

Firemen honored for heroic acts

By RON GARBONSKI

Twenty Farmington Hills volunteer firemen prevented a dangerous situation from becoming destructive last week. And for their outstanding performance under such adverse conditions, they were awarded with a letter of commendation from Fire Chief John Van De Voort.

Shortly after midnight last Sunday, volunteers from two Hills fire stations responded to an overturned gasoline transport truck on the eastbound entrance ramp to I-96 at Grand River in Farmington Hills.

The truck, which was carrying 15,000 gallons of gasoline, swerved to avoid a collision with another vehicle and tipped over on the ramp.

For eight hours Sunday night, the volunteers worked to prevent the spilled gasoline from igniting.

"It was a touchy situation," Van De Voort said after the incident. "The slightest spark caused by the volunteers or friction from the tow lines lighting the gasoline truck could have set the whole area on fire."

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They attend orientation

Janice Saddington and Nancy Bohlen of Farmington attended new students orientation at Madonna College, Livonia last month.

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Boy Scouts Kevin Perry and Bill Brewer give a helping hand at the Farmington Area Advisory Council headquarters at the Old Nobel School on Middle Belt. Scouts from troops 263 and 389 volunteered along with the Hill and Dale Club to fix up the grounds. (Staff photo by Harry Maute)

OCC announces film winners

Winners in the third annual Orchard Ridge film festival were announced last week.

The nine winning films were shown to the public at the Farmington Hills campus of Oakland Community College.

Best of show award went to Linda Tracey, University of Michigan senior for her cartoon, *Icons*, which was shown on the AM Detroit TV show June 18.

Raymond Hylenski, of West Bloomfield, received the prize for the best black and white film. It will be shown on Channel 56 at 10 p.m. on July 1. Hylenski won the same award last year for his 16 mm film, *Rain People*.

Sandy Weiser, 17, of Southfield was named best junior filmmaker and received the Abel Lux memorial for the best silent film. His award winning entries were *The Cello Lesson* and *The Kitchen Cabaret*.

Other awards went to Robert L. Mandigo of Ann Arbor, Michael Levy and William Scarlat, best comedy for the film, *Cyn, Lovers*; Thomas of Ann Arbor, best color for his film, *Circumflex*; Michael Carraron, of Northville, best drama for his film, *Isolation*.

Miki Casperelli, of Ann Arbor, won the combined best documentary and best video for his documentary on the Taylor school system, *Smile*.

Prizes in each category were \$150 in film books, supplies and equipment donated by the festival co-sponsors. Each winner received a \$25 gift certificate from the Farmington Classic Movie Center while best of show winner, Miss Tracey, received a \$250 Kodak XL movie outfit donated by Belcrest Camera and the Southeast Michigan Photo Dealers Association.

Three films received honorable mentions. They were: *Happy Birthday Dear* by Carol Gilman of Royal Oak; *The River* by The Same by Robert Harnitz and Glen Ruggles of Holly; and *Ghoul Daze* by David Ivey of Milford.

Festival co-sponsors include: Belcrest Camera, Bobbs-Merrill, Classic Movie Center of Farmington, Dream Camera Shop, Filmcraft Laboratory, Harcourt-Brace, Holt-Rinehart, McGraw-Hill, Orchard Ridge Bookstore, Prentice-Hall, Reston Publishers, Simon & Schuster, and the Southeast Michigan Photo Dealers Association.


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Man receives scholarship

John Gagliardi of Farmington is one of seven Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge students to receive a scholarship from the University of Michigan Community College Scholars.

The awards are given on the basis of academic achievement and contribution to school and community.

Dean of Students Don Nichols said, "We are always pleased when our students are honored. It is a special pleasure when the honor comes from such a fine institution as the University of Michigan."

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