New officer joins force

A 1991 Western Michigan graduate is the newest public safety officer in the city of Farmington.

Officer Scott Herrmann, a St. Joseph native, joined the department last week after being sworn in on Thursday morning by city clerk Josephine Bushey, replacing an officer who left the department last fall. He will begin field officer training this week, then leaves for two months of fire and medical training at the Oakland Fire Training Insitute.

Farmington's public safety department handles both police and fire protection.

Herrmann said he wanted to be a police officer "ever since I was a little kid" and that he specifically sought a public safety department which appealed to him. "Compared to St. Joe, Farmington is similar — they're both about the same size," he said. "Farmington was the first community I applied to."

While at Western Michigan, Herrmann majored in criminal justice and minored in sociology. He also attended the police academy in Western Michigan and in 1988 worked for the Berrian County Sheriff's Department in the Marine Division.

Herrmann was one of 15 prospective officers interviewed for the position.

Officer Scott Herrmann

24 students get creative awards

Twenty four elementary school students from PTA-affiliated schools were honored Feb. 11 at a school board meeting for their award-winning entries in the annual Farmington PTA Council Reflections Contest.

Students from Eagle, Hillside, Gill, Highmeadow, Longacre and Kenbrook elementary schools entered the contest, which allowed students to do creative projects using this year's theme "Exploring New Beginnings."

Categories included literature, photography, music, and the visual arts.

Farmington school Superintendent Michael Flanagan, who helped to give the awards, called the student works "outstanding." They were displayed in the school board meeting room.

First, second and third place winners were selected by local judges. Judging was done in two levels, one from kindergarten through third grade and another in grades four and five.

IN THE literature category:

- Grades K-3 — Amanda Plisner of Eagle won first place, Hallie Brick of Hillside won second place and Michelle Bonadeo of Gill won third place.
- Grades 4-5 — Kristin Horton of Highmeadow won first place, Brynn O'Malley of Longacre won second place and Erin Barnes of Kenbrook won third place.

In the photography category:

- Grades K-3 — Alison Adams of Highmeadow won first place, Lisa Gutow of Eagle won second place, and James Thrubis of Hillside won third place.
- Grades 4-5 — T.J. Maas of Hillside won first place, Melissa Mylty of Longacre won second place and Mike Galizzi of Highmeadow won third place.

In the music category:

- Grades K-3 — Michael Batkie of Highmeadow won first place, Kristen Joe of Eagle won second place and Ryan Laverty of Kenbrook won third place.
- Grades 4-5 — Beth Jager of Gill won first place, Kimberly Adams of Highmeadow won second place and Nick Behman of Gill won third place.

In the visual arts category:

- Grades K-3 — Itsuko Yanagase of Kenbrook won first place, Heather Allison of Eagle won second place and Bryan Proven of Gill won third place.
- Grades 4-5 — Lisa Grentzel of Gill won first place, Kristin Horner of Highmeadow won second place and Jamison Guest of Highmeadow won third place.

The PTA Reflections Contest is first done at the building level, with any PTA-affiliated school eligible to participate. Winning entries there are sent on to the state and then, national, competition. The Farmington district's Reflections contest is done separately, and does not impact the state or national awards.

police/fire calls

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

● FURNACE FIRE

Damage was estimated at $20,000 when a small fire broke out in a furnace in a building at the Muirwood Apartments at Drake and Grand River roads, Tuesday.

When firefighters arrived, they found a small fire in the laundry-furnace room of the building. Firefighters are investigating the possibility that the furnace was defective.

● CASE PROCEEDS

The attorney for a Farmington Hills man charged last week in an eight-count federal grand jury indictment said Friday he plans to defend his client on the premise that the 21-year-old used the weapons confiscated for paint war games, sometimes knows as splatter ball.

The case involves Brian Lang, 21, who was charged last week with weapons violations in U.S. District Court. He faces up to 80 years in prison and a fine if convicted. The charges stem from a police raid on Lang's house one year ago, in which weapons and explosives were confiscated during the Persian Gulf War.

"According to my client, the guns were registered, the silencers were made of plastic and the explosives were things he made to use in paint war games," said attorney Seymour Posner. "We're going to trial on it."

Lang's pretrial examination is scheduled for Feb. 27.

● THEFTS REPORTED

An AM/FM cassette radio valued at $400 was reported stolen from a 1991 Chevrolet at Norwest Lanes, 32905 Northwestern Highway, Feb. 8-9.

A color television valued at $1,000 was reported stolen from a unit of the Botsford Apartments on Oxford, Feb. 7-9.

An automatic pistol valued at $210 was reported stolen from a house on Marklawn, Feb. 4.

obituaries

JEAN MARIE KLESTY

Mrs. Klesty, 60, of Farmington, died Feb. 10 at St. Mary Hospital.

Born in Buffalo, New York, Mrs. Klesty was a registered nurse. Survivors include her husband, George J.; daughters, Kathryn Chapman and Karen; son, David; sister of the late Marcia Beeny. Services were Feb. 12 at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Colum Morgan officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

WILLIAM HENRY DRIVER

Mr. Drivery, 80, of Farmington Hills, died Feb. 13 at Garden City Osteopathic Hospital.

Born in Orient, Pa., Mr. Driver was a steel erector for the steel industry. Survivors include his wife, Bertha E.; daughters, Maryanne Comer, Sharon Turkowski; son, William; 12 grandchildren. Services were Feb. 15 at Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with Rev. Carl Mehl of St. Paul Lutheran church officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Memorial Park.

EVERETT A. CONAWAY

Mr. Conaway, 78, of Farmington, died Feb. 12 at home.

Born in Coal Center, Pa., Mr. Conaway was a security guard. Survivors include his daughter, Kathleen J. Rennert of Flushing, Mich., brother, William K. Conaway; 2 nephews. Services were Feb. 15 at Newman Center of Schoolcraft College, Livonia with the Rev. Robert Schaden officiating. Burial was in Oakland Hill Memorial Gardens.

WESLEY ROBERTS

Mr. Wesley Roberts, 96, of Farmington Hills, died Feb. 5 at Dorvan Nursing Home.

Born in Calumet, Mich, Mr. Roberts was a letter carrier for the post office. Survivors include his wife, Leonore; brother, Archie; daughter, Elaine Palms; son, Dale; 6 granchildren; 10 great-granchildren. Services were Feb. 7 at the Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, with the Rev. Kenneth Belch officiating. Burial was in White Chapel Cemetery.

BEATRICE E. BRANN

Mrs. Beatrice E. Brann, 88, of Farmington Hills, died Feb. 10 at Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Born in London, England, Mrs. Brann was a department manager for Maas Brothers, Florida, she was also a retired excutive after 25 years. Survivors include her brother, William; sons, Donald T. and Robert M.; 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Memorial services were held Feb. 16 at R.G. and G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Farmington. Memorials may be made to the Alzeimer's Association.

on the agenda

Below are highlights from the agendas of government meetings this week. All meetings are open to the public.

Farmington Hills City Council
council chambers
31555 11 Mile
7:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 17

At tonight's meeting the council will consider introducing a zoning amendment for property east of Drake north of Grand River from One-Family Residential to Multiple Family Residential. Proponent is Kaltan Enterprises and the property owner is the YMCA of Metro Detroit. The parcel abuts the westerly boundary of Heritage Park.

Under unfinished business, the council will consider enacting ordinance amendments about: peddling and soliciting in the city, recovery of expenses for certain emergency responses, cost recovery for the fire department regarding emergency incidents involving hazardouz materials, and regulation of storage and use of hazardous materials.

Under new business, the council will consider requests for: two new Class C liquor licenses for Romano's Macaroni Grill and Chili's of Michigan; transfer of a current Class C license from MMR, Inc. (formerly Roman Terrace) to Copper Creek Golf Course; and adopting a resolution urging the state Legislature not to pass a bill amending the Michigan Pesticides Control Act.

The city manager will ask the council to consider green fees for the city-owned San Marino Golf Course.

Farmington City Council
council chambers
23600 Liberty
8 p.m., Monday, Feb. 17

The council will hold a public hearing on the 1992-96 Community Recreation Plan.

Also on the agenda are reports on: a maintenance program for Caddell Drain; a gift from Botsford General Hospital to establish a defibrillator program, consideration of changing the speed limit on Eight Mile Road, the FCC proposed authorization of video dialtone, and contractor and engineering payments for the city's sewer improvement project.

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