

She 'bags' prizes in competition

Lynette Kounovsky, 17, of Farmington Hills, walked away with a duffel bag full of electronics after nearly grabbing a medal, as one of six finalists in the 1996 Kroger Best Bagger Competition.

Kounovsky, who works at the Kroger on 12 Mile Road, plans to study social work in college.

"I like working with people," she said. "Kroger gives me a chance to help people every day."

The Kroger rookie didn't formally train for the competition,

but used her every day responsibility to prepare.

Kounovsky and five other finalists beat out hundreds of Kroger baggers throughout Michigan, advancing through individual store and zone competitions to compete for Kroger's statewide crown.

"Quick checkout is every bit as important as quality selection and competitive prices," Don McGeorge, President of the Kroger Co., Michigan Marketing Area said.



Winning style: Lynette Kounovsky shows her winning style at a Farmington Hills Kroger store.

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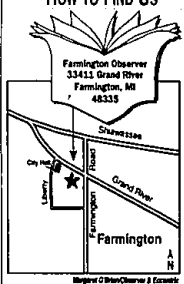
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Open house planned at new Botsford facility

Botsford Continuing Health Center (BOHC) will celebrate the grand opening of its new long-term care facility, 21450 Archwood Circle, Farmington Hills, on Thursday, Aug. 29.

The community is invited to attend an open house from 6-8 p.m. which will be highlighted by public tours, ice cream social and music provided by members of the Farmington Philharmonic.

"We're planning an event that brings both the residents and the community together to celebrate this milestone — as one of Farmington's long-time neighbors moves into a new home," said Linda Mlynarek, president, Botsford Continuing Care Corporation.

BOHC represents a "one-of-a-kind" approach to delivering long-term care that is sure to

serve as a model for other facilities in Michigan.

The Aug. 29 open house will showcase BOHC's features including dementia unit with secure outdoor wandering area.

The building is divided into "neighborhoods" with private dining rooms and enhanced emergency call system.

Together, the facility's features create a home-like atmosphere offering personalized attention.

Archwood Circle is located off Folsom Road, west of Orchard Lake Road, in the southeastern part of the city.

For more information about the Housewarming Open House or BOHC, call 477-7400.

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"her little corner of the world has always been a haven for injured or lost animals and unwanted pets."

The letter mentioned a Death Valley donkey, Angora goats and a sheep sled from the original Spicer farm as some of the more unusual occupants of the property.

Kangas had plenty of support on the city council as well. "It would be a tragedy not to accommodate this lady," said Councilwoman Nancy Bates. "I think the community is richer because of this lady."

With the present zoning, there is no way to accommodate a variance. This allows some exceptions.

Planning Director Dale Countegon said there was precedent for a variance so long as it did not endanger public health or property.

Councilman Jerry Ellis said that more than the current minimum 10-day notice be considered for neighbors.

In addition, the council is looking at increasing the area of notification of any hearing regarding a possible change, from 300 to 500 feet.

In other action, the council welcomed new City Manager Daniel Hobbs and new Councilman Jerry Ellis, and thanked former mayor Massie Kurzeja for her service.

Hobbs takes over for former City Manager Bill Costick, who left in February. His first day was Aug. 5, but he was officially welcomed by citizens at a reception before the city council meeting Monday.

"It feels real good being here," said Hobbs, who thanked Interim City Manager Kathy Dornan. "Kathy Dornan is a joy to work with."

Hobbs, who was one of 60 applicants for the job, said he became "very serious about the job" after only hearing the city and its government described with "superlatives."

Hobbs has already moved from Maryland with his wife Irma and three children, will earn \$100,000 a year.

Also new to the council, but not to the city, is Councilman Jerry Ellis.

The attorney was sworn in Monday after defeating Massie Kurzeja in a special election. He will take the seat vacated last November by Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi. Kurzeja was appointed to the post until the Aug. 6 election. She and Ellis were the only

candidates.

Dornan was recognized for her work as city manager while working on five elections as city clerk.

■ Unanimously approved a special assessment district for water main construction for Springbrook Drive north of Westmoreland to Brookview Drive.

The cost per home owner will be \$7,112.10 with 84.1 percent of the residents positioning for the improvements, which should be complete by December.

Approved the hiring of Metro Transportation Group, Inc. of Illinois and Market Opinion Research of Farmington Hills to complete a citywide traffic study.

Area resident attends convention

Jana Jensen of Farmington Hills, along with Young Republicans (18-40) from across the nation, will ride, "The Freedom Train" along Amtrak's Southwest Chief Route.

Departing Chicago's Union Station and continuing along a

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