

Center leader thanks Farmington for understanding

In the spirit of sharing the debate forum, Editor Steve Barnaby has loaned his crackerbarrel to Mary Wagner of the Community Living Centers, an organization which establishes homes for the retarded.

Every person in Farmington must know from what a great and understanding city Farmington is.

Community Living Centers has been a part of Farmington for 10 years. Community Living Centers started in Farmington and has been accepted here with a greater feeling of charity and understanding than could happen any other place.

The retarded have been rejected so often by so many that hardly a day goes by without a newspaper article proclaiming the injustices suffered by citizens having to put up with handicapped people living and breathing around them.

Not so in Farmington. The city fathers, the police, the neighbors, the merchants should all stand and take a bow. The home built and soon to be occupied at Farmington and Freedom roads is a testimony to each of you.

Community Living Centers thanks you. The handicapped thank you. You have made a dream come

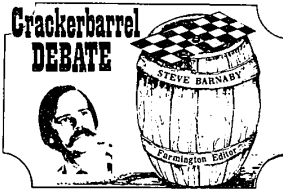
true, a lovely home for people who might, without your kindness, suffer rejection and fear. You have made this possible by your acceptance, help in zoning, police protection, swift and understanding approvals, building and engineering expertise and kindness.

We salute you.

For our readers who aren't acquainted with Community Living Centers, let me provide brief background. We have homes for adults with disabilities that require them to have supervision in their daily living. Each of our homes have a house manager or house parents who create a home-like atmosphere for the members.

THE HANDICAPPED living with us receive a minimal amount of daily allowance from Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (\$13.50) for their daily expenses. Our homes are operated with this daily allotment. This amount pays for all expenses, household salaries, and transportation for the people living in the home.

We are truly non-profit. With the rising daily costs it would not be possible for us to operate without the donations we receive from generous friends, several clubs, and families. This sounds like a lot of



money \$410 per person per month, with 12 people it's \$4,920 per month for three salaries, food for 13 people, rent, heat, lights, car payments, gas and oil, tires, insurance, taxes, and hidden costs — it never quite makes it until the end of the month. But with understanding and generous friends, we've never been in the red.

Is this an expensive way for our disabled citizens to live?

Some facts. It costs over \$100 a day for a person to live in an institution. Compare — \$13.50.

WE HAVE NINE homes in six cities in Oakland County. 100 clients in all. Forty-five of these people are in school or sheltered workshops. Some are using school tax dollars until they're 25 years old. Even with the use of this tax they are less of a burden on society.

Those in the sheltered workshop pay income tax on their small wages. The other 55 people are holding competitive jobs — dish washers, bus boys, salad girls, janitors, housekeepers and laundry workers in nursing homes. And these are supplementing their Social Security payments with their own wages.

These are tax paying citizens, not tax users.

Without these homes of ours and the daily supervision these people need, they could not be good responsible citizens able to use their talents and live a productive life in as normal an atmosphere as you or I.

We do pay taxes, we do support our merchants, we do belong to the Chamber of Commerce, we do support Farmington and all it stands for.

Farmington has understanding and fortitude to stand up to the world and accept and help to build a better tomorrow for those of our fellow men that are in need.

obituaries

WILLIAM LEADBETTER

Mr. Leadbetter, 69, of Farmington Hills, died April 20 at Botsford Hospital.

Before retiring he was in masonry. He was born in Canada.

Survivors are: wife, Frances; son, Thomas; daughters, Mrs. Carolyn Rondeau, Mrs. Alice Schwarz and Janet; sister, Edna Moran.

Services were in the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. James Wright of St. Alexander's Roman Catholic Church, Farmington Hills. Burial was in Oakland Hills Cemetery.

CHARLES MILLER

Mr. Miller, 50, of Farmington Hills died April 5 at his home.

He was an insurance agent with the Chuck Davey Agency in Troy. He was representative of the New England Insurance Co. for the past 20 years. Prior

to that he had worked for Prudential Insurance Co.

Mr. Miller was a member of the Beverly Hills Racquet Club and the St. Clare of Assisi Roman Catholic Church.

Survivors are: wife, Mary; sons, Charles, Paul, Mark and Matthew; daughters, Mary Ellen, Beth, Amy and Stella; mother, Grace Miller; brothers, Allan and Kenneth.

Services were at the McCabe Funeral Home with a mass following at St. Clare. Burial was in the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

JOSEPH JASKOLSKI

Mr. Jaskolski, 88, of Farmington Hills, died April 18 at his home.

He was retired from the Ford Motor Co. where he was employed in the tool and die department. He also was a member of St. Alexander Roman Catholic Church, Farmington Hills.

Survivors are: wife, Mary; son, Joseph; daughters, Mrs. Theresa Stouder and Mrs. Mary Ann Chojnacki.

Services were at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. James Wright. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery.

FREDERICK TAYLOR

Mr. Taylor, 64, of Farmington Hills, died April 20 at Botsford General Hospital.

He was a tool utility man at Lacey Tool and Die in Novi.

Survivors are: wife, Helen; daughters, Dolores and Laurie; sister, Mrs. Florence Champagne.

Services were in the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. J. Kenneth Hoffmaster. Burial was in the Glen Eden Memorial Park.

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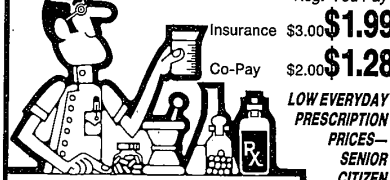
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