OUTDOORS

Bird's begin spring migration routine

Did you notice a couple weeks ago, before the latest snow fall, how the birds in the neighborhood started singing?

NATURE NOTES

TIM ROWICKI

It seemed like they all got the same cue from the conductor and began to sing.

Tufted titmice were the most vociferous, at the feeders, top chickadees and nuthatches were heard in the background, along with the cardinal.

Songs at this time of the year are an indication that spring is near.

Shortly after the song birds, saw my first red-winged blackbird.

I have seen them as early as late February, but this year they returned in early March.

This is about the time red-winged blackbirds begin to establish their nest boxes. Many blue birds were here all winter, but in early March they start to select and defend nest boxes.

Signs of spring and migration began with the arrival of the red-winged blackbirds.

Tundra swans will also be passing through our state shortly on their way to northern Alaska. They don't stay long in our area, but can be seen in good numbers when they stop in areas like Wallaceburg, Ontario.

In April, hawks will start their return migration along with waterfowl.

Large birds, like hawks and waterfowl, have a longer incubation and take a longer time to mature. Songbirds are starting to build their nests already. In the past, we have seen robins building a nest as early as March 25. Robins are one of the first songbirds we hear in the morning. Robins are also one of the last songbirds we hear at night.

Tree swallows are another early migrant. They will be seen flying over open areas looking for insects. They will also be seen around their nesting boxes.

Bluebirds are starting to scout for nesting sites. Bluebirds will use a nest box if it is placed in a suitable habitat. Bluebirds need a 1-1/2 inch diameter hole in their nest box. Starlings will also use a nest box with a 1-1/2 inch diameter hole. Starlings are very aggressive and will take over a nest box if they find one before the bluebirds.

Bluebirds will defend their nest box against other bluebirds, but will not defend their nesting territory against other species.

Bluebirds will nest in a hollow tree if they can find one. They will also use a nest box if it is placed in a suitable habitat.

Bluebirds need open areas with short vegetation in which to find their food, which consists of insects and berries.

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Bowling season enters home stretch

TEN-PIN ALLEY

AL HARRISON

The Ides of March is upon us, and at this time of the year the regular bowling season is winding down to the last few weeks.

This is when the teams that are jockeying for position have to make their best effort.

It is also a time for league officers to plan their events, whether a big banquet or just a simple meeting.

It will also be reward time for the top teams and individuals. In keeping with tradition, many leagues will be presenting trophies and other awards to the winners.

Sanctioned leagues are given one free 7 x 8 inch plaque by the Greater Detroit Bowling Association (on request) for whatever purpose the league wishes. The rest of the awards are based on each individual league and what they decide upon.

George Zainea of D.B.T. Awards & Graphics has over forty years of experience in the bowling industry as a proprietor, lane installer and in the awards, trophies and incentives business.

Zainea recalls "in the old days it was standard procedure to give out trophies. But times have changed. Now any awards should have some utility value while showing recognition.

"A wall clock, pen set or imprinted apparel like a sweater, jacket or polo shirt can be nicely imprinted or embroidered with a sponsor's logo or league emblem.

"The awards can be distinctive way and carry more value as they would be used or worn by the recipients. D.B.T. Awards & Graphics does it all — the engraving, embroidery or screen printing, all in-house with a huge variety to choose from."

George or Tony Zainea can be contacted toll free at 1-800-78AWARD or E-Mail: tonyz@bignet.net

•The Michigan Majors Bowling Association held its monthly scratch tournament at LeFevre Family Bowl in Saginaw and Joe Jiminez of Saginaw took the top cash prize of $2,000.

However several players from our O & E communities also brought home some earnings. They were: Dennis Berryman of Canton (11th), Terry Tosnrz of Livonia (19th), Ryan Wilson of Garden City (24th), James Perry of Bloomfield Hills (25th), Paul Jensen of Birmingham (32nd) and Eric Tuliey of Redford (37th).

The scratch competition brings out the top bowlers in the area and the next tournament takes place March 20-21 at Airport Lanes in Jackson.

For more information phone Ken Charretto at (810) 776-2414.

•In the Les Stanford Hall of Fame Classic League at Thunderbowl Lanes the current league-leading teams going into the home stretch are:

1. Red Robin Restaurants; 2. Ansarus Big Boy; 3. Baranski's Farmers Insurance; 4. Laurie Distributing; 5. Tuckers Wheels; 6. Mac's Car Wash; 7. Berci Printing.

Ken Kossick of Canton holds the individual High series with a G.D.B.A. Record 878 actual and fourteen bowlers are tied for high game at 300 including Troy's Dan Ottoman and Canton's Kossick.

Tony Stipcak of Redford has the second high series, 841, and Garden City's Rick Elermann is among the leaders with 801.

•*Popular WNIC afternoon disc* jockey Chris Edmonds will be "Bowling for Braille Books" at Seedlings 12th Annual Braille Books for Children Bowl-A-Hon March 21, 12:30 p.m. at Cloverlanes in Livonia.

Seedlings Braille Books for Children is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing high-quality low cost books for blind children.

Every $10 raised in this event will create one more book. Last year bowlers raised more than $10,000 to help ensure blind children access to the same popular books as their sighted peers and thus increase the opportunity for literacy.

The founder, Debra Bond, was recently presented with a Livonia Human Relations Commission 1999 Honor Award for her dedication to the visually impaired through Seedlings.

Come bowl with Chris Edmonds (9 pin no-tap) and put braille books into the hands of blind children. There will be lots of great door prizes and awards.

Call Seedlings Braille Books at 1-800-777-8552 for registration and pledge forms. Even if you don't bowl, Seedlings welcomes everyone to stop by Cloverlanes with a pledge or donation.

•Plaza Lanes in Plymouth is having its Singles Tournament at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 21, sponsored by Livonia Trophy *and Screenprinting.*

First prize is $1,000 based on 120 entries. Five dollars from each entry goes to the LUPUS Foundation. Check-in time is 12:45 p.m.

The event is ABC/WIBC sanctioned, bowling 4 games across 8 lanes. It will be handicapped at 80% from 210. Entry fee is $50 a person, one out of six cash.

For more information or entry forms call Plaza Lanes at (734) 453-4880.

Be patient when teaching children to bowl

Karen Hagan

Karen Hagan is a member of the All-Star Bowlerettes League at Cloverlanes in Livonia on Monday nights.

Karen's achievements include two 300 games and two 800 series. She is a member of the Monroe Women's Bowling Hall of Fame and was their initial inductee for superior performance in 1985.

She has made it to the Team USA national finals four times and is a two-time state amateur champion. She is currently running the youth bowling program in Monroe and has a lot of experience in coaching youngsters.

Karen offers this advice to parents of children who are taking an interest in bowling.

"When they are very little and just starting out, we try to just give them the basics and see that they are able to use good form in the delivery.

"We tell them that when you build a house, it doesn't matter how much woodwork you have on it unless you have a strong foundation. Otherwise the house will fall down.

"We teach them how to pick up the ball correctly, how to stand at the foul line straight, which way the toes are pointing when you let go of the ball, how the armswing goes (up alongside your head as opposed to crossing your face, which we call the 'elephant.'

"We follow through like the Statue of Liberty. We show them where to stand and where to roll the ball (not throw the ball), we teach them about the arrows and how the lanes are set up so they know what they are aiming at.

"Mainly it's a matter of teaching them the basics. It's like teaching muscle memory. When you walk, you don't think 'left, right, left right,' you just do it.

"It takes a while to teach muscle memory. Patience is required. It takes repetition.

"We teach the four step delivery when they are big enough to hold the ball with one hand.

"We use the bumpers when they are really little. When they can keep the ball on the lane we move them up to the next level, where they stand at the foul line and roll the ball.'

"Then we teach the four step approach.

"As for equipment, when they start in bumpers it is usually with a six-pound ball. You can tell if the ball is too light because they have very little control.

"You don't want to go too heavy either. If they can hold the ball in one hand by their side for thirty seconds, then they can bowl with it.

"This is part of what the coaches are doing, working with the kids. The fit is also important, particularly each new season. As they grow and the hand changes, so must the ball.

"It is important for the parents to be involved with the children in anything they do. At the beginner level it is all about support.

"The parents have to remember the kids are just learning. When they took their first steps they were not perfect, and they will not be very good at first.

"It is up to the parents to praise them when they do good and not to yell at them when they do not. If the child is really interested and has that desire, it is good to get them a coach and bring them along that way.

"With all the college scholarships out there, it is worthwhile for kids to be able to compete later on at the higher level and earn scholarship money.

"Just about any child can participate in bowling. I's a game for life. They can play when they grow older and still enjoy it.

BOWLING HONOR ROLL

WONDERLAND LANES (Livonia)

Westside Senior Men: Dan Glatter, 290/783 (228 pins o/a); Cliff Usher, 244/658; Don Hochstedt, 230/643; Floyd Morris, 235/637; Joe Torey, 246/615.

Motor City Men's Early: Bill Kilsber, 276/764; Brian Ozmelyk, 268/761; Dennis Allison, 277; Mark Bratcher, 268/712.

St. Sabinas Mixed: Paul Burris, 300 (series 146 pins o/a); Mike Kane, 671; Steve Segal, 650.

CLOVERLANES (Livonia)

FoMoCo: Jim Casteel, 279/716; Jack Considine, 257/662; Larry Frank, 251/687; Don Smith, 252.

Sunday Dynamic Doubles: David Mahaz, 216-233-300/749.

FoMoCo Men: Dave Diomedi, 266/761; Jack Considine, 256/682; Larry Hawkins, 257; Randy Thompson, 244/665.

MERRI BOWL (Livonia)

Merri-Bowlerettes: Denny Atwater, 212-225/597; Dot Ross, 231-213/595.

Early Risers: Shirley Piekarski, 208; C. Truszkowski, 532; Wanda Denardis, 558; Judy Kovsky, 505; Joan Yananson, 516.

Newburg Ladies: Kathy Duchene, 224; Maureen Cirocco, 186.

St. Aidan's Mixed: Jim Nowrocki, 266; D. Mehoke, 259-203/657; C. Williams, 236; G. Steele, 216; Merriam Weglarz, 219.

Wednesday Toast & Coffee: Sara Brodhun, 212; Barb Singer, 204/503; Ruth Hoeppner, 208.

Senior House: Brian Macek, 300; Derek Takala, 300.

Right on Time: Bill Ferguson, 300; Al Carlisau, 267/748.

Senior Merry Bowlers: Joe Kubinec, 212/541; Fred Jenaulis, 210/603; Roy McMahan, 212/577; Al Dawson, 208-233/623.

DRAKESHIRE LANES (Farmington)

B'Nai Brith Morgenthau L'Chayim/Zelgar-Gross: Steve Hoberman, 213-211/619; Bill Yaker, 243/618; Sandy Freeman, 208-207; Rob Pilskow, 234; Lee Weinstein, 234.

COUNTRY LANES (Farmington)

Spares & Strikes: Lori Buckshaw, 202/509; Kevin Landacre, 201/576.

Suburban Prep. Travel (men): Dave Richardson, 300/764; Greg Gumlow, 246; Tim Magyar, 237/684; Paul Butler, 236/622; Tony Ballarta, 225; Lou Brightman, 224.

Suburban Prep Travel (ladies): Ev Hubble, 202/519; Patty Jaroch, 202/573; Bernice Anthony, 199/540.

Sunday Sweetimers: Wayne Lanning, 222-212/682; Sid Harris, 200; Mike Lanning, 245-213/608; Mark Silverstein, 217-212-210/639.

EVER 7: Craig Montie, 245/635; Walt Malkowski, 243/680; Dave Spitza, 242; David Overly, 238; Bob Stewart, 236.

Country Couples: John Ware Sr. 2332; Gary Stout, 218; Pam Starling, 191; Kim Wellman, 194/500.

All Over Mixed: Glenn Joppich, 253/639; Gerald Meyers, 241; Vicki Tondreau, 237/634; Esther Tondreau, 223.

Greenfield Mixed: Ryan Wilson, 234-219-256/709; Debbie VanMeter, 203-213/607; Steve Meyers, 279-216/688; Ed Bin, 255-201-224/680; Barbara Turner, 235/571.

Tuesday Mixed Trio: Andy Rubin, 278/746; John Osborne, 256; Wendy Lord, 230/558; Kevin Landacre, 215/568.

Kendallwood: Mary Meyers, 208/514; Juanita Lepler, 210-202/581; Elaine Piercey, 206; Nancy Collins, 198/514.

Saturday Odd Couples: Jack Schlicht, 236; Neil Kolle, 222/596.

Country Kaglers: Joel Smith, 248; Kris Doudt, 242/640; Matt Ulirich, 242; Jeff Pinke, 235/636; Dave Moraschine, 234/672.

Wednesday Knights: Gus Webb, 278/668; Bob Mattler, 266; Rich Grossman, 703; David Makowiec, 668.

Sports Club: Steve Hayoc, 279/695; Sam Kizy, 243; Rita Dawood, 200/535.

Leon Lake: Scott Tutas, 232; Jeff Amolsch, 227/625.

Wednesday Night Ladies: Sue Kin, 253/618; Cora Whitehouse, 225.

Rosedale Bowlerettes: Helen Evans, 211/534; Marilyn Left, 197.

Advanced Youth (seniors): Gordon Gregoroff, 233/590.

St. Paul's Men: Ken Dean, 245; Ken Emmick, 661.

Shirts & Skirts: Terry Machlett, 212/586; Kirk Mason, 196; Tamara Waun, 210/502.

Monday Midnight Men: Leda Garmo, 269; Will Naiou, 268/695.

Country High Schools: Doug Ginotti, 222/589; Mike Lee, 199; Jason Rodgers, 222/606; Jenny Long, 194/508.

Country Preps: Ryan Meyers, 182; Derek Wesch, 144; Mandy McKey, 144; Christine Mouawad, 149.

Sunday Youth Classic: Kim Keim, 237; Chris Dawson, 227; Bill Fenderburk, 224; Andy Laprise, 257/632; Bob Abramson, 220.

B'Nai Brith Plagah: Mort Friedman, 268-265/714; Wayne Lusky, 228-225/644; Jerry Rose, 222-222/641; Howard Waxer, 212-224/626; Jeff Eisenberg, 219-212/620.

PLUM HOLLOW LANES (Southfield)

Tuesday Mixed Foursome: Lawrence Mathies III, 254-255-299/808.

Fellowship Chapel Mixed: Charles Peterson, 290; Gordon Patton, 279; Angela Nelson, 279/662; Shirley Peterson, 237; Cathryn Barnett, 616.

THUNDERBIRD LANES (Troy)

Monday All-Stars: Marcia Meisner, 612.

TROY LANES

Ladies Nite Out: Carol Bird, 231.

Golds Gang: Chuck Geracl, 234; Perry Duvall, 232.

Pert Timers: Dave Trombley, 236.

ITT: Ron Supinsky, 265.

Saturday All-Stars: Mark Bunting, 288-234/755; Jeff Unska, 238; Roger Erickson, 236.

Saturday Gems: Matt Eschmann, 241; Terry Schalk, 276.

Rockin Rollers: Carrie Jubb, 235.

NOVI BOWL

Bill Bryant, 259/701; Bob Garvin, 655; Lynn Lewis, 639; Bruce Rossler, 638; Rick Yudt, 627.

PLAZA LANES (Plymouth)

3 p.m. Mixed: Lionel Kennedy II, 290.

Kaglers: Wally Wolfe, 255; Mark Beasley, 278; Al Sanders, 251; Don Cathey, 254.

SUPER BOWL (Canton)

Youth leagues: Thursday Junior/Majors: Jon Taylor, 143.

Friday Juniors: Brad Morrison, 162; Amanda Sheridan, 182/555; Jeff Hunley, 106; Brad Poremba, 189.

PUBLIC STORAGE OF LIVONIA
PUBLIC STORAGE OF FARMINGTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, the undersigned will sell at Public Auction Sale by competitive bidding. sales are for cash only. Removal with 24 hours. For sale are storage units for which rent and fees are past due.

On the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at Public Storage, 12900 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48150, (734) 591-6606, on April 19, 1999 at 11:00 A.M., the personal property described below:

IN THE MATTER OF:
•PINKERTON SECURITY, Space A021-misc boxes
•MARCELLUS THURMAN, Jr., Space B045-sofa chair, bedframe, desk, end tables, carpet cleaner

On the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at Public Storage, 34050 Nine Mile Road, Farmington, MI 48335, (248) 473-4020, on April 19, 1999 at 11:30 A.M. The personal property described below:

IN THE MATTER OF:
•FRANCES DEARIE, Space G045-sea chest, hutch, chairs, cabinet, boxes
•BRIAN BURNHAM, Space B019-file cabinet
•STEPHANIE MAZZA, Space C019-TV, table, chairs, sofa, bedframe, wall unit
•LOLA SMITH, Space C092-sofa, table, golf clubs, chairs, lamp, misc bags & boxes
•LINDA WESTBAY, Space D043-dresser, dolly, chair end tables, mis bags & boxes

All sales subject to adjournment

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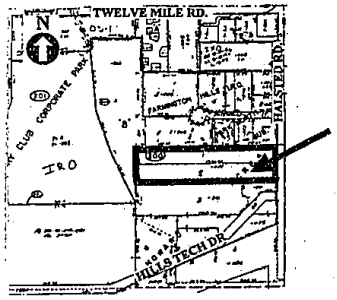
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

DATE: MARCH 22, 1999
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
PLACE: Farmington Hills City Hall
31555 Eleven Mile Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48336

REQUEST: Approval of Certificate of Need for a Cellular Tower at 27245 Halsted Rd.

The City of Farmington Hills City Council will give formal consideration to an application requesting approval of a Certificate of Need for a wireless communications facility in IRO, Industrial Research Office District classification. The property is city owned and has an address of 27245 Halsted Road, Sidwell #23-18-200-023. The applicant in this matter is John J. Riley, AT&T Wireless Services.

Any person who is interested is invited to participate in the discussion of the request. The application may be reviewed at the Farmington Hills Planning Office on any business day between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.



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