQ's Jay Towers, Rachel Hunter, Jason "The 300 pound intern" and Eric Wilson. Pins and pledges added together were 1,686 to 1,367. Steve will average the loss next year. The majority of the funds go to support the 341 Special Olympians in the program. Top pledge go-getters were Mike Ferolis \$2,961 and Samantha Humphreys \$2,549. The total for year 2001 is expected to top \$100,000 again and donations are still being accepted after the event, those interested may contact Jerry Harris or Tari Rutkowski at (248) 238-9120 or Fay Johnson at (734) 671-9827.

HONOR ROLL SCORES
 Mayflower Lanes (Redford)
 Wednesday Senior Men's Classic: Jack Kossakow, 259; Al Thompson, 300.
 Thursday Detroit Diesel: Doug Elson, 300.
 Ford Parks: Ron Letzotte, 300.
 Thursday Men's Classic: Jim Bennett, 607; Kevin Tompkins, 299; James Sewick, 300; Don Parks, 300.
 Westland Center: Robert Kosowski, 299.

Blazers down Marlins twice to win league doubleheader

Livonia Ladywood swept a Catholic League Central Division doubleheader Tuesday from rival Farmington Hills Mercy.

The host Blazers won the opener, 3-2, on Stephanie Day's two-run single in the sixth inning. Meghan Wilkinson added two hits for Ladywood.

Pitcher Shelly Moros scattered nine hits and two walks over seven innings to pick up the victory as she outdueled Mercy starter Megan Fediuk.

In the nightcap, Dawn Rini's RBI single keyed a three-run sixth inning to break a 1-1 deadlock as the Blazers earned a 4-2 victory.

Liz Malok had two hits and two RBIs for the winners, 3-1 overall and 2-0 in the division. Kathy Day also contributed two hits.

Pam Smart, the winning pitcher, gave up five hits, two walks and struck out four in going the distance.

Fediuk took the loss in relief for Mercy, 4-2 overall and 0-2 in the division.

On Saturday, the host Marlins won a pair of non-league games, 1-0 over Trenton and 10-4 over Penton.

Kryatie Shine had the game-winning hit in the bottom of the seventh inning against Trenton.

Fediuk allowed just two hits and struck out five to gain the

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pitching victory.

Chloe Kraft and Anna Schneider went 3-for-4 in the Penton game. Schneider also had two RBIs and scored two runs; Kraft had one of each.

Holly Van Cleave added two hits and one RBI. Molly O'Malley was the winning pitcher.

CHURCHILL 30, HARRISON 0: Livonia Churchill (3-0, 1-0) opened Western Division play in the Western Lakes Activities Association with a lopsided, mercy-rule victory over Farmington Harrison (1-1, 0-1).

Winning pitcher Meghan Malok gave up just one hit and a pair of walks while fanning 14 Hawk batters.

Losing pitcher Kristin Schrock did not survive the first inning. Harrison batters gave up 13 walks and nine hits.

Sallie Kuratko, Carly George and Courtney Cross collected two hits each for the Chargers. Kuratko also scored three runs, while George and Cross crossed the plate twice.

Malok finished with four RBIs, including a three-run triple in the second inning.

FRANKLIN 8, CLARENCEVILLE 2: Winning pitcher Nikai Zabielwicz tossed a five-hitter and helped her own cause by going 2-for-5 with two RBIs as Livonia Franklin opened its season with a non-league victory at Livonia Clarenceville.

Zabielwicz struck out six and walked one. Franklin broke a 2-2 tie with three runs in sixth inning followed by Kendra Andrews' two-run homer in the seventh.

Andrews went 2-for-4. Losing pitcher Amy Schiffrman gave up six hits, four walks and struck out four. She was the victim of seven errors.

Schiffrman went 2-for-3, while Felicia Hernandez had an RBI single.

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"We played a little lethargic in the first half, and the girls definitely became more aggressive and played a stronger game."

The stars of the game for Farmington (2-2) were Ellis, Hirzel and Rebecca York, according to Mehall.

"Rebecca is a point defensive player who, with Catherine Audette, helped close down the other team's offense," he said.

Farmington had lost its previous game April 4 to Ann Arbor, 11-4. Ellis, Williamson, Stephanie Ford and Natalie Schauer scored the goals. Ann Arbor led at half-time, 5-3.

"Overall, I think the girls are progressing at the skill level I was hoping they would," Mehall said. "They're passing and playing a more intelligent game."

"That was pretty representative of the last half of the Tecumseh game. They started playing as a team."

FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS INVITATION TO BID

Farmington Public Schools will accept sealed bids for ROOF RENOVATION AT VARIOUS SITES as described in the specifications at the Lewis Schutman Administration Center, 32500 Shawwassee, Farmington, MI 48336.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at 1:30 P.M., Monday, April 30, 2001 for recommendation to the Board of Education at their next regularly scheduled meeting. No oral, telephonic, telegraphic or facsimile proposals will be considered. No proposals will be considered after the time of closing of bids.

A bid bond for 5% of the bid amount issued by a carrier licensed by the State of Michigan and with an excellent or superior rating from AM Best Company must accompany your bid proposal. No certified checks accepted.

It is strongly suggested that bidders attend a prebid meeting on Monday, April 16, 2001 at 9:00 A.M. at Farmington Training Center 33000 Thomas.

Bid documents may be obtained by calling the Purchasing Department at (248) 489-3344. Any questions should be referred to Mr. Ron Aten at (248) 489-3438 or Mr. Kevin Holyzako at (810) 220-0651.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS OAKLAND COUNTY 31555 ELEVEN MILE ROAD FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN 48336

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Old Homestead Road and Drainage Improvement Special Assessment Roll No. C-302 in the amount of \$200,000.00 for the construction of Road and Drainage Improvements in said City to be located as follows:

STREET	FROM	TO
Old Homestead Drive	Eleven Mile	Paddleford
Steele Road	Hardenburg	W. Lyman
Hardenburg Road	Old Homestead	Steele
Quakertown Lane	W. Lyman	W. Lyman
Paddleford Road	Old Homestead	Quakertown
Old Homestead Court	Old Homestead	cul-de-sac
W. Lyman Road	Quakertown	Drake

has been filed in the office of the City Clerk for public examination, along with the costs of said project which are proposed as follows:

TOTAL COST OF PROJECT:	\$908,056.05
PERCENT OF COST ASSESSED TO DISTRICT:	80.77%
TOTAL COST TO DISTRICT:	\$733,430.62
AVERAGE COST PER BASE UNIT TO BE ASSESSED:	\$3,989.03

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT the City Council will meet in the City Hall Council Chamber, 31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan, on the 23rd day of April, 2001, at 7:30 o'clock P.M., to review said Special Assessment Roll and to hear any comments in opposition or in favor thereof.

Appearance and protest of the special assessment at the hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner or party in interest in property to be assessed, or his or her agent, may appear in person to protest the special assessment, or may protest the special assessment by letter filed with the City Clerk at or prior to the time of the hearing, in which case appearance in person is not required. If the special assessment is protested as provided above, the owner or any party having an interest in the real property may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the Michigan Tax Tribunal or other court of competent jurisdiction within 30 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll.

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