



Taking in strides: Carole LeBlanc (left), department secretary, and Christine Linemann, dispatcher, walk to raise money for cancer research.

Farmington public safety crew raises money for cancer research

A contingent of six from the Farmington Public Safety Department took part in American Cancer Society's Second Annual Relay for Life, raising a combined \$850 for the cause.

Walking nearly 10 miles each at the event, held at Rochester Hills High School, were Director Gary Goss and five members of his department: reserve Officer Jim Dale, Cmdr. Dan Dollar, secretary Carole LeBlanc, dispatcher Christine Linemann and detective Christine Schutz.

The team won awards for making the most laps and for being the best dressed squad. Their uniforms were highlighted by navy blue baseball caps and pinstriped baseball shirts, with a navy blue Old English "F" on front. To add a touch of humor, they took on a Groucho Marx persona by donning novelty glasses, comprised of plastic noses, eyebrows and mustaches.

Farmington Mayor JoAnne McShane attended, after making one lap around the track at the beginning of the event.

She credited the public safety team members for being "willing to volunteer they're own time for such a good cause. They're really special people."

Through efforts such as Relay for Life, the American Cancer Society this year is funding nearly \$100 million for cancer research.

— Tim Smith



By a nose: Farmington Public Safety Commander Dan Dellar gets into the spirit of the fund raiser with a pair of Groucho Marx nose and glasses.

OBITUARIES

GEORGE A. VIANE

George A. Viane, 87, died Aug. 25 at Botsford Continuing Health Center in Farmington Hills.

A longtime resident of Farmington Hills, Mr. Viane was an automobile service manager and the father of three.

He is survived by wife, Nedra; sons, Ronald of Macomb Township, Kenneth of Walled Lake and Charles of Farmington Hills; sister, Ann Colvin; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 29 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Dr. Anthony DeGrio officiating.

Memorials can be sent to Grace Chapel Missions and Ministry, 27996 Halsted Road, Farmington Hills, 48335.

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Funeral services were held Aug. 27 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Northville with the Rev. Thomas Lubeck officiating.

Memorial contributions can be sent to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 721129, Berkeley, 48072.

ROBERT LEE CURTIS

Robert Lee Curtis, 77, died Aug. 22 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

A resident of Farmington, Mr. Curtis was head engineer for the City of Detroit Water Board and a member of the Detroit Elks Lodge #34 for 47 years. He was also Chief Petty Officer for the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He is survived by sons, Alan Kumpula and Michael (Kathleen) Curtis; daughters, Susan (Donald) Oliver and Kim (Glenn) Liebowitz; 13 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Aug. 26 at St. Gerald Catholic Church in Farmington Hills with the Rev. Gerald McEnhill officiating. Arrangements made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.

Memorial contributions can be sent to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 721129, Berkeley, 48072.

BRIAN J. RINGE

Brian J. Ringe, 53, died Aug. 24 at Sinai Hospital in Detroit.

A lifetime resident of Farmington, Mr. Ringe was a computer analyst for Clark Oil Refining Co. and taught computer classes at Oakland Community College at night. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church and enjoyed golfing.

He is survived by wife, Sonia; and daughters, Diana and

Cable world turns as issues pop up

CABLE CONNECTION



KAREN COLLINS

process is ongoing.

We've been dealing with cable renewal. The cities of Novi, Farmington and Farmington Hills have extended our current cable contract with Time Warner until the end of February 1998 as negotiations continue.

There is so much involved in the process, with changing legislation, litigation and competition all having an impact on the process. We'll keep you posted.

Rate regulation has been an issue too. You may have read in our weekly Cable Connection articles that the FCC ruled Time Warner's Jan. 1, 1997 rate increase "unreasonable," ordering a refund for the expanded basic tier (Channels 22 and above, excluding premium channels).

But don't get excited, yet. Time Warner has filed an appeal and we're waiting for the FCC's response.

In the meantime, SWOCC is continuing its investigation of this rate increase for the basic channels (1-21) and we plan to reach a decision at our September meeting.

Hills manager to speak to interagency council

Farmington Hills City Manager Daniel Hobbs will address the Interagency Council of the Farmington/Farmington Hills at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, at the Longacre House.

The purpose of the Interagency Council is to bring together

You may have also been reading about Ameritech in the local papers — they've signed franchise agreements with more than 25 communities in the Metro Detroit area.

Last year, they made a presentation to SWOCC. We welcome competition and will continue to talk to Ameritech and any other cable provider who wants to come into our communities.

As far as Access TV is concerned, this has been a busy year for each of the cities and for community access. The studios are hopping and remote equipment is out on the streets.

Plenty of summertime memories were captured on tape at the Farmington Founders Festival and the Novi 50s Festival.

You'll see more programming on every access channel (public, educational and governmental) than ever before. Community TV producers and crew, keep up the good work.

Also, don't forget about our free TV production workshops.

Anyone who lives, works, owns property or a business, attends an educational institution or is affiliated with an organization in Farmington, Novi or Farmington Hills has access to INFO TV-12. Call (248) 479-7266 to sign up for an orientation workshop. They're coming up from 7-9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8; Thursday, Oct. 2; and Wednesday, Oct. 22. So call today!

Karen A. Collins is the executive director for the Southeastern Oakland Cable Commission. The next SWOCC meeting is 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30, at SWOCC. The next CAC meeting is 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9, at SWOCC.

leaders to discuss common issues, concerns, to seek solutions and to share information about events and activities in the community.

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