



Safety conscious

Four students at Farmington's Our Lady of Mercy High School have won top honors in two school safety poster contests sponsored by the American Automobile Association (AAA) and the Automobile Club of Michigan. The winning students, with their posters, are (from left): Leora Renaud, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Kochanski of 16725 Gilchrist, Detroit, 10th grade; Mary Ross, 14, daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. Gerald Ross of 29149 Bridge, Garden City, ninth grade; Denise Funk, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Funk of 20018 Beech-Daly, Redford Township, 10th grade, and Mary McKee, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul McKee of 16843 Avon, Detroit, 10th grade. With them are their art instructor, Sister Mary Ignatius, and Auto Club's safety and traffic assistant manager, Bob Cullen.

FEA awards 3 scholarships

The Farmington Education Association recently awarded three area high school students scholarships totaling \$800 each for their college education. Karen Passiak, Craig Bloomer and Mary Jewell will receive a \$250 scholarship and \$150 for each of their remaining three years in college. Ms. Passiak, a Harrison High graduate, will pursue nursing at Michigan State University. She was vice president of her senior class, a National Honor Society member and Girl's State representative. She also was active in other school activities at Harrison, including the pom-pom club, student newspaper and girls track. Craig Bloomer of Farmington High School will study engineering at Michigan State University. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Phi Beta Kappa, track and cross-country teams and was a student council representative. North Farmington's scholarship recipient was Ms. Jewell. She will study pre-law and political science at MSU. She was a three year member of the National Honor Society and graduated with high honors. A standard track distance runner, she also competed on the girls' swim and forensics teams, receiving honors for her performances. Ms. Jewell has worked as a volunteer swim instructor and with mentally impaired junior high students. She also participated in other student activities.

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Kerastas receives MSU student award

John Kerastas III, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kerastas, 26243 Westmeath, Farmington, was among 30 students who were honored at the Second Annual Student Awards Banquet for the College of Communication Arts at Michigan State University. Kerastas was honored for outstanding service to the college and academic excellence.

A graduate student in advertising, he is a member of the Honors College, is on the Dean's List for academic excellence and is a teaching assistant in the advertising department.

He is a 1971 graduate of Farmington High School. Kerastas is a member of the Advertising Club, and is an account executive for the campus newspaper, the Michigan State News.

He is an editor of Layout, the advertising department newspaper.

He is also a member of MSU's Marching Band and the Spartan Brass, a small "pop" band.

DIT graduates 2 area students

Two area residents were graduated from the Detroit Institute of Technology, recently. They were among 18 Oakland County residents who received diplomas from Dr. Dewey Barch, president of the 15-year-old institution.

The graduates from the Farmington area are Timothy Campbell, 3207 Valley View, Farmington and Nita S. Shah, 2225 Albion, Farmington Hills. Both graduates received a bachelor of business administration degree.

Walsh College confers degrees

Three Farmington residents received degrees from Walsh College of Troy this spring.

They are Barbara L. Derby, 2280 Power, Anthony, Charles Kern, 26411 Springland and George White, 24720 Farmington Rd.

The college is an upper-division school teaching only the junior and senior years of the bachelor degree program and specializing in business administration.

PFC Ford receives 2 ROTC awards

PFC John Ford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ford, 21864 Robinson, Farmington, received the first place Best Unit Decoration and the Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America award from Lt. Col. Allen D. Raymond at the annual ROTC Spring Awards Ceremony.

Ford is a freshman majoring in math and political science at Northwestern Michigan University.

The awards are based on academic proficiency, ROTC activities and leadership ability.



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Senior Citizens Need Your Help!

A Bicentennial Charter for Older Americans

By Harriet Miller
AARP Executive Director

One of our major goals during Older Americans Month should be the implementation of the "Bicentennial Charter for Older Americans" developed last year by the Federal Council on Aging.

The Charter affirms older Americans "certain basic human rights," including:

- The Right to Freedom, and the Free Exercise of Individual Initiative;
- The Right to an Income in retirement Which Would Provide an Adequate Standard of Living;
- The Right to an Opportunity for Employment Free from Discriminatory Practices Because of Age;
- The Right to an Opportunity to Participate in the Widest Range of Meaningful Civic, Educational, Recreational and Cultural Activities;
- The Right to Suitable Housing;
- The Right to the Best Level of Physical and Mental Health Services Needed;
- The Right to Ready Access to Effective Social Services;
- The Right to Appropriate Institutional Care When Required; and
- The Right to a Life and Death With Dignity.

While a document concerning "social services," "institutional care," and "retirement income" may seem out of place in a discussion of the celebration of our nation's birth, I can think of no more fitting agenda for the Bicentennial than the affirmation of these rights for older Americans.

In 1776, when our Forefathers declared that "all men are created equal," the average life span was approximately 32 years. Today, it is an estimated 71 years.

Two hundred years ago, few men or women lived to what we now consider "old age." In 1976, more than 22 million Americans—one tenth of our population—have reached age 65. They represent an entirely new "generation" of older Americans whose rights and responsibilities need to be given attention by our society.

If older citizens are to be truly "equal," as our Declaration of Independence demands, then we must eliminate all barriers to equality for them. Practices and attitudes that force older men and women out of the mainstream of our society and deny them the independence, dignity and opportunity that other citizens enjoy need to be fought just as vigorously as discrimination based on race, religion or sex.

That is why the "Charter for Older Americans" is indeed relevant and worthy of implementation during the Bicentennial Year.



Harriet Miller

Farmington Hills has no special purpose zoning to accommodate senior citizen housing.

Facts Relating To The Non-Denominational Housing Project of Nardineer's Village, Inc.

1. Location: The property to the south of the Nardin Park United Methodist Church is approximately 10 acres. This is the area being considered at 29887 W. 11 Mile, Just west of Middlebelt.
2. The number of units recommended for the property is 150.
3. The entrance to the project would be along the east side of the Church property. This would not be the same drive as now used by the Church.
4. The buildings would be two (2) stories in height.
5. The apartments would be one (1) and two (2) bedroom units with kitchens.
6. The rent would range from \$185 and up.
7. Conventional financing would be utilized for the development of the housing project. No monies would come from the Federal or State governments.
8. The Trustees of Nardin Park United Methodist Church are in agreement with the concept that no other style of housing would be able to go on this property in the process of selling to the Nardineers. To prevent this a deed restriction would be built in to prevent any alternative structures.
9. The population of Farmington Hills is 50,000 with a senior citizen population of 5000. The Baptist Manor and Marion Oakland West have a waiting list of over 1000. No other units for senior citizen housing are proposed at this time.

Mail this to the following councilmen and commission members c/o Farmington Hills City Hall, 31555 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills 48024. Let them know you support this project.

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