

## Community Corner

This week's question:

What are the advantages of hiring handicapped people?

We asked this question at the Farmington Hills City Hall during a presentation to local businesses.



"There's a lot. There's a conscientiousness, reliability, thoroughness. A lot of other employees take for granted their positions. Their quality of work is high."  
— Steve Fuernstein  
Farmington Hills



"Dependability is probably the main thing. Their willingness to want to do the job correctly. They take great pride in what they do. That's their best asset."  
— John Eskew  
Farmington



"You get very willing people who will be reliable, dependable and willing to do just about anything."  
— Cindy McGrath-Dorf  
Farmington



"Even with handicaps, they are probably more predictable than most people. He (his employee) is conscientious, hard working. His handicap is an asset more than a detriment because he's predictable."  
— Al Langdon  
Farmington Hills



"They are punctual and do whatever you ask. They are model employees. He (his employee) has even come to work on his day off."  
— Paul Ray  
Farmington



"I do a little bit of everything. I like being productive in my life. I'm happy. I'm efficient. I pick it up (job skills) so fast."  
— Bill Druckery  
Farmington

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## police/fire calls

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week:

### TRAILER FIRE

Washing floors with gasoline led to about \$5,000 damage to a trailer on Tuck Road, Oct. 5, according to a Farmington Hills fire report.

When firefighters arrived at the trailer they found heavy smoke and flames. They extinguished the fire and later found a gas can in the kitchen. The occupant told firefighters he was using gasoline to clean the trailer floors. Heat apparently ignited the gasoline.

### CAR FIRE

About \$4,000 damage resulted when a car traveling at Halsted and Howard Road caught fire, according to a Farmington Hills fire report.

Though the fire was out when firefighters arrived, the car owner and a friend who was following behind extinguished the fire with dry chemical extinguishers. The fire apparently involved wiring in the dashboard. The car owner had cut the battery cable before firefighters arrived.

### THEFTS REPORTED

A cigarette vending machine valued at \$2,000 and \$1,000 of cigarettes were reported stolen from the Radisson Hotel, 37529 Grand River, Oct. 5.

Household items valued at \$2,665 were reported stolen from a unit of the Cedarbrooke Apartments on Middlebelt, Oct. 1-2.

A VCR and 35mm camera valued at \$700 were reported stolen from a house on Fendi, Oct. 5-6.

A stereo, TV and VCR valued at \$400 were reported stolen from a trailer at Flamingo Trailer Park, 22600 Middlebelt, Oct. 4-5.

Wire wheel covers valued at \$400 were reported stolen from a 1991 Buick on Eisenhower Court in the Independence Green Apartments at Grand River and Halsted, Oct. 3-4.

### DAMAGE REPORTED

Damage was estimated at \$99 when someone sprayed the letters KKK on the side of a garage on Camden Court, and an obscenity on the driveway, Oct. 5.

## clarification

In the Oct. 3 issue of the Observer, a front page story should have referred to "educable mentally impaired" students, not "emotional." Also, the Farmington Public School District is required to have a paraprofessional in a special education room if there are more than 12 students. Special education director Jan Richards said that just one student, not several, from the class at William Grace is being re-evaluated for possible change in placement.

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## Seminar's focus, dealing with grief

McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills will sponsor a free seminar to ease the pain of the holiday season after the loss of a loved one.

"Coping with Grief Around the Holidays" will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. at The Community Center Farmington/Farmington Hills, 24705 Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads.

McCabe Funeral Home staff grief counselor Elaine S. Burton will lead an open discussion and provide suggestions on coping with bereavement during the holiday season.



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