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er June King was backed by the hitting of teammates Joan Donnelly, Clara Simpson and Jayno Elliott.

WESTGATE REALTORS advertised a house in the Alta Loma Park subdivision ("Farmington's finest") for \$50,000.

"WOOD CREEK," a column written by Anne M. Phillips, noted: "Saturday George Sheriff had an office party with some 60 people coming out to enjoy the pool followed by a picnic supper."

Energy advice given at Founders' Festival

By Mary Kay Zolton
special writer

The members of the Energy Commission enjoyed meeting all who stopped at the energy tent during Founders' Festival. We applaud your interest in the Hills E.T. (Energy Thermogram) program and your desire to cut your energy costs. If you want more information, check the energy window in Farmington Hills City Hall.

Have you put any energy conservation equipment or solar energy equipment on your home? Are you planning to sometime soon? If so, you will want to take advantage of federal and state government tax credits and exemptions.

A federal income tax credit for installing renewable energy equipment on a taxpayer's principal U.S. residence is 40 percent of the first \$10,000 spent, or a maximum of \$4,000 for expenditures made between January 1, 1980, and January 1, 1986. The credit is available to renters, if they make the expenditure. The percentage for conservation credits is 16 percent of the first \$2,000 spent, for a maximum of \$350.

IN ORDER to qualify for the federal conservation tax credit, your principal residence must have been substantially completed before April 20, 1977. Energy-conserving measures and insulation must have been purchased on or after April 10, 1977 and before January 1, 1986.

The State of Michigan offers refundable solar tax credit. If the amount of the credit is greater than the amount of tax owed, you will receive a check for the difference. The Michigan Solar Tax Credit, due to expire December 31, 1983, includes 10 percent of the first \$2,000 spent and five percent of the next \$2,000. Credits apply only to taxpayers' Michigan residences or rental property. The system must be installed between January 1, 1979, and December 31, 1983, and it must be certified by the Energy Administration.

If you want solar tax credits to continue beyond December, 1983, you may wish to write one or more state senators. The Michigan House approved an extension and increase of solar tax credits, but they will expire if the Michigan Senate does not schedule them for consideration.

Michigan also offers property tax, sales tax and use tax exemptions for using solar, wind or water energy conversion devices. A single application to the Energy Administration is used to apply for the

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FARMINGTON HILLS councilmen have reversed several planning commission recommendations since they began voting on zoning matters. The reversal brought a strong protest from Planning Chairman Douglas Mann over council's decision to rezone for a restaurant a parcel of land on 12 Mile east of Orchard Lake Road.

Mann said the rezoning would have "a lasting detrimental effect on the development of the city."

MARY ALLISON, longtime head of the Farmington Area Library Board, announced her retirement at a Farmington Hills City Council meeting. "No

one has done more for the library than Mrs. Allison," Councilman Margaret Schaeffer said as council accepted her resignation.

THE PEST of the Week column featured the beetle. "Beetles never turn over a new leaf," the column said. "They eat it. Then your trees, shrubs, vegetables, fruits and flowers. And still, they're hungry."

FARMINGTON'S JUNIOR American Legion baseball team, coached by Jack Brown, defeated Troy, 8-3, to win the 18th District Junior Legion Tournament in Troy. The team is made up of 15- and 16-year-olds from the South Farmington City League.

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exemptions and the Solar Tax credit. You can obtain an application by calling the toll-free Energy Administration hotline, 1-800-392-4704.

TAX CREDITS, however, are just one way to save money through energy conservation. There are other ways. Take your driving, for instance. If you drive 55 mph on the highway, your car will get 20 percent more miles per gallon than the car of a driver going 70 mph. You'll also feel better in obeying the law and minimizing your chance of becoming an accident statistic.

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- Adjust your driving to avoid unnecessary wasteful accelerations and decelerations.



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