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rounding communities. Bringing Foster to the center was Farmington Hills resident Michelle Fras. Her mom, Southfield's Theresa Yezbick, signed up her Apollo for the afternoon playtime session.

## Puppy club coming

"They seem to have a genuine love of animals," Fras said. She also liked the openness of things to keep the dogs occupied. "My husband (Matthew) and I also thought this would provide her some socialization."

Fras also couldn't help but explain how Foster got her name. "We're kind of her foster parents because we adopted her from the Humane Society. She was a stray."

When Fras decided to bring Foster to 4 Legged Friends, she invited Yezbick to come along, with Apollo, of course.

"She (Michelle) wished she thought of it first," said Yezbick, about the dog day-care center. "She loves dogs and she can't think of a better way to spend the day."

Thomas and Towns said they are so far averaging nine-to-11 dogs in a typical day. Plans are to increase business through special programs and events, too. Beginning in February will be a puppy socialization club on Saturdays, described by Towns as an opportunity for "parents (to) swap stories and pictures."

4 Legged Friends Daycare is at 33400 Nine Mile Road in Farmington. For more information, call (248) 474-4100.



**Oops: Accidents will happen. Kim Thomas does a little housekeeping because somebody got a little too excited.**

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## CARRIER OF THE MONTH: FARMINGTON

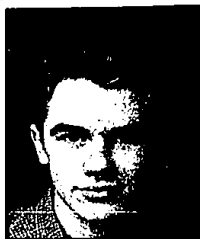
Dan Clay has been named January's Carrier of the Month for the Farmington Observer.

A Farmington High School ninth-grader and an A-student, Dan enjoys his Spanish, civics and CAD classes the most. He recently received the President's Award for his academic achievement.

In his spare time Dan enjoys

playing hockey, mountain biking and running track. He plans to attend college after high school and pursue a career in engineering.

Dan enjoys interacting with the people on his route and getting to know his neighbors better. He feels that it has allowed him to develop better social and management skills.



Dan Clay

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## FARMINGTON OBITUARIES

### ROBERT LADEMAN

Services for Robert Lademan, 76, of Farmington Hills will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 29, at St. Fabian Catholic Church in Farmington Hills.

Mr. Lademan was born in St. Clair Shores and died Jan. 25, 2001, in Royal Oak. He was a chemical engineer and a World War II Army veteran. He was also a charter member of St. Fabian Catholic Church in Farmington Hills.

He is survived by wife, Helen; children, Dr. Thomas Lademan, Susan Zavodny, Donna Haywood and Robert Lademan; one brother; and one sister.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

Arrangements made by McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills.

### RUTH D. WHITE

Services for Ruth D. White, 79, of Farmington were held Jan. 27 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. David Owen officiating. Burial took place at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia.

Mrs. White was born Sept. 29, 1921, in Detroit and died Jan. 23, 2001, in Farmington. She was a homemaker and a member of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by husband, Frederick; sons, David (Margaret) and Steven (Linda); daughter, Carol (Dennis) Dubuc; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 17220 W. 12 Mile Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48076.

## Senior tax help offered at Costick

This year's Tax Counseling for the Elderly program begins Feb. 2, and will continue through April 10 at the Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills and the downtown Farmington Library.

The purpose of the program is to provide free tax preparation service to taxpayers 60 years of age and over of low- to moderate-income who reside in the Farmington/Farmington Hills area. Both federal and state tax returns are prepared.

The following dates and times are available:  
 ■ Costick Activities Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile - Gate 4, Farmington Hills, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. every Tuesday through April 6 starting Feb. 2.  
 ■ Farmington Community Library, 23500 Liberty Street, Farmington, Noon-3 p.m. every Friday through April 10 starting Feb. 6.

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