

## League slates 9th District forum

The League of Women Voters Oakland Area has scheduled a forum from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 30 with candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives 9th District, Republican incumbent Joe Knollenberg and Democrat David Fink.

The district covers Farmington, Farmington Hills, West Bloomfield, Orchard Lake, Keego Harbor, Sylvan

Lake, Pontiac, Lake Angelus, Birmingham, Bloomfield Township, Bloomfield Hills, Southfield Township, Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms, Franklin, Berkeley, Royal Oak, Clawson, Troy, Rochester, Rochester Hills, Auburn Hills, Oakland Township, most of Waterford and part of Orion Township.

The event will be held at Bloomfield Township Library,

1099 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills (southwest corner Telegraph/Lone Pine).

The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan political organization, that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

### CAMPAIGN CORNER

#### CHAMBER URGES ISSUE STUDY

Dedication of Tobacco Tax and Settlement Revenue (The Healthy Michigan Amendment, Proposition 4) is on the ballot this Nov. 6. The Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce heard presentations from Botsford Hospital and Walsh College on this issue.

At the Oct. 15 Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting, it was acknowledged that the business community depends on and supports a healthy and educated work force. While the Chamber did not take a position in favor or against the amendment,

members and the community were encouraged to research and study both sides of this complex issue.

For more information on this issue, visit the following Web site: [www.healthy-michigan.org](http://www.healthy-michigan.org) and <http://www.michiganlegislature.org>.

#### SPEAKER ENDORSES KNOL

Michigan House Speaker Rick Johnson recently announced he is endorsing Republican candidate Valerio Knol for the 37th state House seat.

"Valerio is more than qualified to fill this seat in the

House," said Johnson, R-LeRoy. "I have been impressed with her commitment to the residents of Farmington and Farmington Hills and her political involvement through the Oakland County Executive Committee. She is working hard to earn their vote and I know she will continue to provide strong leadership in Lansing."

"Valerio's business knowledge and experience will bring a much-needed perspective to the budget process," Johnson said. "I look forward to working with her next year in the state Legislature."

## MONSTER

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O'Rourke-Wendrick, recreation supervisor.

Considering the budget for the event is only about \$400, Price has to use her imagination to come up with scary props and sets and keep them running on the two nights. When the hike is over, it's busy time putting the props away and getting ready to set up the city's holiday lights.

O'Rourke-Wendrick said about 1,200 people attend the haunted hike during the two nights.

"It's a lot of fun," Price said of fixing up the props. "It's one of the best parts of my job."

She said workers at the department also help out. Some will pick up items on trash day and bring them to Price to see if she can work her magic on them.

For instance, old mattresses are used to create a shaky ground at one point in the hike.

The props Price has made are impressive, including one skeleton that plays an organ complete with finger bones that tap the keys.

There will be 12 stations at this year's walk, said O'Rourke-Wendrick. Other groups, such as local Scouts put up their own stations to scare visitors, too, she said.

The Haunted Hike is not



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Elsie Price designs ghouls for the Halloween walk.

recommended for children under age 7. It takes place at Heritage Park on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile. Cost is \$5 per person

payable the night of the event.

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## Holiday art fair offered at OCC

The Holiday Art Fair, sponsored by the Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans, presents of the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair, will take place Nov. 2 and 3, at the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills.

Hours will be 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday in building H.

Admission is \$3. Children under 12 are free and parking is free. Fifty percent of receipts will benefit Arbor Hospice in support of its Pathfinders program, which provides therapy for children grieving the loss of a loved one.

This art fair of 100 juried, contemporary artists, will include various media such as glass, wood, photography, painting, jewelry, clay, fiber, enamel, paper, sculpture and more.

Refreshments from sandwiches to sweets will be available from Classic Cuisine of Farmington Hills.

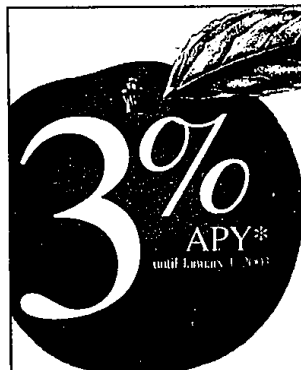
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