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# COMMUNITY LIFE

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## CHAT ROOM



KATHIE O'DONOHUE

## One mother's laundry list of parenting perplexities

More thoughts on parenting...

No matter how long I work at this parenting job, there remain some concepts for which I have no explanation and feelings I cannot justify. Consider the following.

**Laundry room envy:** WHY do I yearn for a larger laundry room? It is surely a sign of mental instability setting in. I have actually felt the green blood of jealousy coursing through my veins whenever I visit a friend whose laundry room is more endowed, and that's practically everyone's. Salivating while touring several, I think to myself, "There's enough room here to set up a kid's bedroom in half the room. And it's still large enough that even the loudest sounds from

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## Her crown is community's jewel

Newly crowned Miss Farmington/Farmington Hills Jennifer Paige Hoemke won't be a stranger in the community during the next year.



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This much is certain about newly-named Miss Farmington/Farmington Hills Jennifer Paige Hoemke: Her crown

will make the rounds.

Hoemke, 23, won the Miss Farmington/Farmington Hills Scholarship Pageant July 9 and is already planning to carry a dog-eared daily planner during the next year.

The talented songstress will continue her work with Team Farmington Special Olympics and the after-school program sponsored by Children, Youth and Family Services.

Her biggest ambition is to visit schools in the Farmington district to teach workshops and to trumpet the arts to kids. Her platform in this year's pageant was: Cultural Advocacy Through Theatre Technique.

"I think she is going to be a great representative of the community," said Todd Lipa, who is a Miss Farmington Pageant board member and oversees Team Farmington and Children, Family and Youth Services.

"She's very genuine in what she's doing. When she's committed to something, I see nothing but hard work put behind it to see it happen."

Hoemke's ready to get started.

"Anyway I can get into the com-



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There she is: The new Miss Farmington/Farmington Hills Jennifer Hoemke, waving, with the first runner up Amanda Wasvary, left, and second runner up Tamara Teets. Hoemke was crowned at the annual scholarship pageant at Vladimir's in Farmington Hills July 9.

munity and help. . . I will," Hoemke said. "That's my goal is to get into the Farmington schools and discuss the importance of arts programs. We have an excellent arts program and I'd like to elaborate on that and tell kids the benefits of

sticking with the arts."

The 1992 Farmington High grad knows more than a little bit about the subject.

She was a member of the high school orchestra, marching band and choir. She also had performing roles

in school productions of "Music Man" and "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying."

At Wayne State University, where she is a performing arts major, Hoemke has performed in the popu-

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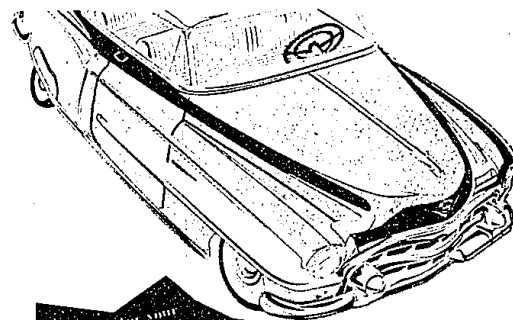
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