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Truancy draws forum spotlight

'We need as a court to hold people accountable; as a society to come back to responsibility.'

— Chuck Ludwig
probate court official

Student searches: See Page 6A.

By Casey Hane
staff writer

It's still a circle game. Who is responsible for truant students and other juvenile offenders? Is it parents, school officials, local police or the juvenile court system where these youths often reach the

end of the line?

Very often, they end up back where they began — with no solution to their problems, local experts said. The responsibility issue was debated in a seminar of school social workers, principals and administrators, local law enforcement people and representatives of the Oakland County Probate Court Oct. 22. A group of more than 50 met at the

South West Oakland Vocational Education Center in Walled Lake to listen and share.

It brought school and police officials together for the first time in the annual court-sponsored event, according to Deborah Hyde, the court's public information specialist.

THE REGIONAL seminar involved the school districts of Farm-

ington, Walled Lake, South Lyon, Huron Valley and Novi plus law enforcement officials from Farmington, Farmington Hills, South Lyon, Novi, Walled Lake, Wixom, Wolverine Lake, White Lake Township, Millford and the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

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GUNS are the issue.

Farmington City Council supports a national ban on non-metal firearms, which are not detectable by traditional means.

The council followed Northville's lead in drafting a proclamation calling for legislation banning the manufacture or importation, since it is expected American companies will begin production of plastic firearms during the next two years.

"I can't imagine this sort of thing should be left untouched," Councilman Richard Tupper said.

PAVING'S planned.

Ten Mile, from Power to Orchard Lake Road, will be paved as part of a tri-party agreement between the Oakland County Road Commission and the cities of Farmington Hills and Farmington.

Farmington Hills officials requested that part of the road be included in the program. It is estimated to cost \$20,000, with \$60,000 to be paid by the county and \$15,000, or 17 percent, paid by each of the two cities. Farmington City Council gave approval Oct. 20.

The paving of 10 Mile from Power west to Farmington Road was approved in the initial program.

HEADS up.

Michigan's Thanksgiving Parade Foundation is helping businesses around the state get ahead — an antique paper mache head.

The 1986 business drive, "How to Get Ahead in Your Business," is one of the parade's fund-raising campaigns in which donors contribute \$500 to \$1,500 to sponsor the famous paper mache heads that appear in the parade each year.

Donors to the business drive also receive several special considerations for their tax-deductible contributions.

The 250 paper mache heads available for sponsorship range from barnyard animals to fantasy creatures. They were created in Italy by a family renowned for its artistry.

Call Mary Beth Ryan at 963-8300 for more information.

HEARING'S set.

Farmington City Council will consider vacating Longwood Street and an adjoining alley in Builders Park subdivision at a public hearing scheduled for 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 17.

The surrounding land is used as part of Farmington Crossroads shopping center, Nine Mile and Farmington roads, and for a combination office-multifamily residential development, according to information from the city.

The plat for Builders Park subdivision No. 1 was approved in 1927, but no construction was done. No city utilities are in the areas considered for vacation.

FOOTNOTES: One year ago this week — They call themselves "Citizens for A Decent Community." And they are taking their concern about suspected prostitution in Farmington Hills to the city council.

He's on call for the city

By Joanno Maliszowski
staff writer

Solving a problem is an attraction that David Call can't avoid.

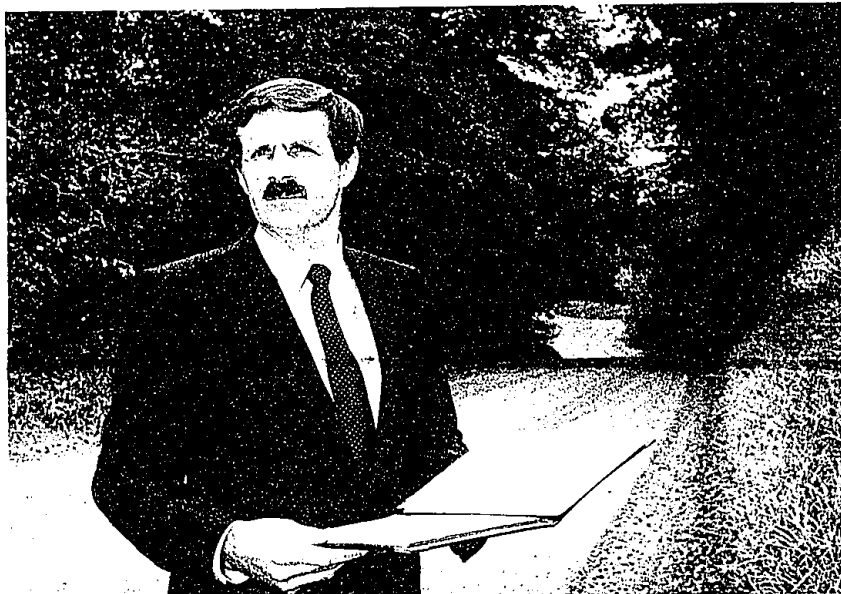
"I like the thought of taking an idea, coming up with a plan, designing it and then seeing the plan implemented," said Call, recently appointed Farmington Hills assistant city manager.

As regulations and financial constraints are placed on government, the challenge of solving problems becomes even greater. But that's all the more attractive to Call.

"There are always constraints. So you can't solve all the problems all of the time. You have to find innovative solutions. You have to do what you can with the resources you have," he said.

An engineer, Call, 39, has never been content sitting behind machines and drafting tables, working out designs and plans. That's part of the reason he chose to become a civil engineer.

While studying engineering at Oakland University, Call really didn't have any job plans until he



RANDY DORST/staff photographer

Farmington Hills Assistant City Manager David Call scans Drake Road, north of 11 Mile Road.

spent the summer of his senior year working with the Oakland County Road Commission. It was during this stint he became interested in public service.

WHEN HE graduated, Call at first went to work in private industry. Not caring for the work, he moved on to the road commission. There, Call worked his way up

from the survey crew to project engineer and design.

In the last three years of his road commission tenure, Call became involved in management training

— providing seminars and workshops for employees — and working directly with the public in

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Citizen of the Year is honored

By Joanno Maliszowski
staff writer

He has never been the type to sit back and let the other fellow do the work.

"If you don't involve yourself in government, then keep your mouth shut," said Bayard Tupper, president of Tupper Associates, a building supply company on Eight Mile in Farmington Hills.

The 42-year-old Tupper was presented with the 1986 Citizen of the Year — an honor bestowed by the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce — at an annual membership meeting Oct. 23 in the Botsford Inn.

Presentation of the chamber's annual award last week is all the more significant because it was exactly 50 years last week that Tupper moved to Farmington as manager of the former Farmington Lumber Co. on Grand River.

Though he has been one of Farmington's business leaders for half a century, Tupper is equally known for his longtime community involvement. If Farmington today has a board or commission, more than likely somewhere in its history Tupper has left an imprint.

"It's always had a firm commitment to the Farmington community," said Russ Tuttle, chairman of the chamber's Citizen of the Year committee.



RANDY DORST/staff photographer

Citizen of the Year Bayard Tupper and his wife, Margaret, greet well-wishers at the banquet.

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