

Boy Scout troop celebrates 25th anniversary

On the afternoon of June 3, 45 members of Boy Scout Troop 179 joined with 300 friends, family members, and visitors from the community to celebrate the 25th anniversary of one of the area's largest and most active Boy Scout Troops.

The afternoon started at the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington with opening ceremonies including a flag raising, introductions of the members of the troop by assistant Scoutmaster John Hovanian, and greetings from the troop's committee chairman Chris Johnston and Scoutmaster Chuck Williams. A hot dog picnic lunch followed, presented by troop committee member Jerry Fournier of Farmington Hills, along with demonstrations by the troop's seven patrols and Leadership Corps.

The Leadership Corps set up a compass course to let visitors try their skill at orienteering. More daring onlookers attempted crossing the 50-foot long rope monkey bridge that the corps of youth leaders had erected.

Since the Scout motto is "Be Prepared," the boys in the troop's Jaguar patrol, under the leadership of Scout Jack Glarry of Farmington Hills, showed how to make Boy Scout bandages, knot tying, another scout favorite, was the subject of demonstration at the Flaming Arrow patrol, led by patrol leader Don Chamberlain of Farmington.

For those rough and ready to hit the trail, the Road Runner Patrol of Peter Johnston showed methods and equipment of backpacking and al-

lowed visitors a taste of lightweight freeze-dried foods used on outdoor excursions. Another tasty boy scout classic is the pineapple upside-down cake baked in a dutch oven on coals, and friends of patrol leader Doug Voigt's Red Baron Patrol had a chance to try their hand at baking this camping delicacy.

Finally, the troop's two newest patrols, the Wolverine and Iron Eagle patrols, composed entirely of newly recruited Scouts and led by troop guides Kevin Walter and Tripp Adams, showed off a patrol campsite that they had set up, complete with tents, gateway, flags, and cooking in a dining area, the center of a scout's fun times while camping.

THE LEADERS of troop 179 also joined in anniversary fun by present-

ing an alumni center complete with photographs and old scouting patches, a trading post, a display by the Order of the Arrow, the national brotherhood of honored scouts, and a registration area for Eagle Scouts and troop alumni to reminisce about the times of old in Troop 179 and scouting worldwide.

Later in the afternoon was held the Troop's "All-Time Knot Tying Championship," in which former scout knot tying champions from the troop's annual contest, which has taken place for the past 10 years, were joined to see who could tie any of the six basic scout knots the fastest. These six knots, which scouts and sailors around the world can tie blindfolded, are the square knot, bowline, sheet bend, clove hitch, two

half hitches, and tautline hitch. John Richardson, former Troop 179 Scoutmaster and local businessman, officiated the elimination-style contest and awarded the top honors to L. Brad Moore for tying the sheet bend knot faster than any other competitor. Honorable mention goes to former knot tying champs Rob Finegan, Mark Richardson, Tim Kibler, Steve Davis, Doug Dillaman, Tim Wright, Devon Bodoh, Danny R. Valdez, and the troop's current champion, Scout Don Chamberlain.

Another highlight of the afternoon was a troop alumni recognition ceremony, at which former Scoutmaster Rick Gauthier of Chelsea recognized all the former Eagle Scouts, senior patrol leaders and scoutmasters. Of 39 former scouts, 13 are still active

in this troop. This alumni recognition preceded the grand finale for the day, an Eagle Scout Court of Honor to celebrate the achievement of scouting's highest award by troop 179's two newest Eagle Scouts, Doug Dillaman and L. Brad Moore of Farmington Hills.

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William Costick

Hills gives Costick \$8,000 raise

By Amy Rauch
staff writer

The Farmington Hills City Council Monday night approved a near \$8,000 raise for City Manager William Costick, bringing his annual salary to \$80,000.

"I'm very grateful to get a salary increase, as anyone would be," Costick said. "It's been a tough several years in the past (for the city) with all the growth. I appreciate the city

council's support. I appreciate it very much."

Costick's raise from his current salary of \$72,400 goes into effect July 1.

He has enjoyed yearly raises since becoming city manager of Farmington Hills in 1984.

COSTICK BEGAN in 1984 with a salary of \$52,000, moving up to \$57,000 in 1985 and to \$62,000 in

1986. He was awarded increases in 1987 and 1988 as well, earning \$67,000 and \$69,680 respectively.

Costick joined Farmington Hills city government in 1981 as assistant city manager.

After earning a bachelor's degree in political science from Michigan State University in 1966, Costick went to work as an administrative assistant to the Fenton city manager. The following year, he took a similar position in East Lansing.

Costick then moved on to become city manager of Flushing, where he spent seven years before moving on as assistant city manager in Troy. And in the midst of it all, Costick earned his master's of science degree in community resource development from Michigan State University.

After toying briefly with his own private consulting firm in the late 1970s, Costick decided to miss the public sector. He moved to city service in Farmington Hills in 1981.

Children's pet show set for festival

For the 23rd consecutive year, the Plaza Veterinary Hospital and Pets 'N' Particulars will sponsor a children's pet show in conjunction with Farmington/Farmington Hills Founders Festival.

This year's show will be part of Kids Day at 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 10, on the stage of the showmobile at the Farmington City Park, Shilawasee and Power.

This year's show will include the following categories:

- Largest pet with smallest owner.
- Best trained pet (30 seconds to perform).
- Pet with waggiest tail.
- Most articulate pet (the one that speaks the best).
- Best dressed pet and owner.

- Oldest pet.
- Best presentation of a caged pet.
- Most unusual pet.

Trophies will be awarded to the first, second and third place winners in each category.

Entry forms are available at the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department playgrounds, in the children's sections at both Farm-

ington and Farmington Hills libraries, the chamber of commerce office, the Farmington YMCA, various pet shops, veterinary hospitals, restaurants and businesses.

The sponsors will again provide a float in the festival parade on Saturday, July 14, to give all entrants a chance to display their pets to the community.

Bed race to benefit battle against MD

The second annual Farmington-Farmington Hills Founders Festival bedrace to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association will be Saturday, July 14.

Festivities begin at 8 p.m. Thursday, July 12, with a pajama party at Dunleavy's Pub & Grub, 34505 Grand River. Admission is a \$3 donation to MDA.

Judging for the best decorated bed will take place Friday evening at the

Village Commons shopping center. At 9:30 a.m. Saturday, July 14, bed pushers will race along Grand River to vie for the championship title.

"The field is still open, and we're looking for companies, organizations, and groups who want to promote a great public image while combating neuromuscular disease," said Kim Sidwell of MDA.

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