

## 'Back to the Future' gives parents, residents a look inside Dunckel

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Parents and other community members recently had a rare opportunity — to check out what goes on during a typical day at Dunckel Middle School.

The "Back to the Future Day" open house drew about 50 people including parent Bill Clark of MKA Inc., the company contracted by the city of Farmington to manage the Civic Theatre.

"I'm here a lot anyway," joked Clark, whose son, Aaron, attends the Farmington district school. "But, it (the open house) seems like a neat idea. Especially for those who don't get here frequently."

After signing in with members

of the Dunckel Parent Advisory Group, which hosted the fifth annual event, Clark and a student escort went to an algebra class, to watch learning as it happens.

Visitors were also given the chance to tour the building, guided by student council members.

"This is to allow the people who support our schools to see their tax dollars at work," said Dunckel Principal Pam O'Malley. "And they're getting a tour from a student council member, sitting in a class, getting to see what's going on in a traditional day of instruction."

O'Malley emphasized that nothing out of the ordinary was put together to show the guests.

"It's just to have parents come in to the classroom and observe," she said. "I think parents appreciate that opportunity."

Vivian Honig, whose daughter, Jennifer, attends sixth grade, sat in the vocal music class and enjoyed what she heard. "It's a wonderful idea because we can see our children doing what they do on a daily basis."

Getting a tour was parent Lori Beyer, a teacher in the Redford Union school district. In the fall, her daughter will begin attending Dunckel.

"For a parent who has never been in the school, it really makes me feel at ease and comfortable knowing my daughter is coming here next year," Beyer said.

## RECREATION NEWS

**ADULT SOFTBALL**  
New team registration for men, women and co-ed softball is now being taken. For more information, call 473-9579.

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Registration is now being taken for two, three and four-person Co-Rec. Call 473-9579.

**CHESS CLUB**  
The City of Farmington Hills Special Services Dept. is introducing an all ages Chess Club. The first two meetings are 4:30-6 p.m. Tuesday, May 1 and 15 at the Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills. The fee for each visit is \$2. More Chess Club meetings will be scheduled if interest demands. If you are interested, please come to at least one of the meetings, bring your chess board, play a little chess and be prepared to share some ideas on how a Chess Club can be best implemented. Call 473-9592.

**BALLOON TRIP**  
Experience the adventures of ballooning on Wednesday, May

16. Sky Adventures and a certified air balloon pilot will provide an eagle's eye view of the country side with a touch and exchange hot air balloon trip, then stop for a bite to eat (food not included in fee). Landings are generally gentle, however, some can be quite rough. Passengers must be in good physical condition to participate. Pregnant women and children under 6 years of age cannot participate due to safety concerns. Vans will depart from the Costick Center in Farmington Hills at 3:45 p.m. and return at 11 p.m. Fee for the trip is \$110. Deadline to register is May 7. Call 473-9570.

**BASEBALL COMPETITION**  
Kids ages 7-14 can show their baseball skills at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 2, at Power Middle School and may end up at the Diamond Skills National Championship. Participants of this co-ed program will compete in batting, fielding, throwing and base running and must register at the City of Farmington Hills Special Services office by May 1.

Call 473-9570.

**IN-LINE SKATING LEAGUE**  
King of the Hills In-Line Hockey League season faces off June 11 and ends Aug. 10. Games will be played on week-end evenings at the Heritage Park In-Line Hockey Rink in Farmington Hills. Divisions range from 7-8 years of age to 17 and up. Individual player fee is \$60. Registration deadline is Friday, May 18. For more information call 473-9570.

**SPRING SALE**  
Sign up now for the spring clean-up sale being held Saturday, April 28, at Heritage Park Day Camp Building. For more information, call the recreation division at 473-9570.

**OPEN GYM**  
Get your exercise at the Costick Activities Center. Call 473-9570 for open gym hours. The cost to participate for residents 17 and younger is \$2, non-residents, \$4. It's \$3 for residents and \$5 for nonresidents 18 and over.

## Profile In Volunteerism



**Volunteer:** Stan Leeman has been selected by the Farmington Hills Police Department as their profiled volunteer in honor of National Volunteer Month. All volunteers were honored at luncheon held this week at City Hall.

## FHPD profiles Leeman during Volunteer Month

Each year as we at the police department get ready to celebrate National Volunteer Month, we try to profile at least one volunteer. It is a very difficult task as many of our volunteers are noteworthy.

However, one man in particular stands out. His name is Stan Leeman.

Stan has been with the Farmington Hills Police Department in a volunteer capacity since March 1992 and he has logged in more than 2,076 hours.

In 1961, Stan joined the United States Marine Corps. Discharged after two years, he went to work as an electrician for General Motors and retired 34 years later in 1991. He has a beautiful family that includes his wife, Irene; son, Stan; and daughter, Nancy, as well as four grandchildren.

Stan got interested in working for the police department as a volunteer with the Handicap Enforcement Program, after his mother-in-law read an article in the Farmington

Observer. He fondly remembers speaking at that time with Sergeant Cranston (now Lt. Cranston) about the program's pros and cons.

"Tickets aren't being written like they used to be," says Stan. "The system is working. People are aware of the Handicapped Enforcement Program in Farmington Hills."

Because Stan does not currently have a partner for the parking enforcement program, he does clerical work such as scheduling, making out the calendar for the handicap enforcement program, as well as other record keeping.

Stan likes to keep busy. When he is not volunteering here at the police department, he is working part time with City Traffic Engineer Kevin McCarthy, or gathering data. Stan's hobbies are golf and improving his computer skills.

The Farmington Hills Police Department is proud to have volunteers like Stan. When you see him in a city marked vehicle doing a study, or parking enforcement, be sure to give him a smile and a wave.

The Southwest Oakland Cable Commission will meet at 4 p.m. on May 8, at Farmington City Hall.

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