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FARMINGTON NOTES

Kids' Carnival coming

Calling all kids: There could be a carnival in your future. Free balloons, tarot card readings, pony rides and face painting are just a few of the activities to be held at the fourth-annual Kids' Carnival noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, at the Uptown Farmington shopping center, Grand River at Mooney.

There also will be a Say-No-To-Drugs contest and a visit by Miss Farmington at noon. Police officers and firefighters will be on hand with a robot.

Flag worth waving

Larkshire Elementary School in the Farmington District was presented with an American flag, flown over the Capitol in Washington, D.C., as well as a certificate, from the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The presentation was made to principal Al Lanigan, safety sponsor Neil Redford, and safety captains Joel Hordell and Scott Kleinow. Representing the Three Flags Chapter of the DAR were Mrs. Robert Kirsten, a Larkshire parent, and Dorothy Herrington.

She's a big winner

A Detroit woman who works in Farmington won \$5,000 recently on the Michigan Lottery's weekly television game show "Mega-bucks Giveaway."

Paulette Uddin, 32, who works as a clerk for the U.S. Postal Service's Farmington office, said she plans to share some of her winnings with her family. She also said she hopes to use the winnings for travel and shopping.

She was the only one of six game contestants to accumulate \$1,000 by winning cash prizes concealed behind the letters on the F-O-R-T-U-N-E game board. Her choices made her the automatic winner of the \$5,000 game prize.

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Garden therapy grows on residents

Garden therapy, provided by members of the Farmington Garden Club, is going great guns at the Farmington Hills Inn Assisted Living Center.

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Jan Krist, activity director at Farmington Hills Inn Assisted Living Center, has arts and crafts sessions for residents. But she admits it's a willing flower in popularity compared to when the Farmington Garden Club shows up for garden therapy.

"They got a great turnout for it," Krist said. "I'm doing arts and crafts once a week, but when they (Farmington Garden Club members) come, they really turn out."

For 11 years, garden club members have visited and guided residents through a day of craft making. Wreaths, wall hangings and other things from natural materials are made.

The process involves horticulture, flower arranging and conservation.

According to Farmington Garden Club member Pam Correll, all 65 members participate in the project from gathering materials, preparing kits to providing instruction.

Correll started the garden therapy program.

"This isn't a school room with a specified number in class," Correll said. "Our students come when they want to come."

The task is not easy. Some residents have difficulties with arthritis, vision and other ailments. However, they don't let it impair their creativity and imaginations.

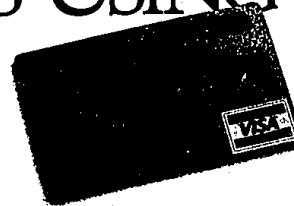
"I think it bolsters their self-esteem to make something that is of value to them, something that brightens their room," Krist said.



A wreath in the making: Celia Grossman, a resident of the Farmington Hills Inn, makes a wreath with members of the Farmington Garden Club.

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