

today's hot line what's inside

Stopping Dirty Mail

Just because pornographic mail was delivered to your house doesn't mean your husband ordered it. An examination on how pornographic mailing firms operate and how you can prevent delivery of this literature is the topic covered in the first "civic awareness" article researched and written by the Farmington Jaycee Auxiliary.

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The Good Guys

The "Good Guys" in the white hats are moving about Farmington searching for checkbooks. The movement is part of a scheme dreamed up by the Farmington YMCA to raise operating funds. The Good Guys are exposed inside.

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He Has A New Role

Dennis Broadhead has been featured in many Farmington Players productions, but the Players production opening Friday features him in a new role. Sue Shaughnessy talked to the young actor and his thoughts about his new capacity are printed in today's issue of your hometown paper.

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On The College Scene

The colleges are where it's happening on many fronts. Today's amusements section of your hometown paper tells you about a recital by a famous tenor, a talk by a well-known social worker, the opening of a theatrical production and a special program to tour Europe this summer. The events are all for you if you want to take advantage of them.

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Up-And-Coming

Volleyball is one of the most recent of the growing additions to girls sports in suburban high schools. A recent tournament is covered and picture and story, and the reasons are explored as to why girls sports are "up-and-coming."

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A Down Payment On Tomorrow

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LIGHTING THE NIGHT -- Motorists driving down Nine Mile in Farmington Township are enjoying a beautiful night scene sculptured in ice by Malcolm Ramsey, a former Schoolcraft Community College student. The sculpture stands some 12 feet tall and eight feet across of

the base. Night lights provide an impressive scene for passersby who may find the huge ice castle in the front yard of Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey, Malcolm's parents, on Nine Mile across from the Boy's Republic home. (Photo by Ralph Evert)

Old Man And The Ski

65 Years Downslope

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN

At the age of 78, Henry C. Hall of Farmington enjoys a sport that makes even kids quail.

Hall ski jumps.

The difference between him and the kids may be that Hall has 65 years at ski jumping. He has been at it since he was 13.

Hall has taken his skis down most of the great jumps of this country and Canada and Europe.

BUT AT THE MOMENT he is something of a do-it-yourself skier. He has built himself a 60-foot ski tower in the front yard of his home at 28706 Nine Mile.

The tower ladder backs right up to Nine Mile and confounds drivers passing by who aren't accustomed to seeing ski jumps in southern Michigan.

That doesn't bother Hall and on almost any good, snowy winter day he can be seen happily confounding southern Michigan.

Hall says, "I was born and raised on skis -- I've lived on them -- I guess I'll have to die on them."

ALTHOUGH he has lived in Farmington for 25 years, Hall is still out of his native habitat. He's much more at home in his birthplace of Ishpeming in northern Michigan.

Snow must be his birthright because he claims: "I was born in the biggest snowstorm Ishpeming ever had. The doctor was snowed out for three days."

With this heritage it was natural that Hall's parents put him on skis as soon as he could walk.

"Don't let the British name of Hall mislead you into thinking Hall should really be playing cricket. His father's name was really 'Hall,' pronounced

with a Norwegian twist on the 'u.' The family changed the name when Hall started school.

HALL HAS COLLECTED honor after honor for his ski jumping over the years.

In 1916 he won the national ski jumping championship in Glenwood, Minn., jumping from a tower he says, "was 25 times higher than mine out there," maintaining toward Nine Mile.

In 1917, the Farmington skier broke the world record by jumping 203 feet. He broke it again in 1921 at a meet in British Columbia, coming back to do it after serving in World War I. He held this record for six years.

These feats won Hall a place in the skier's Hall of Fame, something he's prouder of than anything else.

HALL SPENT his competitive days of skiing during the days when expert skiers turned professional, a difference from today when most skiers of note are amateurs.

Comparing the days when he was a competitor with today, Hall says, "Everything about jumping is improved today. The equipment is better, the jumps are improved, the under-runs are steeper so that the skiers can go further. Today it's just like jumping from a skyscraper -- it's almost like flying."

FOR HIS OWN brand of flying, Hall keeps in top physical condition by constant training, pole vaulting, high jumping and even walking light-trope. He also neither drinks nor smokes.

His favorite way of keeping in condition is to figure skate, which he does at a Livonia indoor rink.

It's fortunate the skiing gentleman also likes the Livonia

rink well enough to be a constant patron. The rink keeps Hall supplied with snow for his ski tower. He takes it up the tower himself and slides the hill to pack the snow for jumping.

MARRIED for 45 years, Hall spent his early married life traveling all over to ski meets.

"We didn't have much money in those days," he notes. "Once I had to borrow money from a Lutheran minister in Ishpeming to get money to go to a national meet. I had to borrow money at the meet to get home."

But, if you won, you received \$50 to \$100 gold pieces every weekend. That was a lot of money in those days."

Colorful as his life has been, Hall doesn't live in the past. He's too busy during the winter time confounding drivers on Nine Mile in Farmington with his ski jumping. Summers he spends getting in condition for more of it next winter.



HE FLIES THROUGH THE AIR -- Henry C. Hall, age 78, of Farmington takes a ski jump from his private tower which backs up to Nine Mile. (Evert photo)

Builders Ask PRD Approval

by WYLIE GERDES

The Farmington Township Planning Commission Feb. 17 will continue consideration of the first application under the new Planned Residential Development (PRD) zoning classification.

The first proposal for a PRD was considered at a planning commission preliminary hearing Jan. 20. Planners recommended changes before further consideration will be given to the proposals Feb. 17 at 8:30 p.m. in the Township Hall.

THE TWO PRD zones, RP-1 and RP-2, permit an optional mixture of types of residential units.

Besides single and multiple family residences, churches, schools, parks and golf courses are permitted in the two PRD zones.

Mayfair Village Land Company, Charter Land Co. and Drake Land Co. have petitioned to zone from single-family to RP-1 some 202 acres between 13 and 14 Mile and Drake and Farmington Rds.

The three developers plan 1,538 bedrooms for the site, 988 in multiple dwelling units including townhouses and 558 in single family residences.

Of the 200 acres, 80 would be used for single family and accompanying park and recreational land. Multiple dwelling units and townhouses would account for 63 acres. Streets and open areas for the multiple units take up 40 acres.

THE PRD ZONING ordinance amendment permits eight person per acre maximum density in RP-1, so the maximum eventual population is about 1,600 for the 200 acre site.

L. David Stader, secretary of the planning commission, said the mixture between types of dwelling units in the developers' proposal was one reason the commission decided to delay consideration one month.

Commission members had "some questions about the proposed layout," Stader said.

"All the multiples are at one end and all single family residences at another," Stader commented. He added the proposal calls for multiple units abutting single family units which in general is prohibited by the zoning ordinance.

The townhouses are planned for the northern part of the site and between two existing developments along 13 Mile.

The developers also requested a change from residential to business for the corner of 14 Mile and Drake Rds. The commission urged deletion of the proposed business zone in the residential area.

The most restrictive business zone, B-1 for neighborhood businesses, was requested in the proposal.

ANOTHER POINT of discussion concerned whether the site of the proposed PRD is acceptable.

The commission voted informally 4-2 that the site should be considered for a PRD after the township's planning consultant said the plan might conflict with existing single family plats.

Claude Coates of Vilcan-Leman and Associates, Township planning consultant, said the PRD is intended to be used in areas that are relatively undeveloped. Existing developments should be protected, Coates said.

Stader said the site meets the minimum size requirement, room for at least 100 single family residences, and should be considered for a PRD. If other qualifications are needed, he added, they should be written into the ordinance.

The site is served by two paved roads, 13 and 14 Mile Rds., and has sanitary and storm sewers. Detroit water will be installed.

If the area is zoned RP-1, it could still be developed in single family residences, Coates said.



NERVE -- Steve Bendo of Farmington concentrates on getting his skis uncrossed as he jumps from Henry C. Hall's tower in Farmington. (Evert photo)