Orchard, Green Lake Road repairs near completion

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Construction on two West Bloomfield road projects is slat-ed to be completed by mid-July. At the intersection of Green Lake and Richardsen roads, pri-mary routes to many of West Bloomfield's waterfront neigh-borhoods, workers are adding turn lance and traffic lights. The Road Commission for Oakland County initiated the project because of high traffic volumes and safety concerns, despite opposition by several residences who said the upgrades unities of that part of the town-traffic of that part of the town-

interface with the rural charac-teristics of that part of the town-ablp. There were some who wanted to save trees, othere who didn't want the roadway closer to their house, but they are paving only in the road commission right-of-way, said township Supervisor David Flaisher. "Basically, they are only paving over gravel areas." Without the traffic light, vehi-cles back up onto Fontiae Trail and Green Lake Road during the afternoon rush. There are backs up onto Fontiae trail going from Green Lake Road and onto Pontiae Trail during morning runh periods. The turn lanes and an auto-mated traffic light should improve traffic circulation in the area, said road commission spokesman Craig Bryson. The automated traffic lights will operate based on the traffic vevels, Bryson said. The sensor will keep the green light on longer for roads with the longer ines of traffic."

Left-turn lights will be includ-ed in the traffic signals for the busiest lanes of the intersection. Curb and gutter are also being

busiest lanes of the intersection. Curb and gutter are also being added. Bryson said the project should be completed by July 13. Also this month, the road commission began repairs on the roughest sections of Orchard Lake Road between 12 Mile and Parnington Hills. With weekst Bloomfield and Parnington Hills. To square yards of concrete will be replaced. Bryson said the concrete slabs that are being replaced are identified as the worst ones along the three-mile stretch. Pothole filling in these areas, Bryson said, is no longer effective. This should be a significant improvement to Orchard Lake Road, said Bryson, who added be finished in six to eight weeks. Road commission representa-tives and the repairs were not adesigned to be a permanent fix for all the road's cracks and burpe. Buomfield, with the Northwestern Expansion project promed Labomfield, with the Northwestern Expansion will reconstruct the part of Orchard Lake.

Luke. West Bloomfield Township, Farmington Hills, the Michigan Department of Transportation and the road commission are moving closer to completing the Morthwestern Expansion plans, but officials said construction on the \$90 million-plus project will not begin for several years.

PIPELINE

MUSIC MASTERS MUSIC MASTERS 2 Zaiba Yasmin Sheikh and Cameron Mitchell Smith of Farmington Hills earned a mas-ter of music degree from the Cleveland Institute of Music on May 19.

May 19. **DAVENPORT DEAN'S** Marva Bailoy and Ilya Sterin of Farmington Hills made the dean's list at Daven-port University at the end of the winter quarter.

STATE VETS Suzanne Walmsley and Sarah Edford have been nary Medicino degree from Michigan States College of Vet-bernary Medicine. Walmsley is the daughter of Ron and Lenore Kingston of Parmington Hills and Edford is the daughter of Deborah Edford of Parmington. STATE VETS

CONCORDIA FRESHMAN Matthew Mikel of Farming Matthew Mikel of Farming-ton Hills has been accepted to Concordia College in Ann Arbor for the fall of 2001. He is the son of Dennis and Lovee Mikel.

Catholic Central Quiz Bowl team has record-breaking season BY STACY JENKINS STAFF WRITER

sjenkingos.homecomm.net For a team of high school stu-dents, "Who Wants to be a Mil-lionaire" is a breeze and "Jeop-ardy" is a snp. Theyre accustomed to the real ceal - the tough stuff. This group of whiz kids com-prise the Catholic Central High School Varsity Quiz Bowl Team and have broken all the records this season. The six-member team topped off the season with a national title, defeating cross-

wn rivals from Detroit Country High School. Tam very, very pleased with were kids, "said Howard Weith reg, quiz team conch. "They we been very hard-work may ad committed to long-term warding season." The National Academic Quiz warding season." The National Academic Quiz ished with more than 15,000 miles. They work to unprecedented 212 wins and 18 losses. "The leve it is the first time a time to the school with more than 200 wins." Weinberg suid. "And they had the toughest schedule in the onth at the University of light and hour and serimmaged brigg the school year, the town rivals from Detroit Country Day High School. "I an very, very pleased with these kids," said Howard Wein-berg, quiz team coach. They have been very hard-working and committed to long-term objectives. It's been a very cewarding season." The National Academic Quiz Tournaments High School National Championship Tourna-ment was hold earlier this month at the University of Michigan in An Arbor. During the school year, the

approached, they practiced up to five hours a day. Weinberg said he closely tracks the types of material included in the tourna-ments to formulate the practice material. He said the students are quizzed on everything from physics to the Bible. The team members are: seniors Josh Crawford of Farm-ington Hills, Jeff Shattock of Westland, Chris Hammer of Livonia, Jason Gehan of Livonia and John Schultz of Detroit. The achool's quiz team was

formed by Weinberg 17 years ago. He also teaches advanced placement U.S. government and dwanced placement micro and mcro economics. At the netional competition, the studente faced questions vritten by the officers of the National Academic Quiz Tourna-ments. Kevin Olmateda a recent winner on "Who Wants to be a Millionairy" is also an officer on the NAQT panel. "It couldn't have happened to a nicer person," Weinberg said.

