



Off to a flying start

Kindergartners at Flanders Elementary in Farmington began the new school year by watching their spirits — and balloons — soar from the school playground last week. Teachers Jan

Irvin and Pam Ellis planned the "We're Off to a Flying Start" balloon launch to make the newcomers to Flanders feel more comfortable.

THOMAS ARNETT/staff photographer

business briefs

If you recently opened a shop, captured an award, earned a promotion, are planning a new venture or project, or have information about other business-related happenings — and there's a Farmington-area connection — we'd like to hear from you so we can share your news item with other Observer readers. Send items to: Business Briefs, Farmington Observer, 33203 Grand River, Farmington 48024.

• TOP AGENCY

Murray-Baldel Sales of Farmington Hills was named Top Agency of the Year by Dupli-Color Products Co., manufacturer of automotive touch-up paint, general purpose paint and aerosol specialty products. The agency was recognized at the company's national sales meeting in Chicago.

"Murray-Baldel Sales has done an outstanding job of representing Dupli-Color Products Company since 1981," said Jim Karikas, Dupli-Color's automotive national sales manager. "We are proud of our longstanding relationship with this fine group of sales professionals."

Accepting the award were agency principals Bob Murray and Bob Baldel and vice president John Igrison.

• JOINS AGENTS

Collett-Lowman Agency of Farmington Hills has joined the Independent Insurance Agents of Michigan, headquartered in Lansing.

Geraldine Lowman is president of Collett-Lowman Agency.

Through her affiliation with IAM, Lowman subscribes to a professional code of business ethics and receives the benefits of membership in Michigan's largest organization of insurance agencies. It represents 7,000 insurance professionals statewide.

• NEW SYSTEM

Farmington Hills-based Michigan Automation has introduced the Profit Planning and Control System developed by the Small Business Strategy Group, company president Randy Whitlow announced.

Michigan Automation designs and builds automation systems to inspect, sort, orient and transfer parts of various sizes and shapes between manufacturing operations.

Besides building "hard-track" conveyor systems, it has pioneered the moving of parts on a cushion of air through flexible, durable plastic tubing with its Turbo-Flex Systems. The company also produces industrial washers and incinerators.

The Small Business Strategy Group, which introduced its copy-righted Profit Planning and Control System last year, will act as a consultant to Michigan Automation. The group will use its management formula to increase profit, manage growth and handle business complexities.

The Small Business Strategy Group is at 21411 Civic Center Drive, Suite 102, Southfield 48076. Call Don Reimer at 358-1442.

• EARNS AWARD

Dr. George Eldis, general manager of Climax Research Services in Farmington Hills, announced that Richard Gundlach, principal investigator, has received the American Foundrymen's Society 1987 Award for the best technical paper of the cast-iron division presented at the 1988 Casting Congress.

The title of Gundlach's paper is "Monitoring the Bainite Reaction During Austempering of Ductile Iron

and High Silicon Cast Steel by Resistivity Measurements." His co-authors are Y.J. Park of AMAX Metal Products and Jay Janowak of Grede Foundry. The research leading to the highly acclaimed paper was performed at the AMAX Materials Research Center.

Gundlach, with 20 years experience in alloy development, is a nationally recognized expert on cast

irons and steels, foundry technology, abrasion resistant materials and thermal fatigue testing.

• COMPLEX SALUTED

The developers of Saddle Creek Apartments were the winners of the 1987 Residential Building Design Award presented by the Novi Chamber of Commerce.

The award was given to the Fen-

ton/Parz Group and the Bextee Companies, both of Farmington Hills, for Saddle Creek Apartments, a complex they jointly own and developed.

The two-phase complex, on Novi Road between Nine and 10 Mile in Novi, has 220 apartments completed with 80 percent occupied. Another 180 apartments will be finished and ready to occupy this summer.

obituaries

GUSTY A. DIRETTE

Mr. Dirette, 76, of Southfield died August 14.

Born in Ohio, Mr. Dirette was a slitter operator for a steel company.

Survivors include his wife, Madeline; children, Gusti, Theron and Gary; two brothers, four sisters; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services were at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Edward Belczak officiating. Burial was in Mount Hope Cemetery, Livonia.

ROY JENKINS

Mr. Jenkins, 23, of Warren died August 27 in a car accident.

Mr. Jenkins worked for the automotive industry.

Survivors include his parents, Lee and Alberta Jenkins; brothers, Tom and Don; sisters, Sherry Pozzi and Ella Mae Wooten; fiancée, Annette Brown.

Services were at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Dr. David Cummins of Faith Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Mount Hope Cemetery, Livonia.

campus pipeline

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profile the new Hino (HB) Diesel Truck. To make their presentation complete, they borrowed a Hino for a day from Michigan Kenworth of Grand Rapids.

• HONORS COLLEGE

Jennifer Blinnik, Melissa Cousins, Christopher Cahill and Denise Mahle of Farmington Hills were among 198 freshmen accepted into the Honors College at Western Michigan University.

They were admitted based on outstanding high school achievement and aptitude as measured by grade point averaged and American College Test scores. They also were evaluated by the quality of an essay, participation in co-curricular and community activities, and academic recommendations.

• NEW GRADUATES

Jane Hase of Farmington and Suzanne Adams, Mindy Berlin-Herman, Christopher Buresch, Michael Drissman, Monica Leaning, Stamatia Manolakas, Kathleen Meyers, Mildred Parker and Sharilyn Stamping of Farmington Hills graduated from Eastern Michigan University.

INSULIN IS NOT A CURE FOR DIABETES. IT JUST KEEPS PEOPLE ALIVE UNTIL WE FIND ONE.

There is no cure for diabetes. At least not right now. And until there is, millions of people have to live with the disease.

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