

COMMUNITY LIFE

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DIANE GALE

This section celebrates your events

Welcome to Community Life. Each week the Farmington Observer features a column from someone different in the community. We will continue the same format established a year ago but now the column is moved up and easier to find.

Organization leaders have written about their clubs and nonprofit organizations to give readers a better idea of what's happening in Farmington and Farmington Hills and what you might want to participate in or tell a friend about.

Local residents have talked about such a wide spectrum of topics that some were bound to get your attention. We received a good response from this and plan to continue this format.

If you have an idea for a column, send us a note or call the Farmington Observer office at 477-5450.

The front page will also highlight a feature about something or someone unusual, entertaining or interesting in the Farmington area.

Inside, you'll find weddings, engagements, anniversaries, birth announcements and lots of other local news that was normally found in Section C.

If you'd like to try your hand at writing a column, call us at the Farmington Observer office at 21898 Farmington Road, Farmington 48338.

Teen wins modeling title

Derek Nelson has managed to keep his feet on the ground after winning a national modeling competition.



Derek Nelson, 17, recently dipped his feet in the rocky and fickle waters of modeling.

And a wave of excitement captured the Farmington Hills resident when he walked away this summer with the Talent America National Teen Model title.

"I was shocked, because I didn't think I would win," Nelson said. "I felt on top of the world. For a minute I felt kind of famous."

After the awards, about 30 people, mostly young girls, asked for Nelson's autograph and others wanted to have their picture taken with the new winner.

The competition was held in New York City, marking Nelson's first visit to the Big Apple and giving him a taste of a cosmopolitan city that he hopes to someday make his home.

"I want to go to college at New York University," the Farmington High School senior said, adding that a friend promised to land him a waiting job at a restaurant where celebrities such as Cindy Crawford go to eat.

The roller coaster adventure of modeling began last March while Nelson was working at Dejaix, a clothing store marketed toward teens and young adults in Twelve



Picture perfect: Derek Nelson, a senior at Farmington High School, recently won a Talent America modeling contest in New York.

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