

Recreation News

Each week the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department will present a synopsis of activities in this column. For further information regarding the programs, call 474-8115.

• SENIOR ADULT LEGAL ADVICE — The senior adult staff is hosting Dale Winnie on Thursday, Feb. 18, at 11 a.m. Dale has been assisting at the senior adult center with legal advice for many years. This week he will give an update on wills and estates and answer questions about President Reagan's tax recovery act. He will also be available for private consultations.

• SNOW SCULPTURE CONTEST — Here's your chance as an individual, church, club or school to show your snow sculpting talents. The department is sponsoring a snow sculpture contest with awards given for the largest, most elaborate and most colorful creation. The fee is \$3 per entry. You must pre-register at the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation office.

Judging will be held after 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 20.

• ICE SKATING LESSONS — The second session of ice skating lessons is scheduled to begin on various dates the week of Feb. 23. The six-week session will include beginning through advanced lessons for children, teens and adults. Lessons will be held in the afternoon for youth and in the evenings for adults. Skating classes will meet for 30 minutes weekly for six sessions. The lessons will take place at the Beech Woods Skating Arena.

• SENIOR ADULT SPEAKER SERIES — The Farmington Hills senior adult staff will host another session on Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 11:30 a.m. as part of the continuing speaker series. This week's topic is "Skin Care". A representative from the American Cancer Society will be discussing early prognosis and preventive maintenance programs.

Reporter Edgar wins Van Winkle award

By Emory Daniels
staff writer

Luby meritorious service award.

EDGAR'S COVERAGE of bowling for more than a half-century includes covering of five national all-star tournaments and two American Bowling Congress events.

Hired away from the Detroit Free Press in 1945, Edgar was assigned by the bowling proprietors the task of building up the prestige of bowling in the state. He established an office in the Fort Shelby Hotel in Detroit and became the first bowling coordinator in the country.

As coordinator, Edgar inherited the tasks of dealing with labor unions concerning pinsetters and mechanization. After two years of bargaining, Edgar suggested eliminating negotiating sessions and set up a system where employees would get a raise if the cost of living rose and would take a pay cut if the cost of living dropped.

Some have credited the concept of COLA as beginning with bowling contracts, rather than being started by Charles Wilson of General Motors.

Edgar also worked with George W. Dean, then labor commissioner in Michigan, to work out a schoolwork program for pinsetters — the first in



Eddie Edgar wins award

the country — which helped save bowling in Michigan. The program called for an eight-hour day, with school commencing first and the time remaining left for setting pins.

In lieu of hiring a lobbyist, Edgar arranged to have the state Senate bowl

the House for the proprietors trophy, followed by a dinner. A success from the start, the bowling competition between the two chambers continues today.

Later a similar program was set up in Washington, D.C., with the help of the late U.S. Sen. Philip Hart and U.S. Rep. Martha Griffiths. More than 90 legislators participated in the first tourney.

EDGAR ALSO supervised having two bowling lanes erected on the bank of the Detroit River in 1948, and help AMP demonstrate its automatic pinsetters, which were first shown to engineers in glass bubbles.

During World War II, Edgar organized a junior program to allow youngsters to bowl while their parents were working. The program was 3-5 p.m., the two worst business hours of the day, and afterwards the young bowlers were taken home. The junior program still continues throughout Detroit.

Edgar conducted the Captain-Sponsor tournament, which outgrew every hotel in Detroit and had 1,458 diners at the banquet in the Shrine Drill Hall in the Masonic Temple.

Northwestern honors

Barbara Vagnozzi

Barbara A. Vagnozzi, daughter of Aldo and Lois Vagnozzi, 26193 Kiltaran, Farmington Hills has been commended by Northwestern University's dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, Rudolph H. Weingartner, for distinguished academic achievement during the fall quarter.

The dean's commendation is awarded to students who achieve a grade point average of 3.75 or higher.

She is a 1978 graduate of Farmington Harrison High School.

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