Wood Creek worker saves choking child

Paraprofessional Tony Fudge is slightly embarrassed by the attention and publicity he's received lately.

But others at Wood Creek Ele-mentary in Farmington say it is

well-deserved after Fudge per-formed the Heimlich maneuver Tuesday in the cafeteria and res-cued Rachel Warunkiewicz, a fourth grader, who was choking. Fudge was on lunch duty when he was summoned by a teacher and some students who told him the girl was having problems.

"She was choking on a lettuce stalk," Fudge said. "I just reacted. It was a long piece of lettuce."
Fudge said he learned his life-saving skills during the years he spent coaching college football at Los Angeles Valley Community College.

Rachel didn't tell Barry Nofzinger, a Wood Creek physi-cal education teacher, about the incident until after she per-formed a 10-minute jogging test later in the day. "Shee living large," he said. And apparently is no worse because of the incident.

MILITARY NEWS

Army Reserve Spec. OpeyemiAmoso Ajani has graduated
from basic combat training at
fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.
During the training, the soldier received instruction in
many areas of study, including
physical fitness, first aid, and
Army history and traditions,
Ajani is the brother of Moses
Olaniran of Farmington.
He is a 1999 graduate of
Michigan State University, East
Lansing.

FHS music program May 19

Contribute cans, bottles to

On May 19th, the Farming-ton High School music pro-gram will hold its annual Spring Bottle and Can Drive from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. behind the Farmer Juck Super Mar-ket on Nine Mile and Farm-ington Feads

for sheet music, uniforms, etc.
Students will be coming around door to door to pick up donations. If you're not home simply leave your contribution of bottles and cans on the new huith enter for ington Roads. on the porch with a note for The money raised will pay FHS.

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Other thoughts were also relayed which emphasized improving communication.

Though foreign-born students benefit from newcomer services, students who come from other towns in the country don't always know how to make the transition.

"Students who come from other towns don't always know how to make the adjustment," Mary Brown, assistant principal of Harrison High School. "We need to do a better job of getting them and their parents better connected."

Public Safety Director Gary Goss cited isolation in subdivisions.

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where it was difficult to get in trouble because, thanks to good communication among neighbors, his mother knew about anything he did before he arrived home. He now lives in a similar subdivision in Farmington with only 14 homes.

"I feel sorry for these kids because there are even two cops in the neighborhood," he quipped. "I'm not sure this is real prevalent in the community. We have become an automatic society. We pull into our driveways, automatically get into our house, automatically turn on our TVs, and automatically turn on our TVs, and automatically turn on our TVs, and sutomatically avoid our neighbors. We know more people through organizations like this than we know our own neighbors."
Farmington Hills City Manager Stove Brock said some people who complain play a race or cul-

tural card. "They say, "You are picking on me because..." Brock said. "That's very frustrating. It makes it hard to deal with the issue."

The Mc/MR council organized several programs throughout the past year. They included: Many Faces, One Future, Our Community's Heritage Festival; Kick-Off Rally with Too Ger Xiong, The Newcomer Immigrant Experience; Learning to Celebrate Our Religious Diversity; Rainbow Recognition Awards Breakfast; Student Forum, and Helping Our Community Better Respond to the Needs of Persons with Disabilities.

"I feel like I know you," Krich-baum concluded at the end of the meeting. "I feel like I can take any of you to any community where we are working and show that community Farmington."

AFS seeks Michigan families

Host families are needed for foreign-exchange students in the American Field Service program. AFS, a non-profit organization with more than 50 years of experience, is currently accepting applications for host families. Host families provide a bed, meals, and the same guidance and support they'd offer their own kids. Students provide their

own medical insurance and spending money. Host families receive help and support from AFS staff.

To learn about hosting oppor-tunities, call (800) AFS-INFO, go to WWW.AFS.ORG/USA, or con-tact local volunteers Rich Childs at (734) 453-4355 or Ann Steglich (248) 540-0144.

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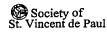
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