

# Kids salute Thanksgiving

Youngsters in Carol Lawrence's first grade class at Farmington Public Schools' Eagle Elementary had a chance to serve up a real Thanksgiving dinner to their moms and dads on Thanksgiving eve last Wednesday.

The meal included deer meat, apple sauce, wild rice, corn and pumpkin bread.

The class concluded their meal with seasonal songs.



Masehi Keino, 6, whose family recently moved to Farmington Hills from Japan, tries out a Thanksgiving version of an American meal.



Debra Weiss, 6, of Farmington Hills, samples the Thanksgiving dinner fare.

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# Hills paving project set

Despite some residents' attempts to put the skids on a planned paving project in the Meadowbrook Heights subdivision, the project will continue.

Residents concerned about the depth of ditching that would accompany the paving unsuccessfully tried to halt the project. The residents presented the Farmington Hills City Council with a second petition opposing the project Nov. 9.

Because city officials and residents favoring the paving were concerned that some residents signed both petitions, the city staff were directed on Nov. 9 to verify the signatures.

A final determination showed that 53.3 percent of the residents in the area favor paving. The city requires

a minimum 51 percent support for paving, said Tom Biaseili, public services director.

"We won't know how deep the ditches will be until the design work is done," Mayor Ben Marks said, referring to residents' concerns.

If it appears that deep ditching is required for drainage, the plans will be brought back to the city council for review, Marks added.

BIASEILI AND staff have met with the residents and addressed concerns. "We intend to follow our commitment to residents in the area to minimize the ditching where we can," Biaseili said.

The residents were told the city will continue to hold the line on costs

and that some statements made by residents about ditching were inaccurate, he added.

The Meadowbrook Heights issue prompted councilman Terry Sever to ask for a review of the city's paving policy, particularly the residents' petitioning process.

"... we've had issues that have dragged on for months," Sever said, adding that even when more than 51 percent of the residents favor paving, there's often delays and counter petitions presented because some people change their minds.

But councilwoman Jody Soronen told Sever that the delays and counter petitions are a city council problem, not an administrative problem.

The petitioning policy is expected to be reviewed at a future all-day city council work session.

# IRS attempting to find taxpayers for refunds

The Internal Revenue Service is trying to locate Michigan taxpayers who are still due tax refunds from their 1986 federal income tax returns.

John Hummel, IRS Michigan District director, said 1,010 refund checks worth \$398,743 were returned by the Postal Service as undeliverable. The refund checks range in amounts from \$1 to \$15,116, and average \$395, Hummel said.

The IRS believes most of these taxpayers moved or changed their last names during the year, and failed to notify the Postal Service or IRS.

When a refund is returned by the Postal Service, the IRS attempts to locate the taxpayer by follow-up. "But there are always a small number who cannot be found," Hummel said.

Nevertheless, most taxpayers, about three million in Michigan, have received their refunds, he said.

If you are due a refund from your 1986 federal tax return but have not yet received it, contact the IRS. Taxpayers should call the IRS at 1-800-424-1040 for information.

Undelivered refunds for the Farmington area belong to: Theresa M. Chido, Amy M. Duncan, Barbara J. Ringley, Patricia A. Ringley, Richard F. Waller, Everett and Teresa Greenlee, Lionel Lejeune and Michael Coopes.

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