

C'ville enters high-tech world

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Despite some concerns over the company hired to do the job, Clarenceville School officials have approved plans to install a wide-area fiberoptic network that will connect the district's four school buildings.

"It really fits in with where we're headed with our technology," said Supt. Tom Tattan, referring to the recent purchase of new iMac computers for the elementary schools.

Business and Support Services Director Dave Bergeron explained the Board hired consultants at Plante & Moran to help design the wide area network, which will include Botford and Grandview Elementary schools, Clarenceville Middle and High Schools. The district office, housed in the middle school building, will also be affected.

Plante & Moran recommended

awarding the bid to Communication Infrastructure Resources, Inc., which is based in Northville, even though they didn't submit the lowest bid, Bergeron said. However, CIR's \$76,800 proposal included what he called "make ready" costs for permits and issues dealing with utility companies.

A \$76,605.49 bid from Western Tel Com budgeted \$6,376, leaving the district responsible for any costs above that. Those costs can range into five figures, Bergeron said, because they aren't known until the company actually begins its work.

Board chair Matthew Boettcher expressed concern over CIR's small size. Founded in 1997, the company has four employees and had gross sales last year of \$406,000. By comparison, Western Tel Com, in business 15 years, had \$9.3 million in sales and employs 25 people.

"With only four employees, are they going to have enough people

to do the work?" Boettcher asked.

"Plante Moran thinks they'll be better able, because they're familiar with projects our size," Bergeron replied.

While Western Tel Com offered a longer warranty on the cable, Bergeron said he was told by Plante Moran consultant Jim Phipps that if it lasted the first year, it would last a hundred years. Both companies offered a one-year labor warranty.

"You're absolutely happy with this bid?" Board member Bryan Bentley asked.

"Yes," Bergeron replied.

Officials waived their regular three-bid process to award the contract Thursday. Tattan said new telephones would be installed in the district office and the schools. The new system, which should be in place sometime this summer, will result in new phone numbers for all buildings.

Jaycees website offers news, forms for community

Farmington Area Jaycees officially launched their new website at the beginning of the new year.

The Jaycees invites all residents to check out the website at www.fajc.org. The site provides information about the Jaycees - who they are and what they do, particulars on upcoming community service projects and social activities, photos of previous events and projects, and an online form to request information on how to join to the Jaycees.

A brand new feature to the website is an online community survey, a chance for residents to suggest ideas for community projects.

The Farmington Area Jaycees

is an organization for people ages between 21 and 39 offering individual development, community service, and social activities. This Jaycee Chapter, for over 55 years, has hosted a wide variety of projects to benefit the Farmington/Farmington Hills community, including Holiday Tree Lighting at Warner Mansion, Children's Shopping Spree, Spring Egg Hunt at Heritage Park and Thanksgiving Baskets.

The Jaycees also have social and personal growth activities, such as: movie nights, wine/beer tastings, softball, financial seminars, and get-togethers. For more information, call (248)-477-JCCS or send e-mail to info@fajc.org.

Attention!
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There's still time to enter our "Lessons in Love" contest. Just describe your idea of a romantic evening for two in 100 words or less. The winner receives a night out on the town Friday, Feb. 8, that includes two Red Wing tickets, dinner for two at Cafe Corino, limousine service, candy and flowers.

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FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS - PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

TECHNICAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM 2002-2003

Each year the Farmington Public Schools offer Technical programs at Farmington (FHS), Harrison (HHS), North Farmington (NFHS) High School and at the Oakland Technical Center Southwest Campus (OTC-SW) in Wallis Lake. Within the District a shuttle bus transports students from their high school to another building. No class time is lost.

These programs are designed to prepare youth for a broad range of employment and continuing education opportunities. They are offered under the guidance of certified instructors, counselors and cooperative education coordinators. The curriculum is technologically up to date, the equipment is representative of the "state of the art" in business and industry and the laboratories are of optimum size appropriately designed.

If a program is offered at OTC-SW and at the home high school, students are asked to enroll in the home high school for the first year and then transfer to OTC-SW for the advanced program during the second year. Transportation is provided to OTC-SW.

Listed below are the programs being offered this year, their location and their prerequisites. Please refer to your course description book for a complete listing of courses.

PROGRAM	LOCATION	PREREQUISITE
Marketing I	FHS-HHS-NFHS	NONE
Marketing & Store Operations	FHS-HHS-NFHS	NONE
Medical Skills (Science Credit)***	FHS-HHS-NFHS	NONE
Word Processing	FHS-HHS-NFHS	Keyboarding/Word Processing
Computer Applications	FHS-HHS-NFHS	Word Processing or Computer App.
Desktop Publishing	FHS-HHS-NFHS	Auto Mechanics or Auto Care
Automotive Technology***	FHS-HHS-NFHS-OTC-SW	NONE
Material Engineering	FHS-NFHS	NONE
Construction Systems (CAD) Architectural**	FHS	NONE
(CAD) Engineering**	FHS-HHS-NFHS	Technical Drafting or TECH Draft & Design
Visual Imaging Technology (Printing)*	FHS-HHS-NFHS	Publications/Proc. or Communications Technology 1
Visual Imaging (CAD) Drafting Engineering	FHS	NONE
Computer Repair and Networking Technology	OTC-SW	NONE
Heavy Equipment and Trucking Technology	OTC-SW	NONE
Marketing	OTC-SW	NONE
Collision Repair Technology	OTC-SW	NONE
Business Services Technology	OTC-SW	NONE
Health Sciences/Medical	OTC-SW	NONE
Floral	OTC-SW	NONE
Agriscience	OTC-SW	NONE
Culinary Arts/Hospitality	OTC-SW	NONE
Agriscience Greenhouse/Landscape	OTC-SW	NONE
Welding and Fabrication Technology	OTC-SW	NONE
Manufacturing Technology	OTC-SW	NONE

*First year of course must be taken at home high school, if offered.
**Prerequisites may differ depending on course offerings at each building.

LIFE MANAGEMENT CURRICULUM

The life management curriculum (formerly home economics) includes courses designed to help students more effectively cope with and manage their lives in a technological society. The curriculum is futuristic, the facilities are well equipped and the instructional staff is certified and well qualified. The following semester courses are offered at each of the high-schools unless otherwise noted:

COURSE	PREREQUISITE	GRADE
Child Development/Parenting	NONE	10-12
Childhood Education Seminar (NFHS)	Child Development	11-12
Fashion Design	NONE	9-12
Teen Issues	NONE	9-10
Family Sociology	NONE	11-12
Nutrition	NONE	9-12
Housing/Interior Design	NONE	10-12
Personal Finance	NONE	11-12
On Your Own	NONE	12

For Specific Information about the above programs, you may call the Guidance Office at the respective building. Farmington High School (489-3447), Harrison High School (489-3504) and North Farmington High School (489-3561). In keeping with the Farmington Board of Education policy on non-discrimination, students have equal access to all technical and life management programs regardless of race, religion, handicap, color, sex, or national origin. In addition, the lack of English language shall not be a barrier to admission or participation. For general information about these programs, contact Terry Kleczka, Director, Applied Technology & Career Development, 30415 Shawnae, Farmington (489-3360). Inquiries concerning equal opportunities on the basis of sex should be directed to Susan Zurnvale, Title IX Coordinator, 32500 Shawnae, Farmington (489-3356). Questions concerning equal opportunities for the challenged should be directed to: Lynne Noels, Section 504 Coordinator at 33000 Thomas, Farmington (489-3388). Inquiries concerning discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin may be directed to Larry Lobert, Title VI Coordinator, 32500 Shawnae, Farmington, MI (489-3387).

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