Enjoy live music on First Friday New Main Street sessions planned

Dave Cornwell, a
Farmington businessman, is
providing live entertainment in
downtown Farmington, featuring David Edward Perample,

an Ann Arbor musician.
Perample will play light jazz
from 7-9 p.m. May 2 at Anna's
Cafe & Baskets, 23622 Cate & Baskets, 23622
Farmington Road in the
Village Mall. The Village Mall
is located at Grand River and

Farmington Roads.
Perample is the organist at
Salem United Church of Christ
in Farmington. He recently
directed the church youth
group's production of 'Jesus
Christ Superstat.'
"Dave is a member and owns
Village Mall, 'Perample said.
Cornwell is the reason
Perample started the First
Friday performances, which
began in March at no charge,
as a way to bring more people
to the downtown area.

"It's a nice little cafe," Perample said. "It's full with about 20. People like hearing you. It's fun. I'm in the corne People can see me from the window."

window.

Perample has played the key-board for 30 years. A Livonia resident, he said some people may remember him from when the performed in The Bead Band from 1990-1993, which played at Alvin's in downtown Detroit and Griff's Grill in

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in the next fiscal year budget. Guest commentators at the breakfast will be Son. Samuel Buzz Thomae III, District 4, or-chairman of the state of the arts caucus, and Son. Gilda Jacobs, District 14, member of the state arts caucus. Local digitalizes and business leaders involved in the arts will also be in attendance, Commoundouros said. The cost is \$5 per person and the deadline to reserve a seat is May 7. Registration forms may be obtained at the Costick or reserve a seat by calling the arts division at (248) 473-1857.

How does a community revitalize its downtown district? What are the first steps? Which communities have succeeded and how has their success been measured? Those probing questions are part of next weeks planned interview sessions with Main Street planners. The City of Farmington and the Farmington Downtown Development Authority last fall received a three-year technical services grant instituted by the Oakland County Planning, & Economic Development Services to provide assistance for the revitalization and the preservation of Farmington's downtown. A recent need assessment report hunched the beginning of the work plan. Residents are welcome to participate in or sit in on the sessions with the Oakland County Main Street Resource

team April 30 and May 1.

"They will receive input from the community and tell us how best to use our resources," said Brent Morgan, executive director of the Farmington Downtown Development Authority.

"They will allow anyone who wants to attend to come, said Joyce Cornwell, president of the DDA board.

The Wednesday, April 30 sessions are 3:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:45 p.m. and 4 p.m. at the Masonic Temple located at Grand River and Farmington Roads.

The Thursday, May I sessions are at 9:30 a.m., and 10:30 a.m. at Parmington (2); b. 1411 located on Eiberty.

10:30 a.m. at Farmington City Hall located on Liberty

Morgan hopes those who wish to participate in the interviews will let him know

by tomorrow (Monday).
The sessions will help the resource team in devising strategies for local action to revitalize downtown.

The team consists of Robert Donohue, Russell Lewis and JoAnn Browning from Main Street Oakland County and Nicholas Kalogeresis, Carolyn Dellutri and Scott Ferres from National Main Street in

National Main Street in Chicago.

On Tuesday, the team will take both a driving and walking tour of the DDA district. There will be a public presentation of the Resource Team's observations and recommendations at 7 p.m. May 1 in the City Council Chambers of Farmington City Hall.

Chambers of Farmington City Hall.
Volunteers are still needed to serve on the design, organization, promotions and economic restructuring committees. The economic restructuring committee, headed by Greg Cowley of John Cowley & Sons on Grand River, has already met twice, Morgan said.
For more information call

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For more information call Morgan at (248) 473-7276.

Public is invited to arts breakfast

People interested in preserving funding for the arts community and sharing their concerns with their local state representatives are encouraged to attend An Arts and Cultural Legislative Breakfast for Onkland and Wayne counties \$1.5-10 n.m. Friday, May 9, at the Costick Activities Center on 11 Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills.

Hills.
The event is sponsored by the Michigan Association of Community Arts Agencies with

support of ArtServe Michigan. Nancy Coumoundouros, cul-tural arts coordinator for Farmington and Farmington fills, said the event will serve as an opportunity to meet and inform legislators about the impact of cultural activities in their districts and their impor-

their districts and their impor-tance.

"This is an effort to take a positive approach and let (leg-islators) know what we're doing in our own communi-ties," Coumoundouros said. The event is also important considering Gow. Jennifer Granblom has proposed a 50-percent cut in state art funding

Kenbrook kids raise funds for books

Second graders at Kenbrook Elementary School in Farmington Hills participated in the Seedlings Braille Books for Children program recently. This is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization dedicated to increasing the opportunity

for literacy by providing high quality, low cost braille books for children. "For every \$ 10 dollars carned one braille book is pur-chaeed," said Shrey Holman, a Kenbrook secretary. "Our class carned enough money to pur-

chase 80 braille books. Each book will state, 'Kenbrook Elementary School Second graders." The children raised 8805.02



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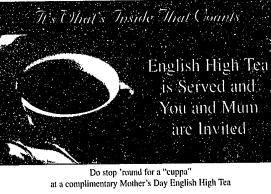
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Reservations are requested RSVP to Alexis by Monday, May 5, 2003 at (248) 352-0208, ext. 213

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