

Justin Miller, 13, of Farmington Hills was named the Observer's Carrier of the Month for August.

The eighth grader at O.E. Dunkel Middle School has delivered the Observer in Ridgewood subdivision, in the 11 Mile-Farmington Road area, for two years. His favorite subjects are science and drafting.

His hobbies include role playing, reading, bicycling and camping. Justin, who scored 100 percent on a state math and reading skills test, would like to study electronics, mechanics and architecture in college. He hopes to build his own house.

Meeting people is what he likes most about his job. Keeping accurate records and meeting deadlines are among the skills he has acquired.

His parents are Marcia and John Miller. He has one sister, Kelly, 13.

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Justin Miller



on the agenda

Below are highlights from agendas of government meetings this week. All meetings are open to the public.

Farmington City Council
Farmington City Hall
21600 Liberty
8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 15

The tabled traffic analysis for the city is again on the agenda, with council expecting recommendations from the Old Village Homeowners Association. Also on the agenda is a report regarding longtime city attorney Robert Kelly, who wishes to tender his resignation due to illness.

Other agenda items include:

- Proposed sign modernization at Grand River and Drake.
- Oakland County Road Commission 1989 budget and road improvement program.
- Improvements to the east entry of the municipal building.
- Bids for fence proposals, the city sidewalk program and municipal building parking lot improvements.

Farmington Hills City Council
Farmington Hills City Hall
31555 11 Mile

7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 15

The regular public hearing meeting of the council will include consideration of rezoning of parcels owned by the Flamingo Trailer Court from one-family residential to mobile home district, and from general business district to mobile home district. It is currently operating under a non-conforming use. The planning commission has proposed the zoning amendment.

Other public hearings include consideration of:

- Introduction of zoning amendment for property on the northeast corner of Drake and 12 Mile from one-family residential to office research district. The proponent is David Gans, and the owner is Xhaver Elzei.
- Introduction of zoning amendment for property on the west side of Middlebelt on the north side of Nine Mile from general business district to local business district. The proponent is the planning commission.
- Introduction of zoning amendment for property on the east side of Orchard Lake Road north of 13 Mile between South Blvd. and 13 Mile in the Glen Oaks subdivision. The proposal would change one par-

cel from general business to local business district and another to office service district. The proponent is the planning commission.

Introduction of zoning amendment for property on the west side of Orchard Lake Road south of 13 Mile from general business district to community business district. The proponent is the planning commission.

Introduction of zoning amendment for property on the north side of 12 Mile Road east of Greening. One parcel would change from one-family residential to office service district and a second parcel from community business district to office service district. The proponent is the planning commission.

Also on the agenda is a report from the Committee to Increase Voter Participation regarding the Voter Attitude Survey project.

Farmington Board of Education

The regular meeting of the Farmington school board, scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 16, has been cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 6.

Cultural Awareness Committee

Farmington Hills City Hall
31555 11 Mile
7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17

A general discussion about strategic planning and other routine business are on the agenda for the committee's monthly meeting.

Hills Planning Commission
Farmington Hills City Hall
31555 11 Mile
7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18

Two zoning requests will be considered this evening.

The planning commission requests a rezoning on the west side of Tuck north of Eight Mile from light industrial to mobile home use. Part of the same request is to rezone an area north of Eight Mile and east of Tuck Road from one-family residential and light industrial to mobile home. Owners are Matt Baukar and Anna Mae Raukar.

Joseph F. Galvin requests several parcels on the east side of Orchard Lake Road between Rockshire and Springland be rezoned from one family residential to a combination of eight different office and business districts. Owners are John and Kay McMahon.

Tobacco addiction powerful problem for many smokers

The recent U.S. Surgeon General's report has cited a powerful addiction to nicotine as the reason why some people find it nearly impossible to kick the habit of smoking.

According to the American Lung Association, the report indicates that the scientific community has reached a consensus that tobacco use is more than just habit forming. It is a form of addiction.

"Nicotine has the same addictive qualities as heroine and cocaine. It has a powerful effect on the brain and central nervous system," said Michelle Wegienek, smoking and health coordinator, American Lung Association of Southeast Michigan.

"When inhaled, nicotine is absorbed through the lungs into the bloodstream and travels within seven seconds to the brain producing a type of 'high'."

Because of the addictive qualities of tobacco products, the lung association has joined the American Cancer Society and the American Heart Association in voicing a deep-rooted concern about the influence of cigarettes on the youth of America.

The three groups have formed the Coalition on Smoking or Health and are asking lawmakers to protect children and teenagers from becoming nicotine-addicts.

This report, more than any of the other reports from the Surgeon General's office since the first was issued in 1964, points to an urgent need to prevent children and teenagers from getting addicted to nicotine. If we are going to reduce the more than 300,000 deaths caused by cigarette smoking each year," said Wegienek.

THE COALITION'S suggested plan of action to help prevent people from getting "hooked" on nicotine as revealed in the Surgeon General's report includes an increase in state cigarette excise taxes, prohibition of free distribution of cigarettes at concerts and other public places and the restriction of tobacco advertising on state-owned property, such as highways.

Even before the release of the latest Report of the Surgeon General, the data regarding the number of children who use tobacco products on a regular basis has been particularly disturbing because the evidence demonstrates that the younger one begins to smoke, the more likely it is that one will continue to smoke and consequently suffer from one or more diseases caused by tobacco use.

business briefs

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DIGITAL DINING

Officials from Farmington-based Midesco, Inc. traveled to Washington, D.C., to bring back a computerized restaurant point-of-sale system. The system, marketed under the name "Digital Dining," has been sold in East Coast restaurants for four years.

Midesco decided the Detroit market was ready to switch from costly and ineffective ECR's (electronic cash registers) to computerization.

In the Digital Dining system, the restaurant controls point-of-sale and back-office applications simultaneously on the same computer. The package keeps track of food and bar sales, inventory, accounting, menu costing and server tips.

"The system certainly beats anything else we've looked at," said Midesco president Suzanne Phillips. "We feel that by replacing expensive electronic cash registers with less costly computer terminals, we are performing a true service to the restaurant industry. And with the Digital Dining system, the restaurateur gets so much more in the way of

needed information about his or her establishment."

NEW ADDRESS

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The phone number is 489-8600; telefax 489-4156.

NEW OFFICER

Dr. Gerald Swiacki of Farmington Hills was elected vice president of the Michigan Council of Osteopathic Physicians for 1988-89.

The council, formed in 1987, is a professional organization that promotes osteopathic medicine and physicians.

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