

# Mark your calendar for '03 bowling events

Here are a few coming attractions for the new year:

■ The Greater Detroit Bowling Bonanza is back. You can see it on WPXD-TV PAX affiliated network at 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

The show will run every week through April 5. The show stars WJR radio sports celebrity Tom Mazaway and is co-sponsored by the Greater Detroit Bowling Association.

■ The 77th Annual Detroit Women's Bowling Association City Tournament will be March 1 at Plaza Lanes in Plymouth. It runs for three or four weekends depending on the number of entries.

This year's will be different than past DWBA events. It features three separate divisions by age. For more information, call Rose Marsh at the DWBA office at (506) 773-3050.

■ The high school varsity bowling competition resume its

schedule on Wednesday.

And there's good news for the program. The Michigan High School Athletic Association has added bowling as a post-season tournament event beginning with the 2003-04 school year following a vote taken by the MHSAA Representative Council on Dec. 6.

Details of the administration of the sport will be announced at a later date.

■ The Pro Bowlers Tour has moved its venue, the Touring Players Championship this March from Toledo, Ohio, to Taylor.

Again, this will bring elite bowlers from all over the land to southeastern Michigan. To be eligible for the event, you must win a pro title.

There is a pro-am tournament to tap, so once again we amateur bowlers will have a chance to get a great new ball with the submission of a paid entry form.

■ The Eighth Annual Senior/Youth Challenge is slated for Saturday, Feb. 8, at Mayflower Lanes in Redford.

The senior bowlers beat the kids last year, and the youngsters will be trying to even the score this year.

It's a very entertaining pro-

gram and spectators are welcome.

Competitors receive a huge variety of door prizes, thanks to the many local businesses that have shown generosity and community spirit with their donations.

This tournament also pairs the seniors and the kids as doubles partners. It also means several thousand dollars in scholarship money will be given out to the highest scoring youth bowlers.

■ For the second straight year, I attended a New Year's Eve bowling party at Country Lanes in Farmington. For a modest fee, there was a full buffet dinner, three games of moonlight no-tap bowling, midnight champagne and party favors for everyone.

Prize money was awarded to the 10 highest couples in total pinfall. A good time was had by all.

And, by the way, to my friends and loyal readers, I want to wish all of you a very Happy New Year.

May we all bow well in 2003!

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## Raiders play well except for 1 quarter

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A third-quarter letdown ended up costing North Farmington a possible victory in boys basketball Friday at Detroit Mumford.

The Raiders were outscored in the third quarter, 17-8, and the final score was a nine-point difference, too, as the Mustangs claimed a 64-55 win.

"We came out flat in the third quarter; we've been struggling with that all year," North assistant coach Todd Negoshian said. "Being as young as we are, it's going to be a challenge for us."

"Mumford made some adjustments and went to a half-court trap, and it kinda threw us for a loop a little bit."

North had leads of 10-8 and 25-24 at the end of the first two quarters, but Mumford was ahead through three periods, 41-33. Sean Mackler scored a game-high 20 points and had eight rebounds for the Raiders (0-4). Gary Kennedy added 14 points and Dan Rayne eight rebounds. Marcus McComb had 11 points, six steals, three assists and five rebounds.

### BASKETBALL

The Mustangs had three players in double figures - Stevie Moore with 16 points, Jerrell Wyatt 14 and Enrique Hope 12.

Mumford (4-1) was 11-of-14 shooting free throws and North 18-of-24.

The Raiders play their first non-Detroit opponent Tuesday when they visit Farmington for an Oakland Activities Association crossover game.

North played three Public School League teams and one Catholic League team (DePores) in the pre-OAA season. "Hopefully, it will put us in a position to learn and grow from it and, if we find ourselves in a situation like this throughout the year, we'll be all right," Negoshian said.

### FALCONS ON THE REBOUND

Following a pair of losses a week ago in a holiday tournament at Holly, Farmington boys basketball coach Steve Norgrove was feeling really down about the state of his team.

But he received an emotional lift Monday when his players showed up for practice ready to work hard.

"I thought we were going to have a lot of corrections to make and, actually, they made them themselves because it was all effort," Norgrove said. "The practice they came back to was more of a character practice, and they're not going to let the same situation that happened last weekend happen again."

The kids should get credit for their resilience, character and hard work.

"I left the game Saturday and was kinda down about the job I was doing, and then I came back to practice and their effort picked me right back up again."

"We didn't even have to discuss the game. They already figured it out for themselves what was wrong. That just shows where they want the program to go and what they want out of their season."

The Falcons (1-3) are back in action Tuesday night when they play host to crosstown rival North Farmington.

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## VOLLEYBALL

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"She's probably my most athletic and skilled player," Dumlaio said. "She'll be a terminator for our team; she can score points and she can pass."

Sophomore Bridgette Benz is the goalie on the North soccer team and another good athlete, according to Dumlaio. The 5-10 setter moves up from the freshman team to the varsity.

The Raiders have another setter in 5-3 senior Christina Cheng, who is quick on her feet and can get to the ball to start the attack. Junior Stephanie Clarke is a 5-4 defensive specialist, and sophomore Jessica Comstock is a 5-10 middle hitter who also makes the jump from the freshman team to fill a need at the varsity level.

Catherine Munaco is a 5-5 junior setter/defensive specialist, and Alyssa Trotzky is a 5-9 junior middle hitter who will com-

plement Berke, Pajewski and Comstock in the front court.

The Raiders were 1-6-1 in two December tournaments, defeating Hazel Park (15-8, 11-15, 15-13) for their only victory.

North, which lost its only dual match to West Bloomfield last month, was in another tournament Saturday at Walled Lake Central and will play a dual match at home Monday with Royal Oak Kimball.

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