

Back in time



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Colony recreation: Jan Byron's fourth- and fifth-grade classes at Longacre Elementary did skits on colonization March 17-19. As a result, the school's media center became "Ferrington - Year 1702." At the right, weaver Christina Ford (top) and helper Sara Smith perform a scene from a play about early American occupations. On top, glass blower helper Scott Cave (left) and glass blower Bryan McCoy also perform in the play.

6 area boys attain high Scouting honor

Six Farmington-area Boy Scouts attained the rank of Eagle Scout, Scouting's highest honor, at two separate ceremonies recently.

On March 9, five from Troop 179 received their awards at a Court of Honor at Farmington High School. They are: Courtney G. Whittinger, Scott Evan Turbow, David S. Khanuja, Steven G. Dillard and Michael A. Moran.

In another Eagle Court of Honor held Feb. 21 at the Farmington Hills Branch Library, Joseph Lynn IV of Troop 283 became an Eagle Scout.

Troop 179's Whittinger, 16, is a sophomore at Harrison High School, where he is a member of the track and soccer teams. He is employed as a referee by the Farmington Hills Soccer Association. For his Eagle Scout service project, he planned, developed and provided the leadership for the building of a storage shed in Heritage Park.

Turbow, 17, is also a sophomore at Harrison High, where he plays soccer and tennis. He works at Buddy's Pizza. For his Eagle project, he planned and carried through a project that cleaned up a tributary of the Rouge River. In particular, he worked on a culvert that was backing up with water at the Adat Shalom Synagogue and the Westgate Civic Association. Khanuja is a junior at Farmington High. He has participated in

South Farmington baseball where he was named to the All Star Team the past five years and the Tournament Team the last two years. His project involved repairing, building, assembling and painting a coral fence at the Tollgate 4-H Education Center.

Dillard, 16, is a sophomore at Harrison, where he is on the honor roll. His activities include soccer, baseball, football and swimming. For his project, Dillard planned and developed the landscaping six parking islands at the St. John's Lutheran Church.

Moran, 17, is a senior at Farmington High, where he has participated in soccer, baseball and football. He has earned two National Fitness Awards and has won essay contests from local and state garden clubs. He is employed by the Farmington Community Library. His Eagle project involved building a flower garden at Heritage Park.

Troop 283's Joseph Lynn IV, a 16-year-old junior at the University of Detroit High School, where he is on the tennis team. He is a caddy at Franklin Hills Country Club in season and also works at Meijer Thrifty Acres. For his Eagle project, he organized and furnished the games during Family Day last May at the Community Center. The event was part of the 125th-anniversary celebration, and his games reflected that.

Hills approves connector improvement

Farmington Hills took another step toward completion of the Haggerty connector — the planned super highway that would connect the Oakland County's northern and western communities to I-96.

On March 15, the city council voted unanimously to spend an estimated \$41,250 to upgrade two traffic signals. That will be the city's share of extending the east arm signal on Haggerty to accommodate the proposed widening of 12 Mile just east of Meadowbrook Road in Novi to 500 feet east of Haggerty Road and improving the signal at the crossover just east of Haggerty.

Novi and Farmington Hills will share the cost of the signal improvements near Meadowbrook. Farmington Hills will pay the cost of the signal just east of Haggerty.

The first phase of the connector is under construction. It will provide ramps from I-275/I-696/I-96 to the existing interchange extended to 12 Mile.

The Michigan Department of Transportation has set April 14 as the target date for receiving construction bids, with construction to begin two months after that date.

Assistant city manager David Call said he expects the entire project to be finished in 1999 and this part of the project to be complete in 1995.

Heritage Park Friends meet

The public is invited to attend a meeting of the Friends of Heritage Park at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, at the Heritage Park Visitor Center on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads.

Gingerbread crafters are needed for the Heritage Holiday tour in December, according to Kathy Schein, who handles publicity for the group.

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