

# FARMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

## CITIZENS BAND RADIO

# C.O.P.S.

## COMMUNITY OBSERVATION PATROL SERVICE

### Good buddies: join smokies to fight crime

The Farmington smokies are asking the area's good buddies to lend their ears and eyes to COPS.

The Community Observation Patrol Service (COPS) is looking for volunteers with CB's to report traffic hazards, accidents, careless motorists and suspicious persons to the Farmington police.

This isn't a patrol group. We're looking for an individual who's driving to and from work who would re-

port suspicious persons to us on their CB's," explained Farmington Public Safety Director Dan Byrnes.

The volunteers will be identified by a COPS bumper sticker and identification card. The program has already attracted 70 volunteers.

Applications for membership in COPS will be screened before CB's are accepted into the group. Members must be residents of Farmington and Farmington Hills. They should be at

least 18-years-old, the minimum legal age to operate a CB.

COPS volunteers are required to maintain a good driving record. Persons who have been convicted of a felony will be barred from the group.

Volunteers who are accepted into the group will meet for a training session, planned for the near future. MEMBERS WILL be taught how to observe, what to observe and what to tell the police, according to Byrnes.

Volunteer sessions will be conducted by Officer Charles Lee, also known by the handle, "Farmington Renegade."

Byrnes sees the program as a boon to police relations with the community as well as extra help to his men.

"The more ears and eyes we have with the CB's will increase our response time," he said. And a side effect is that the criminal element becomes aware that the police use the

CB. They won't know when we're on the CB."

Another advantage, Byrnes sees, is an increase in the rapport between CB's and the police.

"When we had beat cops, they knew people in their area. There was a rapport. With patrol cars, the police are isolated from the people. The only contacts most people have with the police are negative contacts. The CB is one way of starting to get in contact with

the people, again," he said.

Farmington police have monitored CB channels nine and 19 since December. While many CB's call to say hello, others report accidents and traffic hazards to the department.

The monitoring has resulted in 10 to 12 calls a day, according to Byrnes. "A GOOD PERCENTAGE of the calls are for Farmington Hills," he said.



Instructor Patti Teahan helps Bryan Weinrauch get a mouthful of pizza, while Jeff Davis manages on his own. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

### Lottery winner is stunned by her \$212,000 windfall

By LOUISE OKRUTSKY

Ruth McIntosh's pocket full of dreams turned into a \$212,000 cash purse after she won the state lottery's Michigan game—twice.

Mrs. McIntosh of Farmington is beginning to slowly realize that one of the four lottery tickets she casually buys during a week is a winner.

"Years ago, I liked Bing Crosby movies. In one of them he sang 'I have a pocketful of dreams. It's my universe within an empty purse,'" she said.

I had my empty purse and dreams and now they've materialized with a 50 cent investment. It's startling. You have to live through it to appreciate it. It's almost traumatic," she said.

Her dreams started to come true when that 50 cent investment gained her \$112,000 two weeks ago. Last week, she won an additional \$100,000 during competition with six other winners during the lottery game show.

She has the chance of adding \$100,000 to her prize money this week when six contestants challenge her on the show.

"I SUPPOSE I WAS a stone-faced contestant," she said.

The lottery show was almost unreal to her. She remembers pushing the buttons of the show's paraphernalia without comprehending what was happening. She was unaware of her score.

"It's difficult for me to appear before a studio audience let alone for an invisible audience out there somewhere in televisionland," she admitted.

Her experience as a night radio announcer when she was a young woman in the upper peninsula helped her through the lottery show.

"It was what eventually came to be called a disc jockey. I had another job at the time, and worked at the radio station in the evenings," she recalled.

Now her winnings in the lottery are

just numbers for her.

"I don't comprehend them," she said in a puzzled tone.

Her good fortune seems like such a sudden occurrence to her that she admits she is still undecided about how she will use the money.

Her windfall has given her the means to devote her time to writing a book.

"I've always wanted to write a book. It's one of my unrealized dreams."

"WHEN I SEE some of the books that are published, I wonder how they did it. I think I could write better than that," she said.

The time she would have to devote to writing her book, which she describes as part fiction, part biography, has been taken up with raising three children, who are 17, 19 and 25 year old.

### Cloverdale students have class over pizza lunch

By LYNN ORR

For the severely mentally impaired, the simple pleasure of dining out is a rare occurrence, so a field trip to a restaurant can be a fun adventure as well as a teaching lesson.

That's how Ed Wolf, acting principal of Cloverdale Developmental Training Center, views recent lunch trips for the intermediate and adult classes at the Farmington school.

"A lot of emphasis for our students is on social manners, and getting them to function as independently as possible," says Wolf, a Farmington resident.

"We work on eliminating socially unacceptable behavior, and also we want society to accept the handicapped," he says.

Last week, 40 Cloverdale students were invited to have lunch at Farmington's Pizza Hut on Orchard Lake at Ten Mile, and Mike Dunn, manager of the restaurant for two months, was delighted with the results.

"My wife is a speech therapist, and I thought it would be a great idea," says Dunn, "and it worked out fine."

Under state law which mandates education for the handicapped until age 25, about 90 students attend the Cloverdale Center year-round. Field trips are a big part of the program to accustom the students to getting out in public, as well as practice table manners.

"These students are very good imitators, and they pick things up when they're out in public, hopefully good things," says Wolf. "Lunch is considered a training time, a time to

work on individual goals and objectives."

"These kids don't get out that much, and we're concerned about bringing them into the mainstream of everyday life."

Self-care and socialization are the main objectives at the school, which accommodates students from Farmington, South Lyon, Walled Lake, Novi, and part of Southfield. Funding for the school's programs comes from state and county sources.

Weekly field trips are planned in the summer, but in the winter months, it's a little harder to find the right opportunities, says Wolf, which is why restaurant outings are particularly welcome.

A few weeks ago, the students visited McDonald's for lunch, and Wolf is very pleased with the community's involvement.

"Farmington has been very receptive to our programs," he says. "For instance, in the summer, the Elks Club always gives us tickets to the ox roasts."

Since the program has only been in operation since 1973, Wolf is extremely satisfied with the students' progress.

"Getting these kids to sit in a group like this is a challenge in itself, but they have to be able to sit still in public. We work on everything that's functional—dressing, undressing and eating. We don't work on things that aren't everyday occurrences, because it just confuses the kids."

The teacher-pupil ratio in the school is six to one, and on this occasion, the older students were joined by Patti Teahan's pre-school class.

### Vlasic joins hospital board

Robert J. Vlasic of Bloomfield Hills, to be chairman of Henry Ford Hospital's West Bloomfield Center Advisory Council has been appointed to Ford hospital's board of trustees.

Vlasic is chairman and chief executive officer of Viasic Foods Inc., with headquarters in West Bloomfield.

Also appointed to Ford's board was J. Edward Lundy, a Ford Motor Co. vice-president and chairman of West Bloomfield's twin outpatient facility, Fairlane Center in Dearborn.

Inclusion of the two on the board is a move to broaden representation of the 21-member board and is seen as a step in the hospital's commitment to its year-old outpatient health centers,

according to hospital spokeswoman Mary Laing.

VLASIC WILL head the West Bloomfield center's advisory council, being convened.

The council, patterned after one formed at Fairlane Center before it opened, will consist of community leaders interested in the clinic's relationship with the area.

The member roster of the West Bloomfield council is incomplete at this point, Mrs. Laing said. But if it follows in Fairlane's footsteps, it should include members of the chamber of commerce, local clergymen, government officials and other community leaders.

### Susan sings for CMU

Susan Pruner, a sophomore at Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant, will sing at the school's concert choir this year.

The group performs at least four concerts a year, under the direction of Dr. Stephen Hobson.

Mrs. Pruner lives in Farmington Hills.

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