

# Foster parents of year honored

News briefs from the Farmington and Farmington Hills city halls will appear regularly in this column.

## CITY HALL newsbeat

### ● FARMINGTON

● **Mayors Exchange** — This year's Mayors Exchange Day, traditionally part of Michigan Week this week, has been canceled because of a scheduling conflict with the city of Flat Rock.

### ● FARMINGTON HILLS

● **Fire probe** — An insurance company delay involving the Roman Terrace and McJoe's Bar apparently has prevented demolition of the fire-damaged Orchard Ridge Plaza, City Manager Bill Costick told the city council last week.

● **When it comes to kindness and devotion**, Jim and Donna Faulkner have few peers," said state Rep. Jan Dolan, R-Farmington Hills, in presenting the resolution at last week's city council meeting.

"To know they live in Farmington Hills is a real bright spot," she added.

Over the past 20 years, the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center in Farmington Hills has placed 48 children with the Faulkners, five of whom they adopted. They have four natural children.

The couple has gone beyond providing food, shelter and love for healthy kids. Some of their foster kids have had special needs, having been victims of abuse, abandonment, neglect, addiction or disease.

The couple's "greatest reward is seeing children develop and blossom," Dolan said.

She added: "Their investment of time, energy and concern in these children will long continue to have an impact on the lives of those who've had the good fortune to wind up as the Faulkner kids."

● **Mayors Exchange** — City offi-

cials will host officials from the city of Kentwood for Mayors Exchange Day, as part of Michigan Week, on Wednesday.

● **Impact fees** — The city council has authorized a payment in lieu of taxes schedule for the new 144-unit Freedom Square senior housing project on Freedom, east of Drake.

FCA Housing Corp. will receive a 30-year tax break in exchange for helping meet the rental needs of low-to moderate-income seniors. The fee paid to the city is based on a percentage of rental fees, less utility costs.

The project's budget and rent will be regulated through the Michigan State Housing Development Authority. FCA also manages Tapiola Village Apartments on Eight Mile.

● **Support a Birmingham City Commission resolution** urging the Legislature to consider impact fees so that developers would have to share the cost of widening and improving roads around new developments.

## Rice graduates 11 from area

Eleven students from the Farmington area graduated from Brother Rice High School, Birmingham.

They are Matthew Abbott, Theodore Baumer, Robert Chivas, Kevin

Kenyon, Tommy Mansour, Timothy McCarthy, Joseph Pomponio, Marvin Pools, Karl Raguse, Derek Sarafa and Robert Steena.



District Judge Margaret Schaeffer (right) of Farmington swears in Farmington Community Library director Beverly Papal as a member of the State of Michigan Library Board of Trustees.

# Governor's call

## Local chief named to state library board

Farmington Community Library director Beverly Papal has been appointed by Gov. James Blanchard to serve on the Library of Michigan Board of Trustees.

"The governor's appointment is a personal honor, but it also reflects the excellent reputation and high regard the Farmington Community Library has achieved among its peers. I welcome the challenge, as well as the opportunity," said Papal, director of the two-branch system since July 1985.

Papal was sworn in by 47th District Court Judge Margaret Schaeffer of Farmington at the Farmington Community Library Board of Trustees' regular meeting May 10.

Blanchard appointed Papal to replace Leo Dinan of Westland, who is no longer eligible for reappointment. She will represent librarians from public libraries on the 20-member board. Papal's term will expire Dec. 15, 1992.

"I have every confidence that you will derive personal satisfaction from this important position and that the State of Michigan will benefit from your background and experience," Blanchard wrote to Papal upon her appointment.

THE LIBRARY of Michigan Board of Trustees

is an advisory board of the Legislative Council, which has governing authority over the Library of Michigan. The Library of Michigan board "has an advocacy role to ensure high quality library services throughout the state. It endorses and recommends policy decisions, as well as budgetary considerations, to the Legislative Council," Papal said.

Papal also will serve on the Library of Michigan Finance Committee. The current budget request for the Library of Michigan is \$52 million, now being considered by the state Senate Appropriations Committee. Approximately \$28.5 million of the request would be for state aid to local libraries and their cooperatives, Papal said.

Significant issues face the Library of Michigan, which trustees can influence, Papal said. A recent study, for example, recommended a development plan for public libraries for 1990-95 and reorganization of the 16 library cooperatives statewide, including the Wayne-Oakland Library Federation, of which the Farmington Community Library is a member.

Other issues include development of statewide standards for public library service, creation of a statewide data base for materials used by all types of libraries, and the need for increased

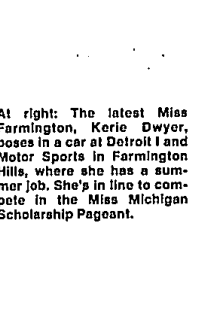
state financing to improve the quality of library service.

BEFORE HER appointment as director of the Farmington Community Library, Papal was assistant director 1983-85 and head of the Farmington branch, 1980-83. She was director of the Oakland County Library for the Blind and Handicapped 1973-79.

Papal has participated in both the Michigan Library Association and the American Library Association. She has served in both elected and appointed offices that address the delivery of public library services.

In 1988-89, Papal chaired the Michigan Library Association public policy committee, which monitored and took action when necessary on pending legislation. In 1987-89, she chaired the League of Women Voters of Michigan statewide study on the structure and funding of Michigan's public libraries. She was program presenter for the Rural Library Conference in Gaylord in April.

Papal is currently a presenter in the statewide regional meetings preparatory to the White House Conference on Librarians and Information Services set for July 1991.



At right: The latest Miss Farmington, Kerie Dwyer, poses in a car at Detroit I and Motor Sports in Farmington Hills, where she has a summer job. She's in line to compete in the Miss Michigan Scholarship Pageant.

# Miss Farmington preps for scholarship pageant

By Loraine McElish staff writer

School's out for the year for Kerie Dwyer, home now with about a month to get ready for her trip to Muskegon and a weeklong whirlwind schedule leading up to the Miss Michigan Scholarship Pageant.

But getting ready for the pageant isn't the first priority for the Farmington Hills resident, who won the Miss Farmington title last July.

"My first priority is learning what I want to do with my life. I've got a double major in dance and communications, and I still don't know what I want to concentrate on," said Dwyer, who just finished her first year at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo.

Still, it was a tap dance that helped gather up the lion's share of the judges' points to win her the pageant's roses of victory.

Whatever Dwyer decides on as an adult career, she got started on a modeling career by happenstance.

"I was working in an ice cream shop in my last year of (North Farmington) high school when a man asked me if I wanted to model for a calendar. He didn't promise anything, just asked if I wanted to try, and I wasn't too long after that I got a call saying, 'You're July.'"

DWYER'S PICTURE in The College Knockouts calendar led to her being hired by Cynthia Guenther, Miss Michigan United Pageant executive director, for Autarama early



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this spring.

"I was modeling aerobic wear and swim wear for the show, and just for a very short time, I was told to model by a car, which led to this job."

The car she modeled by was one put in the show by Kip Sheward, who details and accessorizes automobiles in his new place of business, Detroit I and Motor Sports, in Farmington Hills. When Sheward was ready to open shop, Dwyer was scheduled to leave school and ready for a summer job.

"One thing has just led to another."

ANOTHER one-thing-that-led-to-another in Dwyer's life is her being in the Miss Farmington pageant audience for as long as she can remember.

"I never missed a pageant. When I graduated from high school, it just seemed a natural thing that it was my turn to be on that stage."

There is a peculiarity about the pageant last July and the one coming up June 16 in Muskegon, she said.

"I was number 12 with 13 contenders in the Miss Farmington pageant and now I find out I'm number 32 with 33 contenders in the Miss Michigan pageant. I think it's kind of fun-

ny I got the next-to-the-last spot both times."

FACING COMPETITION from 32 of the most beautiful and talented young women in the state is not a worry for Dwyer.

"My dance will be a little cleaner, the stage a lot bigger, and the costume a lot flashier," Dwyer said of her talent, which counts for 50 percent of the judges' points.

She'll perform the same tap dance to "Le Jazz Hot" she performed at the Miss Farmington pageant, with a new costume "that's a little more flapper-ish in keeping with the era."

"The costume is done, but that's about all. There is a lot of shopping yet to do," she said of the wardrobe she must pull together for interviews, parties, her swimsuit and evening gown on-stage appearances.

WIN OR lose in Muskegon, Dwyer will be back on stage to turn her crown and title over to the new Miss Farmington the evening of July 11 in Vlieland's.

The Miss Farmington Scholarship Pageant traditionally opens Farmington-Farmington Hills Founders Festival festivities. Pageant executive director is Sarah D'Ascenzo, who will take inquiries at 651-2048.

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