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PROJECT managers have been named to help determine what local businesses think about their future and what their attitudes are about the community. Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with the Michigan Telephone Co. and the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills, plans to host a business retention and expansion program this fall. Michigan Bell will train a corps of volunteers to survey the industrial community. Bell will compile the results and present them to the chamber. Heading up the project's steering committee are Richard Stemple of Reliance Forms and Andrew Baker of Pictures & More.

OUTSTANDING. That's community education teacher Peg Jenkins, whom the Oakland County School Administrators selected as Outstanding Adult Education Teacher of the Year. Jenkins teaches at the 10 Mile School in Farmington.

COMING home. Martha Smith, a regular on "Scarecrow and Mrs. King" and a 1970 North Farmington High School graduate, will be home Friday, May 23, to appear on Channel 7's "Kelly & Co." The week of May 26, she'll be on the "\$100,000 Pyramid." In June, she'll be on a segment of "Lifestyles of the Rich & Famous."

ON display. Two Farmington Artists Club members had their work displayed in the Michigan Water Color Society's exhibit, the most prestigious of professional distinctions for a watercolorist. Gwen Tomkow of Farmington won the Roger Sherman Architects Award for "On Gold Pond." Ronald Parry of Farmington Hills won the Grumbachler Gold Medalion Award for "Garden Gate."

AWARD winners. Two Farmington-area residents were honored at the Cataract Support Group awards banquet May 3 for their dedication to community service projects. They are Melba Wilson of Farmington and Pamela Berryman of Farmington Hills. The Cataract and Eye Care Institute of Southfield sponsors the support group.

THEY'RE honored. Six Farmington Hills residents were honored at the volunteer appreciation luncheon held at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. They are Isabel Johnson, Betty McClintic, Olga Finkelstein, Ruth Lazaroff, Ann Reed and Muriel Scholdenbrand.

FOOTNOTES: Farmington's major Indian tribes were of Algonquin dialect and predominantly Potawatomi. Indians inhabited the Farmington area for 12,000 years, according to the Farmington Hills Historical Commission's 1978 booklet, "The Religious History of Farmington."

Change in host law called for

By Joanne Mallazowski
Staff writer

Farmington Hills City Councilwoman Joan Dudley wants to decriminalize the penalties under the city's almost one-year-old host liability ordinance.

"The criminal element of this ordinance has bothered me for some time," Dudley told other council members Monday.

Council was unprepared to respond to Dudley's request this week, but agreed to consider an amendment to the host ordinance at the next regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 27.

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Violation of the ordinance is a misdemeanor — a criminal offense — that carries a penalty of up to \$500 and 30 days in the county jail for first offenders. Subsequent convictions bring a penalty of up to \$500 and 90 days imprisonment.

Dudley suggested changing the penalty from a criminal offense to a civil infraction. A first-time violation would carry up to a \$100 fine. Subsequent violations would carry up to a \$500 fine. Civil infractions do not carry penalties of imprisonment.

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Farmington Department of Public Safety Director Frank Lauffhoff works with Farmington High School student Jim Veilleux.

Up close Government gains spotlight

Twenty Farmington High School students played city officials for the day Tuesday, during Farmington's annual Student Government Day.

Sponsored by the Farmington Rotary Club and the Farmington Elks Lodge, in cooperation with the city of Farmington and Farmington Public Schools, students were chosen to work one-on-one with each city official, spending a day "on the job."

Following a morning orientation meeting at City Hall, students and city counterparts worked together through a typical day of city operations.

A noon luncheon was given at the Farmington Elks Lodge with featured speaker Dr. Weldon Pitz, noted historian on Abraham Lincoln.

PITZ SHARED historical facts and anecdotes about Lincoln, his principles of government and how they apply in today's world.

In the afternoon, a mock city council meeting was held at Farmington City Hall council chambers where students discussed local issues.

Participating students and their positions were Jason Forged as mayor, Joe Weston as councilman, Bruce Kratt as councilman, Al Ursip as councilman, Mike Niles as councilman, Michael Kramer as city manager, Kristy Balogh as city treasurer, Julie Gallagher as city clerk and Michael Moody as city attorney.

Paula Antishin and Heidi Sarver

were district judges, James Veilleux was director of public safety, John Potts was deputy director of public safety, James Laird was building inspector, Jim Jewell was city assessor, Maria Agne was court administrator, Julie Tupper

was court administrator assistant, Audrey Sim was director of public services, Craig Petersmark was assistant to director of public services, and Chris Hackman was executive director of the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission.



Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission Executive Director Lark Samouelian, right, aids Farmington High School student Chris Hackman, preparing a report on cable TV operations.

Founder's Fest No carnival, smaller parade in works



Last year, the Shriners made up a significant part of the parade procession, including riders in miniature cars.

By Casey Hans
Staff writer

No carnival will be held in conjunction with the 22nd annual Farmington Founder's Festival this July, causing the end to the traditional parade.

Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce officials hope to host a smaller parade, with minimal expense, but officials have canceled both carnival and parade, according to Jonathan Grant, festival chairman and chamber board member.

An estimated \$6,000 in revenue was received annually during the two years the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce hosted the carnival, officials said. This, in turn, paid for the annual parade, for which expenses were comparable.

"We are considering attempting running a smaller parade with no expenses," Grant said. "Quite a few people go into the parade without receiving anything."

The scaled-down parade would be at the same time — Saturday morning — during the festivities.

THE PRESIDENT of the chamber

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