

# School district seeks substitute teachers

Farmington Public Schools is accepting applications for substitute teachers for all district buildings and programs.

In accordance to a recently revised policy, the board will accept applicants for "150 Day Substitute Permits," which are issued by the Department of Education — upon school district request — to people with at least 90 semester credits of course work from an accredited university.

Pay rate for substitute teachers is \$73.10 a day. Preference will be given to people with previous teacher-related experience

# International Academy plans for incoming freshman class

The International Academy provides an alternative for Farmington Public School eighth-graders choosing a high school to fit their needs.

In its second year of operation, the Bloomfield Hills-based International Academy is a public school of choice for Oakland County students.

Information sessions will be offered 7-8:30 p.m. Jan. 3, 14, 16, 21, 23 and 28, at the International Academy, 1020 Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills.

On Thursday, Jan. 30, prospective students will be able to tour the facility. Deadline for applications is Friday, Feb. 7.

# Principal gets nod to lead state association

Forest Elementary Principal Katy Hills will serve as president-elect of the Michigan Elementary and Middle Schools Principals Association.

MEMSPA's membership is comprised of nearly 1,500 principals from across the state. Hill begins her president-elect duties in July. She'll serve as president starting in July 1998.

She is currently president of the MEMSPA Oakland County region.

# COUNTY NEWS

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week.

## FIRE

**In Farmington Hills:** Farmington Hills firefighters from Stations 2 and 3 responded to a small fire at a residence on Trestlin at 7:06 a.m. Dec. 17. The resident had put out the fire with a pot of water. A candle had been left burning on a window sill over the garage work bench and ignited the window ash and other items on the work bench. Damage to the house was \$1,000 and damage to contents was \$200.

Firefighters from Station 4 put out a house fire that had started in a garage on Forest Hill at 8:47 p.m. Dec. 18. Firefighters are investigating the fire that caused an estimated \$75,000 in damage to the house and \$40,000 to contents.

## THEFT

**In Farmington Hills:** A \$3,000 laptop computer, \$5,000 Compaq Armada computer and a \$200 modem were stolen from Burns and Wilcox on Northwestern Dec. 12-17.

**In Farmington:** A boy's BMW bike 97 worth \$500 was stolen from in front of Farmer Jack on the 22000 block of Farmington Road Dec. 17.

## BREAK-INS

**In Farmington Hills:** The passenger window was broken causing \$300 in damage to a black 1995 Pontiac Grand Prix parked at the Travel Lodge on Haggerty Dec. 16-17 and an AM/FM cassette/CD stereo and a cell phone worth \$1,000 were stolen.

## FRAUD

**In Farmington Hills:** A man and a woman traded in what seemed to be a paid-off 1997 Ford Escort as part of a deal for a silver 1997 Acura at Sunshine Acura on Grand River Dec. 13. The man showed a title indicating the Ford was paid off. He put part of the Escort's value as a down payment on the \$28,340 Acura and took \$5,900 in cash back. The Ford turned out to have a \$16,000 balance to Ford Motor Credit. A LEIN showed the man had an outstanding warrant from New Jersey for auto theft. The Acura has since been traded in on another car.

## DRUGS

**In Farmington Hills:** Police arrested a Redford man, 36, for possession of 8 grams of marijuana and drug paraphernalia in a red 1991 Ford Festiva on Eastbound Grand River at Eight Mile at 4 p.m. Dec. 17.

## DUNKEN DRIVING

**In Farmington Hills:** Police arrested a Hills man, 34, for driving a blue 1990 Pontiac Bonneville on Haggerty at Lancaster at 12:55 a.m. Dec. 18 while drunk. The car was speeding. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .16 percent. A level of .1 percent is considered too drunk to drive in Michigan.

**In Farmington:** Police arrested a Burnsville, Minn. man, 36, for driving a green 1994 Ford Taurus on Grand River while intoxicated at 12:28 a.m. Dec. 18. The vehicle made an illegal right-hand turn on a red light onto northbound Orchard Lake Road. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .14 percent.

## FAMILY TROUBLE

**In Farmington:** Police received a call from an Orchard Lake Road residence about family trouble resulting from a 13-year-old's refusal to go to the dentist Dec. 17.

## EMBEZZLEMENT

**In Farmington Hills:** Proceeds of \$2,800 at Wendy's on Orchard Lake had not been deposited on Nov. 27.

## INDECENT EXPOSURE

**In Farmington Hills:** Police are investigating an indecent exposure at Power Middle School on Rhonwood at 1:30

p.m. Dec. 4. Several students said that a classmate, 13, pulled down his pants during a seventh hour class.

## SECURITY INSPECTIONS

The Farmington Public Safety Department and the Farmington Hills Police Department offer free security surveys to residents. These surveys are conducted by either a police crime prevention technician or an officer, who will come directly to your house, condominium or apartment to evaluate doors, windows, locks, lighting, visibility and other security concerns. This survey takes approximately one hour and is followed by a written report with recommendations which includes diagrams and specific cost-effective instructions for securing various parts of your home.

Call the following numbers to make an appointment for this free security survey:

■ In Farmington Hills, call the Farmington Hills Crime Prevention section at 473-8640 during office hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., weekdays.

■ In Farmington, call Commander Charles Lee of the Farmington Public Safety Department Special Operations section at 474-4700, Ext. 250, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., weekdays.

# OBITUARIES

## RUSSELL D. LEWELLEN

Mr. Lewellen, 38, of Walled Lake died Dec. 17 of metastatic melanoma.

Born in Highland Park, Mr. Lewellen was a prototype cost estimator for Troy Design & Manufacturing in Redford. He previously worked for Wiegman Corp. and Positive Prototype, both in Troy.

Mr. Lewellen was a 1976 Redford Union High graduate and attended Oakland Community College.

He helped set the cost of the manufacturing prototype for the new 1997 Ford F-150 pick-up truck currently in production. He enjoyed bike riding and restoring cars.

Survivors include his wife of 15 years and

high school sweetheart Kimberly; grandmother Josie Peeler; parents Bettie Shanahan and the late Collum Lewellen; brothers Randy (Kim) Lewellen of Howell and Paul Lewellen of Farmington Hills; sisters Teresa Potter of Farmington Hills and Carol Lewellen of Canton.

Services were Dec. 20 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Ruth Overdier of Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church of Walled Lake officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

Memorials may be made to: Michigan Cancer Foundation, 18831 W. 12 Mile Road,

Lathrup Village 48076-9806.

## EMO L. TOGNETTI

Mr. Tognetti, 79, of Farmington Hills died Dec. 18 at Veteran's Administration Hospital in Allen Park.

Born in Calumet, Mich. on Jan. 13, 1916, Mr. Tognetti was a real estate agent. He lived in Farmington.

Survivors include: children Louis and the late Elaine Gordon; grandchildren Daniel, David, Damon and Brian; and sister Natalie.

Services were Friday at Charles R. Step Funeral Home in Redford with the Rev. Leonard Partensky officiating.

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Student performances will be presented in 20-minute intervals throughout the day on three stages.

Oakland Schools is putting this program together with local districts, including Farmington Public Schools.

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