

**New Farmington Hills police officers (from left) Gary Bradley, Kathleen Costello, Ronald Shankin and Patrick Comini take a break from their training manuals in the department library.**

## New officers join Hills force

Four new officers joined the Farmington Hills Police Department Nov. 16.

Following a three-day orientation, they began 18 weeks on road patrol, each assigned to a training officer.

The next step will be regular road patrol. Each is on probation for 18 months.

Gary Bradley, 22, joined the department as a cadet in September 1986. He was promoted to police officer in August. The Center Line

resident is a former Macomb County Sheriff's Department corrections officer. He has an associate's degree from Macomb County Community College.

Kathleen Costello, 24, was hired as a police officer in July. The Union Lake resident has a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University.

Patrick Comini, 22, joined the department as a cadet in February and was promoted to police officer in August. The Westland resident

has an associate's degree from Madonna College.

Ronald Shankin, 22, was hired as a police officer in August. The Garden City resident has a bachelor's degree from Madonna College.

All are Oakland Police Academy graduates.

Their training in Farmington Hills has been supervised by Sgt. James Whitcomb, field training coordinator, and Officer Timothy Connor, department training officer.

## police/fire calls

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week:

**HOUSE FIRE**  
An Oak Valley resident extinguished a grease fire in her kitchen Nov. 17 by using techniques learned while watching a kitchen fire demonstration at the Farmington Hills Fire Department open house in October.

The resident did the right thing in smothering the fire by covering the pan with a lid. Using water would have caused the fire to spread, said Deputy Chief Peter Baldwin of the Farmington Hills Fire Department.

Flames were confined to the kitchen. Damage was estimated at \$1,525, according to a fire department report.

**SUSPICIOUS MAN**  
A 9-year-old girl walking home from school was stopped by a motorist in a large brown car at 3:15 p.m. Nov. 19 along Willow Creek.

When the man, thought to be 18-20-years-old, asked the girl to come to the car for candy, she ran home, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

**LARCENY BY TRICK**  
A cashier at Bonanza Restaurant, 38350 10 Mile, was tricked out of \$40 by a man who paid for a piece of cake with a \$50 bill.

After the man paid \$1 for a piece of cake, a conversation followed about the exchange of money. The cashier became confused and gave the man more money back. Later, it was discovered he was given \$40 too much, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

**TICKET ISSUED**  
A 31-year-old Oak Park man was ticketed for violating the controlled substance act after a Baggie of marijuana was found in his possession following a traffic stop on I-696 Nov. 18, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

**THEFTS REPORTED**  
A VHS viewing screen valued at \$1,300 was reported stolen from a suite at the Northwestern Life Insurance Co., 30838 Northwestern Highway, Nov. 11-14.

Tools valued at \$975 were reported stolen from a van parked on Industrial Park Court Nov. 13-17.

## Retrial is ordered

A 19-year-old Livonia man will be retried on felony charges, stemming from a Farmington Hills assault, because there is nothing in court records showing he waived his right to a jury trial.

Paul Dober will receive a new trial before Oakland County Circuit Judge James Thorburn, who heard the first case in a bench trial in early 1987.

The Michigan Court of Appeals ordered the case remanded to Thorburn Nov. 9, according to a spokeswoman in Lansing. A new trial date has not been set, according to the Oakland County assignment clerk.

At the request of defense attorney Stuart Young of Birmingham, Thorburn signed a certificate in early October, saying he would grant a new

trial if the case was remanded from the appellate court.

Dober was a senior at Livonia Stevenson High School and a football captain when the assault occurred in the fall of 1985. He was convicted of shooting a security guard at the Putt 'N' Games arcade on Grand River in the Hills with a .32-caliber rifle. He received a 6-15-year sentence for assault with intent to commit murder and an additional two years for using a firearm in the commission of a felony.

Young said a waiver for a jury trial is usually placed on the court record in two ways: the defendant signs a written waiver and it is read into the transcript. Neither shows in the court record.

A moped valued at \$250 was reported stolen from a carport at Fairmont Park Apartments Nov. 14-16.

An in-dash radio and a spoiler valued at \$1,000 were reported stolen from a car parked at Maxie's Collision, 32581 Northwestern Highway, Nov. 15-17.

A microwave oven valued at \$500 was reported stolen from Botsford Terrace Apartments Nov. 17.

A lawn mower, a snow blower, a weed wacker and a power edger valued at \$805 were reported stolen from a garage on Liberty Lane Nov. 17-19.

A bicycle valued at \$285 was reported stolen from a garage on Flanders Nov. 18.

Stereo equipment valued at \$360 was reported stolen from a garage on Mayfield Nov. 19.

## Walled Lake voters renew millage

Walled Lake School District voters overwhelmingly approved a millage renewal in an election Nov. 16.

Yes votes numbered 1,871 to 646 against. Only 2,517 of an estimated

40,000 registered voters in the district cast votes.

On the ballot was renewal of 15 mills (\$15 per \$1,000 of assessed property value) for operating expenses for 10 years.

The renewal represented two

separate taxes which expire at the end of 1987, a 10-year, 10-mill levy and a 5-mill, 5-year levy. The combined renewal represents 34.6 percent of the present operating budget, an amount in excess of \$14 million.

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## Holiday means closings

Thanksgiving Day on Thursday, Nov. 26 will mean several temporary closings and changes.

The Farmington and Farmington Hills city halls will be closed Thursday and Friday. The closings will not affect trash collections for Farmington. Farmington Hills trash collections will be a day later.

The Farmington Community Library, the Farmington-Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce, the 47th District Court in Farmington, the Farmington Observer and all banks and savings and loan associations will be closed Thursday.

The U.S. Post Office will operate on a holiday schedule Thursday.

Farmington Postmaster Kenneth Harris said there will be no regular residential or business mail delivery or lobby window services. Special delivery service and Express Mail service will be provided. Holiday collection service will be provided as late in the day as possible to meet first-class mail service standards.

On Friday, Nov. 27, the chamber of commerce and the 47th District Court will remain closed as well as the city halls. The Farmington Community Library, the Farmington Observer and the U.S. Post Office will be open as usual.

Normal hours for all will resume Monday, Nov. 30.

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