

Kids Konkert Series features 'Pinocchio'

The Cultural Arts Division of Southfield Parks and Recreation will present "Pinocchio, The Musical," 1:30-2:15 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 22 as part of its "Kids Konkert Series."

The program, presented by Todd E. Productions, will take

PREVIEW

place in Room 115 of the Parks and Recreation Building, 26000 Evergreen Road. Tickets \$3.25 per person, with a reduced rate of \$2.50 for parties of 10 or more.

Call (810) 354-4717.

Featuring a cast of 17, "Pinocchio" is the story of a lonely woodcutter, Geppetto, who sings to his newly carved puppet about his hopes for a son to love and cherish. The puppet comes to life, a little brat, and a fiber with a

growing nose who learns from the fairy's songs about how to become a real boy, but he strays from the path.

Everything works out in the end. "Pinocchio" is based on the story by Carlo Collodi and adapted for stage by Nancy Gurwin.



For kids: Nathan Keen of Birmingham (left), Ryan Binder of West Bloomfield and Gary Lee Temple of Plymouth are in "Pinocchio."

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This early settlement boasted nearly 50 buildings, including a sawmill, an ashery, a distillery, an ice house, and a hotel.

Joseph T. Wilder, an early Livonia general store owner, later became justice of the peace, which was not uncommon for that era. Early storekeepers were usually well educated and had earned enough money through individual enterprise to begin his own business. Education enabled them to serve their communities in the role of postmaster, notary public, reader and writer of letters.

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