

Hills quiz questions answered

Editor's note: In connection with the city of Farmington Hills 25th Anniversary Celebration, the Farmington Hills Historical Commission is hosting a monthly trivia contest.

Here are the answers to the February version of the Farmington Hills Historical Commission's trivia contest. Look for the questions for March in Thursday's issue of the Observer.

1. Farmington Township, the villages of Quakertown and Woodcreek Farms became the city of Farmington Hills.

2. Robert A. McConnell was the first mayor of Farmington Hills.

3, 4, 5. Twenty individuals have been mayors; 14 men and six women — Robert A. McConnell, Fred Lichtman, Earl C. Oppenheimer, D. Keith Deacon, Joan D. Dudley, A. Janette Dolan, JoAnn Soronen, Donn L. Wolf, Jack G. Burwell, Frederick W. Hughes, Charles H. Williams, Joe Alkateeb, Ben Marks, Terry Sever, Jean Fox, Aldo Vagnozzi, Jon Grant, Nancy Bates, Larry Lichtman, and Joanne Smith. (Some were elected twice)

6. Fred Lichtman and Larry Lichtman were father and son mayors.

7. The old Township Hall was/is at the corner of Grand River and Farmington roads.

8. The present City Hall is at the corner of Orchard Lake and Eleven Mile Roads.

9. The fountain in front of the present City Hall was erected for the 20th Anniversary of Farmington Hills.

10. Heritage Park, Pioneer Park, Founders Park, Woodland Hills are parks in Farmington Hills.

11. Palmer Sherman, Luman Goodenough and Eleanor Spicer previously owned Heritage Park.

12. Farmington Hills officially became a city with the adoption of the charter on May 4, 1973.

13. The City of Farmington voted to not join the other three.

14. Farmington Hills encompasses 33.4 square miles.

15. The Farmington Schools consolidated in 1944.

16. There are 13 Farmington Public Elementary Schools — Beechview, Eagle, Flanders, Forest, Gill, Highmeadow, Hillside, Kenbrook, Lanigan, Longacre, Wm. Grace, Woodcreek and Wooddale.

17. There are four Farmington Public Middle Schools — O.E. Dunckel, East, Power, and Warner.

18. Farmington Public High Schools — Alternative Academy, Farmington, Harrison and North Farmington.

19. Catholic Schools — Mercy High School, Our Lady of Sorrows Elementary School, Our Lady of Sorrows Middle School and St. Fabian's.

20. A Lutheran School is St. Paul's Lutheran School.

21. A Jewish School is Hillel Day School.

22. The Boy's and Girl's Republic is located on Nine Mile Road.

23. Arthur Power is considered the founder of Farmington.

24. He arrived on March 8, 1824.

25. The first tree was cut near the corner of Power Road and 11 Mile Road.



Tundra toas: Because of the frigid temperatures, the groundbreaking was held indoors, with administrators, a parent and a student shoveling sand from small boxes.

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School. "We're really excited about it," FHS principal James Myers said. "In some ways, it's hard to believe it can be accomplished in a year and a half. But when the

new construction is done, that will allow us much more flexibility, more classes, different classes."

Myers said the groundbreaking was held inside, due to weather conditions.

There were 10 boxes of dirt lined up in the cafeteria and 10 golden shovels for the ceremony. Comments were made by Superintendent Bob Maxfield, sophomore Nick Ward and Cindi Heliack of the Parent Advisory and Booster Club. The parent group also provided homemade food for those who attended.

"It was a moment to celebrate," said Myers, who wore a unique hard hat for the groundbreaking — one resembling a cowboy hat. "That's because I always say there are two kinds of music, country and western."

At FHS, construction on the science wing will begin in April. To prepare for that work, portables were relocated from behind the school to the staff parking lot located at the southwest corner of the building and the ground was leveled.

At North Farmington High, principal Deborah Clarke said two portables were being moved. A 10-classroom wing is

in the works at the 13 Mile Road building.

Soon, construction equipment will be brought in, requiring re-routing of school traffic, Clarke said.

"We'll have to vacate the east side of the building as the primary source of parking"

and move cars to the south and west lots.

Meanwhile, Clarke also is excited that bond issue projects are about to begin.

"It's a real emotional feeling," Clarke said. "... It's the reality that it's starting. It's a dream come true."

According to Cheryl Cannon, assistant superintendent for business and finance,

"We're on schedule" with Phase 1 bond issue projects. "This is the time we thought that we'd be mobilizing. We are



Music man: Norm Logan leads the musical selections to celebrate the event.

moving portables" out of the areas where major construction will take place.

Cannon said most of the bids for Phase 1 have been awarded, with only a few remaining for Dunckel. Those likely will be awarded by the school board at its Tuesday, March 24, regular meeting.



Let's talk: Principal James Myers speaks to the groundbreaking crowd.

Farmington Musicales winners to showcase their talents

"The first place winners in the Farmington Musicales annual Awards for Musical Excellence competition will perform in a recital at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at Antioch Lutheran Church, 33350 W. Thirteenth Mile Road in Farmington Hills. The public is invited.

Vocal judge Barba P. rice gave first place to Andrew Campbell and second place to Nicole Martin respectively in the 11th and 12th grade division.

Honorable Mention was given to Kim Yoder and Natalie Myre. Margaret Wright was chosen for first place in 9th and 10th grade division and Kallie Fortune placed second.

String judge John Miller gave violinists Meredith Helfman and Emily Howard,

first and second place awards in the 7th-8th grade division.

In the ninth-10th grade division, first place was taken by cellist Julia Power, with violinist Jeffery Stocker received second.

In the 11th-12th grade contest, violinist Ari Shwayder was awarded first place and Anne Nagrant, also a violinist, placed second.

Honorable mention was given to Elena Spencer, Tara Sczyzielski and Jenny Lipson.

Wind, brass and percussion students were judged by Joann Berndt. In the 7th-8th grade division, she chose flutist Allison Gillham for first place.

Marimbist Jonathan Singer and clarinetist Seth Larson were awarded first and second place respectively in the 9th-10th grades with an honorable mention given to Firdosh Khambatta.

Jonathan Bjorklund, clarinetist, earned first place and a second place tie was awarded to Yoko Minowa and Anne Yarnhor in the 11th-12th grade division. Natalie Zien, Nick Pourcho, Leanne King and Elena Spencer received honorable mention.

For excellence at the piano, Barbara Woolf gave first and second place awards to Tasha O'Neal and Kobey Shwayder in the 7th-8th grades.

The ninth-10th grade auditions were won by Julia Siciliano, first, and Debby Chen, second.

First place in the 11-12 division went to Stephanie Muller and second place to Guime Odendael.

The Strey-McCallum Piano award, a special memorial piano honor, will be given to the outstanding pianist determined by the judge the day of the performance.

This is the second year the Barbara Hughes Memorial Scholarship will be given by the Farmington Community Band. It will be presented to the outstanding instrumentalist, also based on the performance the day of competition.

These awards are named for former members of the Farmington Musicales and Farmington Community Band.

POLICE AND FIRE CALLS

The following are police and fire incidents that occurred in Farmington and Farmington Hills during the past week.

BURGLARY

In Farmington Hills:

A \$700 mountain bike was stolen after a glass window was broken at Town & Country Bicycles on 10 Mile between March 6-7, causing \$150 damage.

A VCR and cellular phone were stolen from a mobile home at Sunset Trailer Park on Grand River March 12. An AM/FM cassette compact disc and 6-inch color TV were stolen after a latch was opened on another mobile home at Sunset Trailer Park between March 12-13.

THEFT

In Farmington Hills:

An \$850 refrigerator and \$250 Kenmore microwave oven were stolen from a home under construction in Arbor Park subdivision on Paddock between March 7-10.

Three pieces of gold jewelry, including

a cross with a depiction of Jesus on it, were stolen from an Ontago residence between March 8-9.

A deposit envelope with \$50 cash and \$2,480 worth of Medicare checks was stolen from the office of Michigan Allergy Associates on Orchard Lake and Leeward between March 6-11. Similar thefts involving fax machines and a TV have taken place at medical offices in that area.

About 30 compact discs, sunglasses and leather coat were stolen from a 1992 Honda Accord parked on High Valley Road March 9.

A \$1,200 digital phone was stolen from a man's coat at Lone Star Steak House on Orchard Lake and 13 Mile March 11.

A woman said her wallet containing credit cards was stolen after she went to Kmart on Orchard Lake Road March 12. The woman said a man bumped into her at the store and she noticed the wallet was missing after she went to pay for the items.

A 1,200 full-length mink coat was stolen from a guest's room at the Best

Western Hotel on 12 Mile March 12.

In Farmington:

A 55-year-old West Bloomfield woman told police someone stole her billfold from a desk in her office at Americorp, 33335 Grand River, between 8-9 a.m. Wednesday. It contained a checkbook, credit cards and about \$110 in cash.

ATTEMPTED BURGLARY

In Farmington Hills:

A Jefferson Street resident returned home to find a coat hanger jammed in a dead bolt lock in an attempt to break into the residence March 11, causing \$50 damage.

AUTO THEFT

In Farmington Hills:

A \$25,000 1998 Pontiac Firebird was stolen from a driveway on Verona March 10. The vehicle was later found in Pontiac intact. Police arrested a 16-year-old West Bloomfield male in connection with the theft.

A \$17,000 burgundy 1995 Suzuki Sidekick was stolen from Independence Green Apartments on Roosevelt between March 11-12.

VANDALISM

In Farmington Hills:

A passenger window was broken on a 1997 Olds Achieva parked at Best Western Hotel on 12 Mile March 10, causing \$150 damage.

DRUNKEN DRIVING

In Farmington Hills:

Police arrested a Farmington Hills man, 21, for drunken driving on Glenwild and East Meadowbrook at 1:28 a.m. March 12. Police found the 1994 Ford Thunderbird stopped but running at the intersection. The driver said he was looking for a compact disc, but officers could smell alcohol. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .15 percent.

Police arrested a Farmington Hills woman, 42, for drunken driving on eastbound Grand River and Pearl at just after 10 p.m. March 12. Police stopped the 1977 GMC pickup truck after it was weaving. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .12 percent.

In Farmington:

Police arrested a 39-year-old Livonia woman for drunken driving about 1

a.m. Wednesday near Grand River and Farmington roads.

The driver was initially stopped for speeding and improper lane use. She turned from southbound Orchard Lake Road onto westbound Grand River.

She did poorly on subsequent field sobriety tests. Her blood alcohol level was nearly .15 percent. A hearing in 47th District Court was scheduled for Friday, March 20.

POLICE ASSIST

In Farmington Hills:

Farmington Hills police helped Livonia police arrest two of three men involved in an auto theft March 12. Hills police joined Livonia officers on northbound Orchard Lake, eastbound Nine Mile and northbound Cora. The driver and front seat passenger jumped from the vehicle as it was still rolling while the backseat passenger remained in the car, which rolled and stopped when it hit a wall. Officers chased the pair to a wooden area behind Shilawasee where the two men were handcuffed and turned over to Livonia police.