

Wanna be a firefighter? Visit HQ at 8 p.m. today

If you're interested in serving as a part-time paid firefighter with the Farmington Hills Fire Department you can learn more about the job at a "recruit informational meeting" at 7:30 p.m. tonight at fire headquarters, 28711 Drake Road.

The fire department is looking for a dozen good people — men and women — who want to serve. If you're interested you can pick up an application at tonight's meeting. If you cannot attend, however, you may still apply by contacting Bob Rebozo, assistant to the fire chief and recruit coordinator, 553-0740.

To be eligible for consideration as a part-time paid firefighter, an applicant must be at least 18 years of age and have a high school diploma

or G.E.D. equivalent.

Applicants must have a valid Michigan driver's license with a satisfactory driving record, live or work in the community and be in acceptable physical condition. They must also have a satisfactory employment record and personal history.

ANYONE INTERESTED in becoming a recruit should keep in mind that recruits are required to respond to at least 35 percent of the department's runs. The department has an average 4,000 runs annually.

All recruits are on a one-year probation and during that time, they must respond to 50 percent of the assigned station's runs, Rebozo said.

Part-time firefighters, who earn an average \$4,500 annually, also are required to attend training sessions, fulfill station and vehicle maintenance duties and other activities that include National Fire Prevention Week and the Farmington Founders Festival.

Training for recruits begins Jan. 6. When recruits have completed the required 196 hours of firefighting training, they will be state certified. Of the 196 hours, about 130 hours are training for the firefighter I designation and the remaining 60 or so hours is devoted to emergency first responder training. Training continues throughout the probationary 12 months.



SHARON LEMIEUX/staff photographer

Harrison High School French students Samantha Loree (left), a junior, and Rebecca Collins, a senior, teach Linda Ernst's second graders at Wood Creek Elementary with the help of senior team member Amy Heintz (not pictured). Part of the lesson included names of barnyard and

domestic animals. Students from advanced French classes at Harrison are visiting schools and homes this fall, offering their versions of French lessons as part of their community service project.

obituaries

MURIEL V. ELSTON

Mrs. Elston, 71, of Farmington Hills died Oct. 7.

Born in Kenmore, Ohio, Mrs. Elston was a retired registered nurse. She was a member of Orchard United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her son, Thomas; a daughter, Sue Rushing; sister, Hope Billmeyer; six grandchildren.

Services were Oct. 9 at the McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills, with the Rev. Paul F. Blomquist of Orchard United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

Memorials may be made to the Orchard United Methodist Church in memory of Mrs. Elston.

ETTA VAN TASSEL

Mrs. Van Tassel, 91, of Farmington Hills died Oct. 15.

Born in Detroit, Mrs. Van Tassel was a homemaker. She was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church.

Survivors include her son, Loren; daughter, Virginia Clark; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services were Oct. 18 at the Trinity Episcopal Church, Farmington Hills, with the Rev. Richard Twick officiating. Burial was in Acacia Park Cemetery, Birmingham.

Arrangements were made by the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

JOSEPH CRANDELL RUSSELL

Mr. Russell, 80, of Farmington Hills died Oct. 15 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Born in Annapolis, Md., Mr. Russell was an attorney.

Survivors include his son, John; niece, Mary Ann Howard.

Services were Oct. 19 at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Charles Watson of Beaconsfield Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

La francais gets a boost

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The program also opens the eyes of younger students to the fun of language — something language teachers in the district want to encourage.

FARMINGTON school Superintendent Michael Flanagan voiced his support for the community service credit concept in discussing the sec-

ondary study last summer. He continues to favor it, and said all three high schools are working on a more formal type of program.

"I think community service credit is important, and I've said that," Flanagan said. "You build up a spirit

of civic responsibility. Kids are more likely to understand their role in the community." He added that such programs can also build into community and business partnerships, and encourage future involvement in local service clubs and groups.

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SUNDAY SPORTS & Symphony

Sunday, October 27th
6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Make plans to attend this Gala Fundraiser to benefit The Livonia Symphony Orchestra

Highlights will include:

- A stirring performance by the Livonia Symphony Orchestra, Francesco DiBlasi conducting.
- Meet Red Wing Star Shawn Burr, and former Tiger great, Milt Wilcox - Free Autographs!
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