



Ceremony in the rain: At left, a few raindrops didn't spoil the event for (from left) Marsha Malscheitt, member of the World War II committee; Farmington council members Richard Tupper and Mary Bush; and committee member Kathy Hall. They hold the commemorative flag that will fly above Colonial Car Wash on Nine Mile. Above, Ed McGregor, commander of the Farmington American Legion Post, watches the flags go up the staff at the Colonial Car Wash.

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'A grateful nation remembers'

Commemorative flag honors WWII veterans

The Department of Defense has designated Farmington and Farmington Hills as a World War II Commemorative Community.

Last Wednesday, a commemorative flag was presented at the Colonial Car Wash on Nine Mile Road for display. It's the first step on a rotating schedule. The ceremony was attended by veterans, their families and local officials. Music was provided by Farmington High School Band.

The program honors and thanks World War II veterans, their families, and those who served on the home front.

"We are pleased to have this commemorative flag flown at various locations in Farmington and Farmington Hills," Jack Curd, chairman of the 50th Anniversary of World War II Committee, told the crowd Wednesday.

"On this flag it says 'A grateful nation remembers.' Let us

honor today and always those who served in World War II."

The commemorative community program is a grass-roots initiative designed to encourage communities, cities, states, federal agencies, military installations, service/social and veterans organizations to thank and honor World War II veterans through commemorative events and activities.

The commemorative period lasts through Veterans Day 1995.

"No matter what our nation does to thank and honor this very special group of Americans, it won't be enough. We hope through this program we will be able to touch in some fashion the almost nine million living World War II veterans, no matter where they are," said Lt. Gen. Claude M. Kicklighter, United States Army, retired, executive director of the Department of Defense 50th Anniversary Com-

memorative Committee.

"It is equally important that we study this period of history and learn from its lessons. We must then reinvest this knowledge to ensure a safer and better world," he said.

Becoming a commemorative community was easy. Communities form a broad-based committee - ideally comprised of civilian and military leaders from state and local government, business, industry, religious, education, media, service/social and veterans organizations - and agree to organize three or more commemorative events or activities annually, during the commemorative period.

The nearest military activity, whether it be a National Guard, Reserve or active duty installation, is a good starting point for communities interested in the program.

Planning local commemorative

events and activities around significant national holidays such as Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Veterans Day provides an excellent opportunity to thank and honor World War II veterans.

Other ideas for commemorative events might include: wreath laying or tree planting ceremonies, dedicating or rededicating memorials, buildings, or streets, and conducting World War II musicals, concerts, variety shows, USO dances and plays.

Once designated as a commemorative community, communities will receive a Certificate of Designation signed by the Secretary of Defense, be authorized to use the two 50th anniversary logos for approved purposes, and receive special lapel pins for committee members and a Department of Defense World War II commemorative flag.



Salute to Old Glory: Sy Simonson, commander of VFW Post 2269 in Farmington Hills, and Ed McGregor, head of American Legion Groves-Walker Post in Farmington, salute the flag as it is raised at the Colonial Car Wash.

Dedicated to art

You gotta have art, they say. Well, you will Monday evening in downtown Farmington. The dedication of the 125th Anniversary Sculpture by Farmington Hills artist Kegham Tazian will take place at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 3, at the Farmington City Hall, 23800 Liberty Street.

Judith Ann Reppas, chairwoman of the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs, will speak at the event.

The work was commissioned in honor of the 125th anniversary of the incorporation of Farmington as a village.

Will 'Garbo's Glow' for her?

Robin Ray of Farmington Hills has been selected as a finalist in AAA Michigan's 14th-annual "Zero-Proof Mix-Off" and has a chance to win a \$500 first prize.

Five finalists will mix their non-alcoholic drinks for judges at a regional contest Thursday, Oct. 6, at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Dearborn. Drinks will be rated on taste, appearance and adherence to the contest theme - "A Holiday Holiday."

Ray's drink, which contains yogurt, bananas and raspberries, is called "Garbo's Glow."

The second-place finisher will win a complimentary weekend for two, courtesy of the Grand Traverse Resort. The third-place winner will receive a dinner for two at the Ritz Carlton.

Drink recipes from all finalists will be included

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ed in the 1994 "Great Pretenders Party Guide," distributed free statewide beginning in late November. The guide also includes festive food recipes and information for party hosts planning alcohol-free gatherings.

The Rays, Robin and Bill, formerly owned Ray Interiors in downtown Farmington. They closed that business about a year ago.

Memory Lane

From the Oct. 7, 1954, edition of the Farmington Enterprise:

■ Enrollment in the Farmington Township School District reached 3,536, an all-time record, according to Superintendent O.E. Dunckel.

■ More than \$600 was raised in the Farmington Blue Star Mothers' annual Blue Daisy Sale.

■ A "complete meal" built around roast beef, pork or ham was advertised for \$1.50 by the Farmington Dairy.

■ Gene Curcio caught a long touchdown pass from Gary Hamlin for the lone bright spot in Farmington High's 34-6 prep football loss to Berkley.

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Harrison strikes up band competition

The Farmington Harrison High School band participated in the 1994 Bands of America Midwest Regional competition Saturday at the University of Toledo Glass Bowl.

The event, hosted by the Glassmen Drum and Bugle Corps, featured 80 bands representing high

schools from Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, New York and Kentucky.

Preliminary competition began at 8 a.m., with an awards ceremony scheduled for 4:45 p.m. The top 10 scoring bands took part in the competition finals in the evening.

As part of the day's events, the

University of Toledo marching band, directed by Jamie Hafner, UT associate professor of music, performed. Toledo Mayor Carty Finkbeiner was also on hand.

Sponsors of the competition include the Yamaha Music Corporation of America and Pearl Corporation.

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