

Community Corner

This week's question: If Farmington Hills develops a community activities center, as envisioned by councilman Terry Sever, what kinds of activities would you like to see offered there? We asked this question at the Farmington Crossroads Shopping Center.



"We're very busy seniors with activities now. There is not a day that we're bored. We golf in the summer and take our walks with the seniors in 12 Oaks Mall."
— Clara Brelsich
Farmington



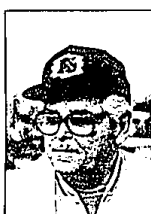
"You are talking to a couch potato. I read a lot. My husband is gone every day from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., and after dinner, I don't feel like going out for any activity."
— Pat Burkoski
Farmington



"Something to cure old age and arthritis."
— Jim DeGrace
Farmington



"Something for everybody from the seniors to the kids. Especially something for the kids after school hours and on school vacations."
— Margaret Karadiott
Farmington Hills



"Golf is my main activity. That's all I can think of. Right now, I am counting the days until I can get back on the course."
— Fred Robinetto
Farmington Hills



"Swimming and aerobics in the water is so good for anyone with bad hips. Something that both my husband and myself can do together."
— Libbie Willisa
Farmington Hills



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Don Hillier, owner of the Orchard/10 IGA grocery store in Farmington, talks about the importance of supporting local schools as a community project. Customers put their grocery receipts in a Farmington High or Harrison High box, for which he pays the local schools 1 percent of the total up to \$1,000.

Grocer says yes to prep sports

By Casey Hans
staff writer

Don Hillier says its his way of paying back the community and saying "yes" to high school sports.

Many boosters of Farmington and Harrison high schools shop at Hillier's Orchard/10 IGA store in Farmington, where he gives the two high school booster clubs 1 percent of the receipts put in a box up to \$1,000.

For three months in the fall, it's the Harrison Hawks turn; this time of year, the proceeds go to the Farmington Falcons.

IT'S A sporting proposition that involves not only Hillier and the clubs, but the average shopper as well.

"It's kind of a two-way street," said Hillier.

"It's enjoyable, too. The money goes to the booster clubs and they can do with it whatever they want."

He said it also draws the community together.

SINCE BUYING the business 10 years ago, he has hired a number of area football players to do stock work in the store. Many come back and shop there today, he said.

He also sees parents of Farmington High students putting receipts into the Hawks box in the fall and vice versa.

"They're really involved, and that's good for the kids," he said.

Hillier sports a wall full of plaques given him for his community service work. Each year, Harrison recognizes him specially at its sports banquet.

PARENTS approached Hillier in the early 1980s, asking him if he had any type of booster club program.

He then developed the receipt program, which has continued to be successful year after year.

"The money you're giving is going for something useful," he added.

Cable show looks at life and death issues

"Matters of Life and Death" has joined Farmington and Farmington Hills' cable television programming lineup, report Bob Rock and Bruce Lantto of Thayer-Rock Funeral Home and Tom Bjorkland of Metrovision.

Through sponsorship of the Forethought Group and Batesville Casket Co., "Matters of Life and Death" is hosted by Dr. Earl Grollman, an internationally authority on crisis intervention.

Grollman is frequently called upon to speak at universities, clergy institutes, seminars, physician, nursing and funeral service forums through North America, Europe and Asia.

He has authored 17 books about life and death subjects. Articles about him and his work have appeared in "Psychiatric Opinion," "Harvard Medical School Mental Health Letter," "MS," "New Woman," "Time Magazine," "Harper's," and "Reader's Digest." Grollman has appeared on Oprah and Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood and has been appointed to the Parenting

Panel of Experts for "USA Today."

The 30-minute talk show is seen nationwide by 21 million people. Each program explores new perspectives on grief and bereavement with each guest and the studio audience participating.

The programs in the series cover universal concerns in the areas of grief counseling and death education. Suicide, AIDS, cancer, sudden infant deaths, drug abuse, near death experiences all are covered with the intent of easing the pain of those involved.

Guests include representatives of organizations who are helping people adjust to their loss; those who are left behind in the aftermath of tragedy; and those who are quickly approaching their own deaths.

Tune in to Metrovision of Oakland County, Channel 12, every Monday at 6 p.m. for "Matters of Life and Death."

Your responses and questions about the program can be forwarded to: Bruce Lantto, 33603 Grand River, Farmington 48024.

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