

FARMINGTON
NOTES

Csapo's a new GM

Michael Csapo has been hired to fill the position of general manager of the Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County (RRRASOC).

Farmington and Farmington Hills are member communities, along with Novi, South Lyon, Southfield, Walled Lake, Wixom and and Lyon Township.

Csapo comes to the authority from the city of Novi, where he was the city planning director for several years.

"Mr. Csapo brings to the authority a background in planning as well as a thorough knowledge of the state's solid waste legislation," said a RRRASOC official.

RRRASOC is currently working through a public-private agreement with Waste Management of Michigan Inc. for the development and operation of a material recovery facility in Southfield.

When opened in October, the facility will process recyclable materials from southwest Oakland County and other parts of metropolitan Detroit. It will also host the RRRASOC administrative offices.

She's appointed

Molly K. Brennan of Farmington has been appointed by Gov. John Engler to the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports.

Brennan, a resources and planning manager at General Motors, is a Rhodes Scholar who was honored as one of the top two Michigan State University graduates of 1982.

She was named MSU's Woman Athlete of the Year in 1982 and was captain of the women's track team and the Oxford Women's Athletic Team in England. Her term on the state council ends April 16, 1996.

The council, created by Engler, advises the Department of Public Health and Department of Education in the coordination and development of statewide physical fitness and health programs. Items for Farmington Notes may be mailed to The Farmington Observer, 21898 Farmington Road, Farmington 48336, faxed to 477-9722 or dropped off at the newspaper office.

Cross-country journey to send cyclist wheeling



Rosemary Stumpo is about to form an intimate bond with her custom-built bicycle. The Farmington resident is leaving Saturday on a ride that will take her from Washington state to Maine.

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Rosemary Stumpo thought it was time she spoke out for herself . . . on a bicycle.

Stumpo will ride her Georgiana Terry custom-built bike from Washington state to Maine this summer. She leaves Saturday, June 4, for Seattle. The 12-week trip starts in Bellingham, Wash., and ends in West Scarborough, Maine.

"Part of it is I'd just like to say I biked across America," said Stumpo, 47, who is a Farmington resident. "At my age, it's doing something that's my adventure. This is my time."

There will be plenty of time, and miles.

Stumpo is riding as part of a tour organized by Cycle America, a Minnesota-based company that specializes in planning such trips. The coast-to-coast trek covering 5,000 miles is not a race.

Bicyclists take the journey in roughly a 75-mile a day pace, enjoying the scenery through the Dakotas, Midwest and Northeast along the way. Every seventh day is called a duff day, which allows bikers to relax.

The tour will take Stumpo through southern Michigan, stop-

ping in Whitehall, Holland, South Haven and Sturgis. She'll meet up with her husband of 24 years along the way.

The tour avoids congested areas, cutting a swath through several small communities instead.

Stumpo has been on bike tours of Michigan and Vermont. She looks on the experience as something of a renewal.

"I think you tend to become cynical about the big city," she said. "Once I get on the road, meeting people in all these communities . . . it kind of restores your faith in America."

Most of it comes in the form of hospitality.

They'll pull into towns and camp out near a school. In the morning, people in the community come by and fix them breakfast.

When they arrive in a new place during the evening, local organizations also provide dinner.

A van will trail the cyclists, carrying some personal belongings and supplies for the long journey. A mechanic is also available to provide assistance, though Stumpo has taken a bike maintenance course. She'll

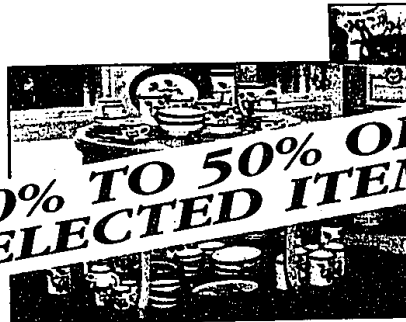
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Two-wheeled dream:
"Part of it is I'd just like to say I biked across America," says Rosemary Stumpo.

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