### FARMINGTON HILLS PARKS AND RECREATION NEWS

### ADULT VOLLEYBALL

Registration is now being taken for two, three and four-person Co-Rec. Call 473-9579,

### BALLOON TRIP

Experience the adventures of ballooning on Wednesday, May 16. Sky Adventures and a certified air balloon pilot will provide an eagle's eye view of the country side with a touch and exchange hot air balloon trip, then stop for a bit to cat (food not included in fee). Please note that landings are generally gentle, bowever, some landings can be quite rough. Passengers must

be in good physical condition to participate. Pregnant women and children under 6 years of age cannot participate due to safety concerns. Vans will depart from the Costick Center in Farmington Hills at 3:45 p.m. and return at 11 p.m. Fee for the trip is \$110. Dendline to register is May 7. Call 473-9570.

#### IN-LINE SKATING LEAGUE

King of the Hills In-Line Hock-ey League season faces off June 11 and ends Aug. 10. Games will be played on weekday evenings at the Heritage Park In-Line Hockey Rink in Farmington

Hills. Divisions range from 7-8 years of age to 17 and up. Indi-vidual player fee is \$50. Regis-tration deadline is Friday, May 18. For more information call 473-9570.

### SUMMER FUN CENTERS

This year's Summer Fun Centers take place Monday through Friday from 9 to 11:46 a.m. and 12:30 to 3 p.m. at several locations beginning June 18 through Aug. 3. Summer Fun Activities include arts & crafts, group games, sports, contests, plus much more. The Summer Fun centers are free for kids ages 6-

12 with registration taking place at Fun Center locations. For more information on locations, call the City of Farmington Hills Recreation Division at 473-9570 or refer to your Summer Farm-ington Hills Special Services brechum

Get your exercise at the Costick Activities Center. Call 473-9570 for open gym hours. The cost to participate for residents 17 and younger is \$2, nonresidents, \$4. It's \$3 for residents and \$5 for nonresidents 18 and over.

### Grant to foster upgrade in job skills

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation recently issued a \$400,000 training grant to help improve job skills for 60 employees at Star Cutter Company in Formington Hills.

Star Cutter shares the fund-ing with other companies. A total of 813 employees will upgrade their skills under the

"Companies and their employees must constantly adapt to compete in the new economy," said Farmington Hills state Rep. Andrew Raczkowski. "By improving the

skills of local workers, we are strengthening our economic standing here in Oakland County."

The funds are administered by Michigan community colleges, vocational-technical schools or other training providers chosen by the companies to do the training.

The grant-is part of a statewide initiative to help companies improve their work forces.

Throughout Michigan, \$1.7 million in grants will be used to train 3,438 workers.

## Fill Empty Bowls' May 16 at FHS

### BY MEGHAN STEWART

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GUEST WAITS.

Out of the 37,813 households in Farmington/Farmington/Hills, about 2,300 of them have children and live at or below the poverty level.

Also, there are 836 senior citizens living in poverty in an area considered among the richest in the United States.

Those are among the unfortunate people around the world today, who stand to benefit by the Empty Bowls "program. The program, attract by two Michigan art teachers in 1991, has raised several million dollars for hunger rollef.

Next week will be a chance and to the conduction of the second year, a symbolic, simple meal of soup and bread will be served from 5:30-7:30 p.m., in the FHS cafeteria. A donation of \$10 is suggested.

Bread is being donated by the Great Harvest Bread Company, while Gordon Food Service will provide the soup and bottled watter.

Guests will choose a ceramic

provide the soup and bottled water.

Guests will choose a ceramic bowl, handmade by students in the classes of FHS art teachers Gail Piepenburg and Nina Weis. The bowl sorves as a reminder that there are always empty bowls in the world.

In addition to the food will be a court to work water and a court is a court of the source of the so

poetry readings and acoustic music performances by FHS students.

All proceeds from the event will be used to re-stock food pantries of the Farmington/Farmington Hills

Farmington/Farmington Hills Neighborhood House and Farmington Hills Salvation Army Community Center.
For more information, contact Piepenburg, (248) 426-2944.
Meghan Stewart is a Farmington High School art student who is participating in this year's Empty Bowle's program.



Hard at work: Working on Hard at work: Working or her Empty Bowl is Meghan Stewart, Farm-ington High School sophomore and publicity chairperson of the FHS Art Club.

### Volunteers needed for community games

Volunteers are being sought for the 16th annual West Bloom-field Community Fame Games to provide children and adults with special needs an opportunity to showcase their athletic ability. The games are slated for early September.

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Call Nancie Furgang at the Jewish Community Center for more information at (248) 661-7737.

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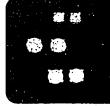
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