

Nardin Park Boy Scouts Honored at Awards Court

During the recent Court of Honor sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 389 in Farmington at the Nardin Park Methodist Church the following awards were made:

SERVICE PINS: Rand Kinder, three years; Joe Rebb, Scott Chalmer, Gordon Dudaah, Mike Smith, Scott Stinnet, John Tournaud, Richard Zahler, and Larry Bowden, two year; Mark Leonard, William Crompton, Pat Dygett, Richard Ryand, Jay Smith and Tom Young, one year.

FIRST CLASS: Tom Young and John Kerastas.

STARS: Randy Bevier, Frank Denmore, Phillip Deats, Randy Kindler, Bruce Lonstaff, Frank Macielak, Craig McClure, Donald Mills, Richard Walsh and Eric Walter.

Greg Fritts Awarded Eagle Scout

Instructors Badge: Randy Kinder and Randy Bevier, John Kerastas, patrol leader badge and Richard Ryan, assistant patrol leader, Donald Mills, Scott Chalmer and Gordon Dudaah, merit chief awards.

MERIT BADGES: Randy Bevier, Frank Denmore, Phillip Deats, Randy Kinder, Bruce Longfield, Frank Macielak, Richard McClure, Donald Mills, Craig Walsh, and Eric Walter.

TENDERFOOT: Alfred Broadman, Donald Buchanan, Bill Cardwell, Mike Cherry, William C. Hinton and Mark Mason.

SECOND CLASS: Patrick Dygett, David Harsant, Kevin Kalney, William Lemmer, Thad Nalney, John Mooney and Gregory L. Fritts, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Fritts, of 2542 Middlebelt Rd., Farmington, has attained the rank of Eagle Scout. He is a member of Troop 389 in Farmington which is sponsored by the Nardin Park Methodist Church.

The 13 year old scout has served as Quartermaster, Den Chief, Assistant Patrol Leader, and is a member of the Scout Band. He is also a member of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, the school safety patrol and the Little League Baseball organization. In Hillsdale, N.J. he was the Best Sportsmanship award.

He received the rank at a recent Court of Honor at the Nardin Park Methodist Church.



FOUR FARMINGTON MASONS, from left, Liam Stone, 29555 Pond Ridge Rd., were among George S. Aldrich, 31730 Belmont Drive, a class of 450 to receive the 32nd Degree in Chester L. Snyder, 22133 Bonnet Hill Wood—Scottish Rite of Freemasonry over the weekend row W. Weaver, 32266 Meadowlark, and Wil-

Farmington's Library Scrambles to Keep Pace With Population

Much has been written about the population explosion and its effect on the schools especially in the fast growing suburbs such as Farmington. However, there is another area of community life which is also affected which doesn't receive so much publicity.

It's the library. The Farmington District Library has just recently voted to become affiliated with the Wayne County Library System in an effort to provide additional service to Farmington's growing population.

Last year the library circulated 193,000 volumes. Its total collection is about 25,000 volumes which means that every book on its shelves went out of the library eight times.

This is woefully short of the total number of volumes the experts claim makes a good library. They cite that a library should contain two or three volumes per capita or in the case of Farmington District Library approximately 70,000 books minimum for the City and Township's combined population of more than 35,000.

However, as Librarian Mildred Droege sighs "we just can't keep up with the population explosion. As we add to our collection the population grows."

Added to this is the fact that the library just doesn't have the space to store additional books. The present quarters of the library on Farmington Rd. just south of Grand River are jammed and there is barely room for the tables for use of the reference works.

True the District owns land on 12 Mile Rd. in Farmington

Township, but it has no funds to construct the facility. Last year a millage proposal which would have enabled the District to construct the northern facility was defeated in the Township.

The terms of the agreement set up, the City and the Township both contribute to the support of the District Library. It operates in much the same way as the school system, however, unlike the schools, its financing is voted on in the Township and designated specifically for the library. In the City the funds are matched on a per capita basis out of the general fund. School millage is voted on specifically by both City and Township residents.

The present level of support

Art Exhibit Shows Work of Students

Student art work from the Farmington Public Schools are currently on display through May 20 in the store windows along Grand River Avenue in downtown Farmington.

According to Robert Benjamin, art consultant for the schools, the exhibit represents work of students in 325 elementary classrooms in the system.

"Although it was impossible to exhibit something from each of the more than 8,000 students in the program," Benjamin commented, "the exhibit shows the scope and achievement of the elementary students and the depth achieved in their study of the fine arts."

Ladies to Hear About Benefits of Township

Phillip Daniels and Samuel Rubiner, members of the Board of Directors of the Committee for the Preservation of Farmington Township, Inc., will speak to the women of Farmington Township May 12 at the Glen Oaks Golf and Country Club.

They will discuss reasons for remaining a Township and answer any questions. Also on the agenda is a wig demonstration by Mr. May. For reservations and ticket information contact Mrs. Catherine Daniels at GR 4-9477 or Mrs. Rosemary Miller at GR 6-5265.

THIS WEEK IN FARMINGTON

(A public service published by the Observer of Farmington and coordinated by the Farmington Jaycees Auxiliary.) All copy due no later than Thursday. Contact Mary Sue Kubahn, 474-4743 to have your organization's event listed.

MAY

Wednesdays: Exchange Club, 12:15 p.m., Salem Church; Fourth Tuesday, Lions and Optimist Club, 6:30 p.m., Bolsford Inn; Farmington Youth Guidance Committee, second Tuesday, 8 p.m., Youth Guidance Office, 33423 Grand River; Second and fourth Mondays, Farmington Jaycees, 8:30 p.m., First Farmington Savings and Loan.

May 13 — Senior Citizens Social Club, musical, entertainment, cards, First Methodist Church — Social Room, 7:30 p.m.

May 18 — Board of Commerce dinner meeting, 6:30 p.m., Farmington Junior High School.

Around Farmington

Farmington Township police will auction off unclaimed property (mostly bicycles) on Saturday, May 14. Supervisor Curt Hall will begin auction at 10 a.m. in the parking lot behind Township Hall.

Spring pickup time is here with special rubbish removal planned for the area south of 10 Mile Rd. in the Township on Saturday, May 14, and the area from Powers Rd. to Orchard Lake Rd. in the City on Monday, May 16.

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The "Centaur Post"

A column that will appear every now and then in this space to let you know what's going on at Centaur Farm Stables.

Learning to ride isn't just for the youngsters. College students, married couples, housewives, career gals, Moms, Dads, Grandmothers and Grandpas are just some of the many people who find riding lessons at Centaur Farm Stables, at the crossroads of Walnut Lake Road and Drake Road in West Bloomfield Township, great for fun and exercise. At Centaur the finest professional instruction is available at reasonable rates. Both individual and group lessons are conducted in an informal atmosphere, from beginning through advanced levels, in riding, jumping, showing and hunting.

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WHERE THE GIRLS ARE!

You know where the pre-teen and teen boys are in the spring and summer — playing Little League Baseball. But what about the girls? It's a fact — boys are in love with baseball, girls are in love with horses, and horses seem to be inseparable and many of the girls who ride at Centaur make special trips out just to say hello to their favorites. Of course many boys ride at Centaur, too, and make special trips to the stables to say hello to the boys to their pets.

WE'RE POPULAR!

In checking our riding lists we find that folks who ride at Centaur Farm Stables not only come from nearby Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Dearborn, Farmington, Orchard Lake, Livonia, Pontiac, Southfield, Clawson and Royal Oak, but also from as far as Grosse Pointe, Mt. Clemens and St. Clair Shores. How about you? Care to come out and add a new home town to our list?

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