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OUR TOWNS

Father's Day CONTEST

Picture Dad!
We're celebrating Dad this year with a special contest. Send us a favorite photograph of you and your Dad with a short caption, explaining why it's your favorite (funny, sentimental or just interesting). We'll hold a drawing of all entries and award the winner with four tickets to the Ford Senior Players Championship at the IPC in Dearborn, good for your choice of any one-day visit July 7-13. Pro golfers expected to compete in this PGA Champions Tour major include Jack Nicklaus, Hale Irwin, Tom Watson, Ray Floyd, Tom Kite, Fuzzy Zoeller and "rookie" Craig Stadler. All tickets include free parking and shuttle. Ford will expand its Centennial Celebration by featuring classic cars on the course, and a concert Saturday, July 12. To enter, send your photo to:
Farmington Observer
Jonl Hubred
33411 Grand River
Farmington, MI 48335
All entries are due by 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 11. Even if your name isn't selected for a prize, you'll have a chance to show Dad how much he means to you. Look for your photo with Dad on Father's Day, Sunday, June 15.

Senior Players CHAMPIONSHIP

Father's Day

The Longacre House of Farmington Hills will host a Father's Day Brunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday June 15.

Brunch will include a variety of breakfast foods, fresh fruit, lunch foods such as carved roast beef, chicken moutarde, potatoes, vegetables, dessert station and more.
To make reservations call (248) 477-8044.

Health Fair

Sunrise Assisted Living, 29681 Middlebell in Farmington Hills, will host a health care fair for adults and seniors from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, June 28.

Screenings will be offered for blood pressure, cholesterol, bone density, hearing and respiratory function. Lectures on various health care topics will also be presented.
Call (248) 538-9200.

Voters take to the polls

Farmington and Clarenceville school district voters will go to the polls Monday to elect school board members.

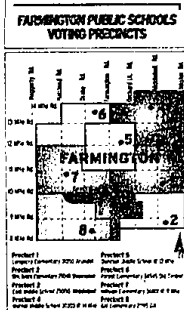
Farmington voters have three choices on the ballot to fill one vacant position: Karen Bolsen, Cheryl Swain and John Goshorn. So far, 154 absentee ballots have been submitted, said Judy Steinhebel, who works for Farmington Schools.

In 2001, more than 700 absentee ballots were received, but Steinhebel noted there was a millage proposal on the ballot that year.

Turnout is usually about 2-3 percent among the district's 59,700 registered voters. For information, call the district office, (248) 489-3341.

In Clarenceville, board members Matt Boettcher and Sharon Simpson are running unopposed. School officials expect a very low voter turnout. Clarenceville has just two voting precincts.

Voters in Precinct 1 vote at Clarenceville Middle School, which is on Middlebelt between



Six Mile and Seven Mile.

Voters in Precinct 2 vote at the high school, which is across the street from the middle school. Call the district office, (248) 473-8900. Polls in both districts are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Voter participation group targets graduates

BY SUE BUCK
STAFF WRITER

The City of Farmington Hills Committee to Increase Voter Participation wrote graduating seniors at all Farmington high schools for the first time this year, encouraging those who are 18 to register and vote in upcoming elections.

The committee sent letters to students' homes.

Students who are registered voters can vote in Monday's school board election.

The Farmington Hills mayor Aldo Vagnozzi and council members voted April 26, 1976 to form the committee, which was an idea promoted in a letter by now state Rep. Vagnozzi, said Kathryn Dorman, Farmington Hills City Clerk and staff liaison.

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Call to Action

Farmington Hills police chief Bill Dwyer (pictured), spoke at a press conference this week to announce a combined effort by his department, the Farmington Public Safety Department and Call to Action Coalition, to get tough with kids who are caught drinking. For the story, turn to page A3.

Neighborhood grocery store to close doors

BY SUE BUCK
STAFF WRITER

Customers, nearby businesses and city officials learned this week that the Orchard-10 IGA, a long-time neighborhood grocery store located at 24068

Orchard Lake Road in Farmington, is expected to close by the end of the month.

For many, the word came as a surprise. "That's news to me," said Farmington City Manager Vince Pastue when con-

tacted Thursday. "We lost our lease," said Dan Lossia, co-owner/operator with Sam Denha. "The landlord doesn't want to renew it."

Signs throughout the store said beginning June 6 everything in the store

would be offered at a 25 percent discount.

A large window sign, already becoming curled and detached Friday read: "Lost our lease, 25 percent off everything."

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Longacre House's future is uncertain

BY PAUL R. PACE
STAFF WRITER

The future of the historic Longacre House in Farmington Hills appears uncertain as a power struggle over its procedures and operations has brewed to a climax in the past two weeks.

At odds are the house's executive director and the board of directors, who themselves appear divided as to whether the board itself is legitimate.

The conflict involved the police Thursday as board Treasurer Ray Okonski appeared at the Longacre House with a locksmith to change the locks and issue a termination letter to Executive Director Denise Thweyes.

According to the report, Thweyes called police

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Tom Hale attends to detail on an automotive-themed creation.

Hills artist donates work to Duesenberg museum

BY PAUL R. PACE
STAFF WRITER

Farmington Hills artist Tom Hale has given one of his most prestigious pieces of artwork to the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum in Auburn, Ind.

His donated work, Chrome, which focuses on the fender and headlight of a classic Duesenberg, is well-known in classic car collector circles. It is the only automotive

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