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Cheering them on: Young racing fans Eric Kozgarz (left) and Alex Gentile watch and cheer as the cars pass by on Sunday.

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corporate sponsors were Oldies 104.3 WOMC with their own Tom Ryan as host who good-naturedly piloted the WOMC cart into last place, Valvoline Instant Oil Change, Waste Management, MetroVision, the Northwest Gazette, Town & Country Dodge and Three Oaks Furniture. Waste Management took home the first place travelling trophy for this year by edging out second place Northwest Gazette and MetroVision, who placed third.

In the charity race everyone was a winner no matter where they finished. Valvoline Instant Oil Change took the first place prize money of \$500 for Farmington Families in Action.

Second place was secured by MetroVision with a \$300 check for Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Farmington.

Waste Management captured third place and \$200 for Team Farmington Special Olympics.

While not placing in the top three, sponsor Northwest Gazette and WOMC won \$100 for their respective charities, Farmington Area Philharmonic and Children's Hospital.

### Sponsors to be added

Gelman anticipates that those sponsors will be back next year. "Plus, I feel comfortable we're going to add another four or five sponsors," she said. "We have a lot of interest for next year, corporations and businesses that didn't have it in the budget this year."

Gelman plans to give sponsors plenty of lead time for the next race by having sponsorship packages in their hands by this September for the prize in August 1995.

There is no doubt that Dennis Page, owner of Page's Food &

Spirits on Farmington Road will be an active participant next year. He supported the Mini Prix this year by hosting a breakfast for the drivers, corporate sponsors and local officials. He believes everyone should learn to use their downtowns.

"I think it's good for the city," Page said. "Not every city is going to this much trouble to do something like this. They (other cities) are sitting back and waiting for everybody to come there... and they're still sitting and waiting."

Memories in Motion supported the community event by offering a display of classic cars and street rods for car enthusiasts. They had approximately two dozen cars on display at the Village Commons.

### Great for business

Farmington Downtown Development Director and official checkered flag-waver Judy Downey, felt the race was great for businesses on Sunday.

"This gave them the opportunity to have additional business," Downey noted. "Downtowns have to think of everything they can do to compete with the malls."

The city officials race was a big plus according to Downey and was reflective of the cooperation between the two cities.

"We're very fortunate here because Farmington and Farmington Hills not only shares services but they just have such a good working relationship," she said. "We're very fortunate to have that."

Racing dignitaries from Farmington include Mayor Arnie Campbell; City Manager Frank Leubhoff; City Clerk Patry Cantrell; Mike Wiggins, deputy director for the Farmington police department; councilmen Bill Hart-

**'It looks like all the council members feel pretty silly sitting in those cars. It's good to see that. It's kind of nice to be able to come out and see the council members and the mayor and everybody in person.'**

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sock and Dick Tupper.

The Farmington Hills race team consisted of Mayor Larry Lichtman; City Manager Bill Costick; Assistant City Manager Steve Brock and councilpersons Jon Grant, Cheryl Oliverio, Joanne Smith and Terry Sever. Todd Bates, son of councilwoman Nancy Bates also raced as well as John Donohue, attorney for both cities.

In the final heat of the dignitaries' race, Steve Brock edged out Bill Hartsock to capture the travelling trophy for the city of Farmington Hills until the cities compete again at the '95 prix.

Trophies were presented by Miss Farmington/Farmington Hills, Megan Smith, who will be a junior at Michigan State University this year majoring in music therapy. She had the opportunity to test-drive one of the go-carts after the pre-race breakfast.

"It was great," she laughed. "But I don't know if I'm ready for the course."

### Four generations attend

Carol Nathan, Farmington Hills resident since 1939, enjoyed the race and plans to support the downtown area at the race again next year. Four generations of her family attended including great-grandsons Alex Gentile, 6, and Adam Gentile, 3. All are Farmington Hills residents.



Keeping track: Jacquie Lantz uses field glasses to follow the race held Sunday in the parking lot of the Downtown Farmington Center.



Flag wavers: Judy Downey, director of the Farmington Downtown Development Authority, ends the race with a wave of the checkered flag.

"Our community is very supportive," said Farmington resident Carol Glyason. She, husband, Bob, and daughter, Heather, 21, were cheering for one car in particular, Team Farmington.

Heather is a member of Team Farmington Special Olympics and participates in many sports.

The Team Farmington Girls Basketball team, of which Heather is a member, was recently selected to represent the United States at the international competition next year at Yale in Connecticut.

Carol Glyason feels that their family, personally, and Special Olympics have received a great deal of support from the community in the past 17 years that they have lived in Farmington. The Glyasons are happy to return that support.

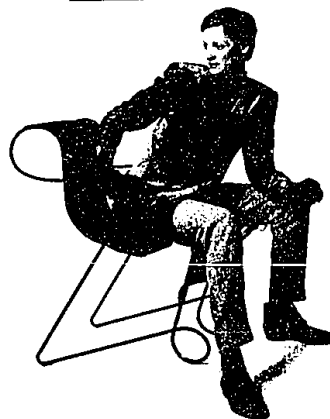
"It all goes hand in hand," she said. "There is no separation. We're all one. Working together is what makes it so wonderful. We feel very fortunate, very thankful to be here. We love it here."

That kind of enthusiasm and cooperation from residents, merchants and corporations is what Gelman hopes to see increase.

"There's a spark here that's just really starting to take," she said. "Eventually we'd like to see that once a month, there's something going on that's of a major scale. We want people to think of Farmington as a place to go to do things."

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A push, please: Farmington Hills councilman Jon Grant gets a push from Farmington councilman Dick Tupper before the start of the race.