

COMMUNITY

**happenings**

**Help Struggling Children Learn**

Parents and concerned educators who are seeking ways to help struggling children learn more readily are invited to MapleTree Counseling Centers on Thursday, May 20. The open house runs from 5:30-8:30 a.m. at 29200 Vassar in Avonita. WMUZ-AM personalities Mark Gilman and Jean Herriot will be available to speak with guests. For more information call (248) 15-8989.

**Kids, Want to Play Chess?**

Ray Garrison is the coach of the 3rd grade chess club that won the state championship and took 6th place in the national competition. He is a U.S. Chess Federation expert. This highly qualified chess teacher is now teaching chess class for children ages 6 to 14 in Farmington Hills. The class runs for four Tuesdays beginning May 11. The beginner's class is 7-7:50 a.m. The intermediate class is 8:50 p.m. The fee is \$40. The beginner's class will teach rules, procedures and basic tactics. The intermediate class will focus on more advanced strategies and tactics. For more information or

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**Around Our Community**

**Youth Assistance Awards Presented to Deserving Kids**

The Farmington Youth Assistance organization presented their annual awards to 31 deserving young people who were nominated by school personnel, businesses and church youth directors. They received the awards for actions ranging from extra work in school to working on building projects in Appalachia. Pictured at right is Jonathon Garvey receiving his award from Superintendent Bob Maxfield, right, and County Commissioner David Moffitt. Other awardees were: Brynn Allen, Julie Barber, Gabrielle Lynn Bennett, Karen Berger, Karen Bockli, Leah Brasch, Jeffrey Aaron Canvasser, Abbey Kathleen Cleland, Emily Ann Cohen, Noah Cook, Justin Dexter, Jessica Leihwa Dong, Andrea Gadowski, Jessica Glovak, Jennifer Gulezian, Kristin Horner, David Koch, Sarah Lachowski, Monique Luse, Meara MacWilliams, Keith Marks, Kathryn Mato, Nicole McDoniel, William Read, Kristy Reinhardt, Binisa Shah, Jenelle Welling, Nicole White and Jennifer Worman.

