

# FPS urges gun owners to lock up

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Got a gun? Get a lock.  
Got 10 guns? Get 10 locks.  
There's no limit.

The Farmington Public Safety Department has 200 free firearm safety kits for local residents through a partnership with Project HomeSafe, a nationwide firearms safety education program.

The safety kits, which include a gun lock, are now being distributed at the front counter of the public safety department.

Project HomeSafe, a program of the National Shooting Sports Foundation, expects to distribute more than three million firearm safety kits throughout the country during the year. The program receives funding from the shooting sports industry and through a grant from the U.S.

Department of Justice.

"We encourage residents to pick up a Project HomeSafe safety kit so that they can securely store their firearm," said Farmington Commander Robert Schulz. Each kit contains a cable-style gun lock with literature on how to use it.

"The locks fit on most types of handguns, rifles and shotguns," Schulz said. "The goal is to prevent a child or any other unauthorized person from accessing a firearm in your home."

Project HomeSafe has developed partnerships in all 50 states and two U.S. territories, Schulz said.

Besides the 200 locks from Project HomeSafe the department also has 800 additional lock kits, Schulz said. All are free.

For more information, call Schulz at (248) 474-4700.

# OL Pet Resort named area favorite

The Orchard Lake Pet Resort, formerly known as Groomingtails, has been named an Oakland County favorite once again by FOX2 and Oakland Style magazine.

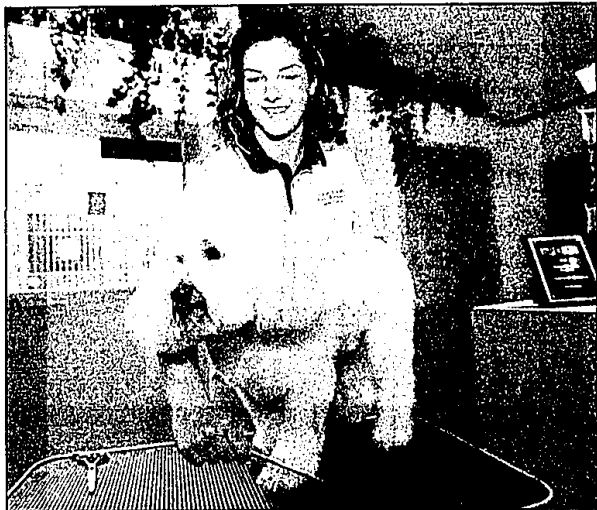
Farmington Hills resident Natalie Gordanier, 18, is the owner.

"Our facility was designed to be client, pet and employee friendly," she said. "We have been open seven days a week for over a year now providing expanded boarding and grooming services. The business continues to grow beyond our wildest expectations."

The facility recently moved to 29229 Northwestern Highway in Southfield.

According to Natalie's parents, Mark and Jean Gordanier, the young woman approached her parents about getting into the pet business as part of a home school project at the age of 12.

Her parents plan to retire and turn over the business to their other two children once each turns 18.



A cut-above: Natalie Gordanier trims one of her clients at her business, the Orchard Lake Pet Resort in Southfield.

## INKWELL

### WARNER STUDENTS WIN

Three students from Warner Middle School in Farmington have been named local winners in the 33rd annual America and Me Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.

The three students are Beth Barrows, first; Danielle Kaplan, second; and Amalia Tolios, third place.

All three received award certificates for their achievements.

As the first-place winner, Bar-

rows' name will also be engraved on a plaque for permanent display in the school.

Her essay now advances to the state level competition, from which the top ten essays in Michigan will be selected. The top ten statewide winners, who will be announced in April, will receive plaques, cash and U.S. Savings bonds valued from \$500 to \$1,000.

In addition, the top 10 essayists will be honored at a banquet

in Lansing, meet with Michigan's top governmental leaders and be the featured guests at a Lansing Lugnuts minor league baseball game dedicated in their honor.

Several thousand eighth grade students from nearly 525 Michigan schools participated in the 2001-2002 America and Me Essay Contest, which was con-

ducted with the help of Farm Bureau Insurance agents across the state.

The topic of this year's contest was "Why I Am Grateful to America's Veterans."

Started in 1968 and open to all Michigan eighth grade students, the contest encourages Michigan youngsters to explore their role in America's future.

# Nursery school hosts speaker on learning

Nardin Park Community Nursery School will host speaker Meghan Battle, youth services coordinator from the Farmington Community Library, at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 2. The topic will be Reading and Language Devel-

opment. This lecture is open to the public.

Nardin Park Community Nursery School is located at 11 Mile and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills within Nardin Park United Methodist Church.

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## RECREATION NEWS

The following is a list of recreational activities offered through the city of Farmington Hills. For information about any of these events, call (248) 473-1800:

### SOFTBALL/SAND VOLLEYBALL

Team registration for adult softball and sand volleyball is now being accepted. Call for more information on men's, women's and Co-ed leagues.

### FRIDAY NIGHT MADNESS

Kids ages 6-12 can go mad at the Costick Center from 7-10 p.m. There will be swimming, snacks, dinner, movies and plenty of games! The next night is May 17. The cost is \$10 per person and you must pre-register at Farmington Hills Recreation Division by 4:30 p.m. on the day of the event.

### IN-LINE HOCKEY LEAGUE

King of the Hills In-Line Hockey League eight game season begins June 17 and ends Aug. 14. Games will be played on weekday 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 \$50. Registration deadline is Friday, May 17.

### BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Enjoy a night of music from four different bands at 7 p.m. Friday, May 10 at the Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills. There will also be games, contests and prizes from Guitar Center and Axis Music. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Costick Center for \$5 or at the door for \$8. Call (248) 473-1805.

### AMISH COUNTRY

Take a trip to the Amish Flea Market in Shipshewana, Ind. The trip includes transportation and a family style dinner at the Das Dutchman Essenhaus. Trip dates are June 26 and Aug. 7. Price is \$55 per person and pre-registration is required.

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