

# Thousands affected by local power outages

About 12,000 electrical customers in the Farmington/Farmington Hills area have experienced power outages at various times since last Thursday afternoon, according to Detroit Edison.

Scott Simons, spokesman for the electric company, said the reasons are recent storms and also people relying on air conditioners to beat recent high temperatures, causing a strain on the system.

There is no one specific reason why the Farmington area is suffering outages, he said.

"We're relying on mechanical equipment which has more of a potential to break down during the heat," he said.

The Farmington area has about 43,000 electric customers. Simons said if a customer has continuing problems with power outages or brown outs to contact the company at (800) 477-4747. He also suggested customers with power outages should turn off any motor driven appliance to avoid the engines being burned out due to inrush in electrical current.

# Botsford employees receive scholarships

Botsford General Hospital's continuing work to recruit and retain registered nurses in direct patient care positions has led to the formation of the Nurse Scholar Award program.

These four Botsford employees, who were enrolled in RN degree programs during the 2001-2002 academic year, are the first award recipients: Roy Boivin, who commutes to Botsford from Canada, and Jennifer Donaldson, Shelly Kuhn and Whitney Schwagie, all of Redford.

As unrestricted awards, employees may use the funds to pay any college-related expenses, including tuition, books, travel, living or childcare. The award recipient commits to remain actively employed at Botsford as a staff nurse on an acute care unit for six months for every thousand dollars received. The Nurse Scholar Award program is open to all Botsford employees enrolled in an accredited RN program.

Funding for the Nurse Scholar Award program has come from the physicians on Botsford's professional staff, who support charitable organizations with the proceeds from an annual summer golf outing.

Last summer, these physicians elected to donate \$25,000 to be used for nursing scholarships for Botsford employees. The Professional Staff has already given word that they will continue to support the Nurse Scholar Award with proceeds from this summer's golf outing.

The public may help to support Botsford's effort to ensure access to high-quality care at their community hospital by donating to the Nurse Scholar Award fund. For further information, contact The Botsford Foundation at (248) 442-5045.

Office hours

Grand opening: Paul Blizman (center) cuts the ribbon for the opening of his campaign headquarters. He's assisted by Abraham S. Madany and Carrie Christoph. A candidate for 47th District Court Judge, Blizman said he opened the office at Orchard Lake and 11 Mile Roads to provide room for campaign materials and volunteer coordination.

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# Youth council recaps successful year

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The Farmington/Farmington Hills Mayors Youth Council continues to make strides in making youth feel like they have a say in their community.

On Monday, members of the council offered the Farmington Hills City Council an overview of the program's successes in the past 2001/2002 school year as members who are high school seniors retire from their posts.

Student officers this year were Josh Rabinowitz and Courtney Crites.

They told the council about the many city and youth conferences including those in Battle Creek, Atlanta, Traverse City and Washington, D.C.

The Youth Council was instrumental in helping to develop the first state Youth Symposium in Traverse City and is helping other communities around the state develop their own Youth Councils.

Josh said the program allows youth in the area a fun time without drugs or alcohol or having to pay a lot of money to have fun.

Bryan Farmer, recreation specialist for the city's Parks and Recreation department, noted the events offered included such things as battle of the bands, dodgeball leagues and canoe trips.

Member Greg Wright mentioned his goal in developing a community service program.

Member Samantha Steckloff thanked city officials for the opportunity to go to different places and meet other teens.

Courtney said the program helped her grow to the person she is today.

"I learned more than any government class I could take," she said. "Now I feel so much more confidence for college. I look forward to coming back and seeing how far we've come."

Todd Lips, director of Youth and Family Services, said he wanted to thank Parks and Recreation Special Services Director Dave Boyer for his effort in offering help with program.

Lips said the program is meeting its goals of allowing young people in the area a chance to make decisions in their hometowns.

Hills Mayor Nancy Bates applauded the officers for this year's program.

"You're great," she said.

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