

# Channel 8 cable program is a real natural

## CABLE CONNECTION



MARY LINDA CALDERONE

Do you know what the top three tips for backyard bird feeding are? Who is the unexpected guest who can drop in if you don't cap your chimney? What is the name of the City of Farmington Hills' butterfly and where can it be found? For the answers to these questions and more, tune in to "Nature in the Hills" seen exclusively on the City of Farmington Hills Channel 8.

Farmington Hills City Naturalist Joe Derek will take you on a "Woodland Hills Tour" and tell you everything you want to know about Backyard Bird Feeding, Screech Owls, Bluebirds, Birds of Prey and Composting and Mulching Leaves. These are just some of the topics highlighted

on "Nature in the Hills." As the city naturalist, Derek's job is to act as caretaker of the natural areas in our community where flora and fauna exist. Derek works with many groups like Friends of the Rouge, The Audubon Society, National Wildlife Federation and the DNR (Department of Natural Resources). And he's out and about in the Hills too, giving lectures on wildlife and animals to homeowners groups, Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops and schools. Would you believe Derek receives about 275 phone calls annually at the city, concerning nature and the environment?

Derek says, "Nature in the Hills" on Channel 8 is just another method of outreach. I've embraced to make our residents aware of what we have in our city. Everybody knows raccoons, possums, woodchucks and skunks inhabit our community but there are also some unique animals within our city limits

like white tail deer, gray and red fox, mink, badgers and coyotes. There are even many varieties of hawks and owls around. "Most people never see them," says Derek. "To see the owls, you have to be a night person. Usually, the people who notice the hawks have bird feeders. The hawks come to eat the birds that are there to eat the birdseed."

Are you one of those people who think our creeks and rivers are just drainage ditches filled with the occasional minnow, frog or turtle? Guess again! Derek informs "Nature in the Hills" viewers, small and large mouth bass, sunfish, northern pike and rainbow trout can all be found in Farmington Hills.

And you thought you had to go up North to see such animal and wildlife! All you have to do is look outside in your own backyard!

Are you a naturalist at heart? Do you have a concern or topic you'd like to see Derek cover on the show? Call Farmington Hills

Video Production Supervisor David Tietmeyer at (248) 442-7534 and let him know. In the meantime, stay tuned to Channel 8 for future programming on "Nature in the Hills" to include "Wildflowers of Farmington Hills," "The Canadian Goose Problem" and "Have your Pests Questions Answered."

Mary Linda Calderone is Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission's media relations specialist.

## Allegra era begins for area printers

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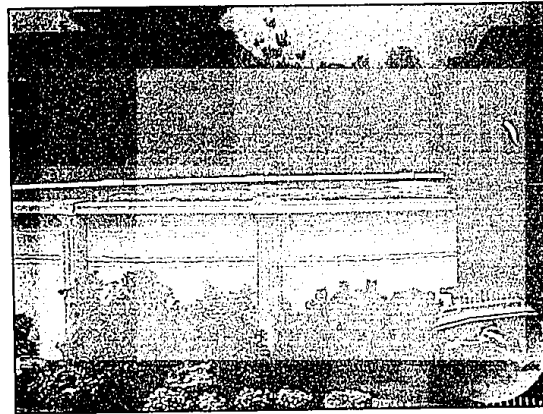
The Allegra Print & Imaging concept is redefining the printing industry through advanced printing technology, consulting

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## OBITUARIES

### NORMAN W. LANGEN

Norman W. Langan, 73, of Farmington Hills, died June 5. Mr. Langan was an elementary school principal in Farmington's Alameda and Beechview schools, from 1963 until his retirement in 1986. He also taught industrial education in Detroit schools from 1952 to 1963.

Mr. Langan also served in the 100th Infantry Division during World War II and earned a Purple Heart and a Silver Star.

He enjoyed golfing, car auctions, Big Band Music, old movies and watching sports. He lived in Las Vegas during the winter months and enjoyed playing poker.

He is survived by wife, Irene; sons, Norman and Todd; daughter, Kerri (Michael) Alexander; and one sister.

Services were held June 8. Arrangements made by McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills.

Memorial contributions can be sent to the American Heart Association.

### BRANT L. FUNKHOUSER

Brant L. Funkhouser, 73, of Farmington Hills, died June 6. Mr. Funkhouser was the owner of Pub Tool Corp. and a World War II Army Veteran. He enjoyed fishing and music.

He is survived by wife, Jeanne; children, Brant Jr., Susan,

David, Jim and Jack; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. today, June 11, at Graceland Cemetery in Valparaiso, Ind. Arrangements made by McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills.

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