


FARMINGTON



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Ison is coming up to see you for the first time. Again this year the 60th Anniversary of the Grand River will be a place of mystery and scary entertainment for the youngsters of the Farmington area.

The 60th Anniversary celebration will begin on Friday, Oct. 18, at the Grand River. The celebration continues through Saturday, Nov. 2, except for Monday and Tuesday evenings when the Winery is closed.

Hours are 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday-Sunday.

The White family, owners of the Winery, will make the Farmington Historical Museum the beneficiary of a percentage of the proceeds from the Halloween activity.

Officials of the museum, located in the historic "Farmington" Grand River, will have the location to renovate the museum in the past, said Dick Coyle, Historic Commission president.

The present, historic museum represents the 18th, said Coyle, and the plan is to change the appearance to have the look of the rest of the house which dates to the late 1800s. Farmington architect Gary Coyle has offered his services in the alteration.

SPEAKING OF Halloween, Botsford General Hospital is sponsoring its 25th annual Halloween Party, 1-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, at the hospital's Administration and Education Center, 38050 Grand River, Farmington Hills.

Pre-school and elementary age children and their parents are invited to attend. Parental supervision of younger children is required.

Some activities are Halloween storytelling and crafts, sponsored by the Farmington Community Library, and holiday safety, sponsored by the Farmington and Farmington Hills police departments.

Costumes are encouraged. The last admission is at 4 p.m. In the interest of safety, no strollers are permitted.

STILL ON Halloween, the Colonial Car Wash on N. 11th Mile west of Farmington Road is sponsoring a benefit Hamlet Car Wash Oct. 25-31. Funds raised Oct. 26-27 benefit the American Cancer Society. The car wash will stay open until 9 p.m. on fund-raiser dates.

Last year, about \$2,500 was raised for the charity, said Mark Owen, owner. Farmington Mayor Shirley Richardson will drive the first car through on Saturday.

MEMORY LANE From the Oct. 18, 1991, Farmington Enterprise:

• The Chaiway Bar, 31030 Grand River, was held up by a lone gunman, who escaped with about \$100, said Farmington Police Chief Joseph DeVriendt. The man ordered the occupants to lie on the floor and scooped the money from the till.

• Pride Cleaners, Orchard Lake Road near Grand River, advertised a special: Dresses, suits and top coats cleaned at 89 cents each, and bathrobes for 99 cents.

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Business demands better employees

By Casey Hans
staff writer

Today's employers are demanding more than a basic resume, school transcript and test scores — hiring tools which are now considered relics.

They want good, sharp workers. They want assurance that an employee is reliable, can work with others, and has the wherewithal to solve problems.

They need what one Farmington Hills executive termed a "multi-dimensional resume" or personal profile of an individual's progress.

Public school districts and their graduates will soon be required to offer just that in the form of portfolios of each student's progress.

"The value of this has been in helping students focus on who they are and what they are," said Peter Nagourney, an associate with Hills-based Lutz Data Systems and president of the Advanced Center for Technology Training.

Both are companies facing the challenge of linking

education and business by using technology training and services.


NAGOURNEY, A former English professor at Wayne State University, is also a member of a state Board of Education's Employability Skills Task Force, which recommended the portfolio concept be used in academic, personal management and teamwork skills.

The program was piloted in 23 school districts in 1990-91 and is being used this year in another 100 districts.

From things as simple as an attendance record, which can show the reliability of a student, to school and community projects which indicate how well a student can work in a team, the portfolio is designed to give a potential employer or future college insight into that graduate.

"All of those things are important," Nagourney said. "And they're important for a business person."

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The company that invests in their human resources will prosper. Those that don't, won't.

— Peter Nagourney
president of the Advanced Center for Technology Training



Lloyd H. Smith, the Farmington-area's Citizen of the Year for 1991, looks over a debate publication with Farmington High students Kiran Arora (left) and Ashish Panchal.

Resolved: Citizen of year deserves the honor

By Tom Baer
staff writer

Lloyd H. Smith had good reason to change jobs back in 1944: The Farmington Schools had agreed to pay him the princely salary of \$2,300 a year to teach high school band, coach debate and run the boys' club.

The pay was quite an improvement on the \$1,200 he'd been getting as a teacher in the farming community of Quincy, Mich.

So Mr. Smith came to Farmington... and never thought of leaving. The community has changed quite a bit over the years. Farmington has gone from small town to suburb, but Lloyd Smith is still around and, at age 73, still coaching the Farmington High School debate team.

Well, he is resolved that Smith has a lot to celebrate these days.

For his work with generations of Farmington youngsters through debate and music, and for his contributions to the community through the local Kiwanis clubs, Smith has been selected the 1991 Citizen of the Year.

He becomes the 21st such citizen so honored by the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce. Smith will be honored Wednesday evening at the chamber's 29th annual awards dinner at the Hotel Baronette in Novi.

ALTHOUGH HE retired from teaching in 1980, Smith can still be found around town and in the halls of Farmington Hill. He's now in his 51st year of coaching debate, something he dearly loves.

"I guess I just love to see the kids improve," said Smith in a recent interview. "We'll start with students with no experience. They're stumbling all over themselves. But they do get better."

Debating helps students in college, Smith believes, and "is a great thing for later life."

In addition to the reasoning, researching and speaking skills developed through debating, the activity helps students in another important way: "It helps them learn that other people are just as smart, or smarter, than they are," Smith said with a laugh.

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Candidates nix merging cities

□ Candidate profile, 3A

By Casey Hans
staff writer

All five candidates for the Farmington City Council decried the issue of consolidation of the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills, an emotional issue area voters defeated at the ballot box in the late 1980s.

"I believe if you had an election today, it would be defeated," said incumbent council candidate Ralph Yoder, referring to a ballot issue asking to consolidate Farmington and Farmington Hills — what was then Farmington Township — in 1989. "I wasn't in favor in 1989 and I wouldn't be today," Yoder said. He believes services Farmington would be "in jeopardy" if the two cities became one.

Candidates offered their views during a "We Want to Know" candidates night sponsored by the Farmington Area Republican Club, which hosted candidates from both Farmington and Farmington Hills.

THE FORUMS were cablecast live on Channel 18, and will be rebroadcast on Channel 12 throughout the month of October. Pre-screened questions were offered from a variety of sources, including the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce, Farmington Families in Action and homeowners groups. Consolidation was one issue raised.

The candidates also agreed the city is facing tough times with reduced revenues, and believe more could be done to encourage action on the issues of drugs and alcohol in the community. And one candidate, John Kenney, opposes the city's recycling fee, contending that it is a tax.

Challengers Kenney and Arnold Campbell square off against incumbents Yoder, William Hartsock and JoAnne McShane Nov. 5 to fill three seats on the non-partisan council.

COMMENTING ON the consolidation issue, Campbell said that "each town has its own unique character" and "I think I'd like to keep that character." Hartsock said the "only efficiency would be combining the two councils" and that maybe a few jobs could be cut there.

ELECTION

'91

Farmington City Council

Kenney said he sees "no great drive in Farmington to be devoured," that he doesn't think "Farmington voters would pass such

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— Ralph Yoder,
incumbent Farmington council candidate

legislation and that he wouldn't support it. Incumbent McShane believes the two communities "complement each other." She said she was opposed to it unless an economic need made consolidation necessary in the future. "There's no need for it now," she added.

ON THE ISSUE of a recycling fee, all three incumbents and challenger Campbell said they supported the city's "user fee" for the curbside program, despite the challenge that it is a disguised tax, with Yoder saying it could be re-considered in the future and McShane saying if residents came forward, she could see a revisiting of the issue.

Campbell called for a more itemized fee billing "to clarify it for our residents."

Kenney took a stand opposite from the other candidates, calling the issue a communication problem. "I don't think people are too greatly up-

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Hills sports fans leap hurdle for \$2 million grant for park

By JoAnne Maliszewski
staff writer

It's a tremendous boost for youth sports in Farmington Hills.

The Michigan Land Trust Fund Wednesday recommended approval of a \$2 million matching state grant over two years to buy the 94-acre flat, sod farm on Eight Mile between Gill and Halsted roads.

"I'm just elated. I think it will allow us to carry out the full program we put before voters last April," Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi said, referring to the special half-mill levy for eight years for parks and recreation. "This

is a tremendous boost to the active sports program."

The state Department of Natural Resources will in turn recommend to the state Legislature that the money be approved to help buy the land and is planned for youth sports, particularly baseball and soccer. The grant is a 50-50 matching grant, which means the city will have to come up with about \$2 million to complete the deal, said Dan Potter, Farmington Hills special services director.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE is expected to consider paying for the

grant in June-July 1992.

"That's based on what the Legislature has done in the last two years," Potter said.

"Attorneys representing the owners (Glen Eden) indicated they are willing to wait for us to get our grant. They have had other offers. But they had indicated interest in waiting for the city because a park would complement their cemetery operations across the street."

Potter said clearing one of the last major hurdles is a step toward fulfilling a commitment to voters who

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