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HOPE YOU'RE hungry. That's because "Taste of Farmington" is coming. Delicacies from 10 local restaurants will be featured in a benefit for the Farmington-Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce and the Farmington Community Center. The \$3 tickets must be bought ahead of the event, slated for Wednesday, Sept. 18 at the community center. Call 474-3440 or 477-3464.

ANNE MARIE FAZZIO of Farmington Hills received a degree in business administration from Western Michigan University in commencement ceremonies Aug. 24.

BENJAMIN R. CARTER, an accountant from Farmington Hills, has been promoted to senior consultant in Management Consulting Services at Pianta & Moran, certified public accountants and management consultants. Carter holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan.

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS SYSTEMS (EBS), a Michigan distributor for Contel CADO computer systems, has opened a full sales and service office in Farmington Hills. Located at Halstead Commerce Park off Halstead near Grand River, EBS sells and supports turnkey computer systems to businesses.

CHANNEL 7'S ROB KRESS and his wife, Carolyn, have recently opened their new "Trends America Hair Studio" in the Drake Plaza on Grand River in Farmington. Both are Farmington Hills residents. Carolyn, a lifelong resident, attended Farmington High School before earning her bachelor's degree in business administration.

LYLE D. HARBIN, a marketing authority and executive in factory automation, has joined Medar Inc. as vice president of marketing and sales. He comes to the Farmington Hills-based company from positions as vice president of worldwide marketing for both the machine vision company, View Engineering, and, before that, the Industrial Robot Division of Cincinnati Milacron. The University of Cincinnati alumnus is a former member of the boards of directors of the Robot Industries Association and the Automated Vision Association. He is also active in Robotics International of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers.

HE PAID \$800 for butter. Michael Lessall of Casey Publishing Co., Farmington Hills, purchased blue-ribbon butter at the recent Michigan State Fair for the second year in a row for a record-breaking \$800 during the Youth Market Livestock Auction. The butter, produced by the Michigan Milk Producers' Association, Milk Products Division of Constantine, was named "Best Butter" earlier in the week during the dairy food product judging.

TRANSPORTATION IS needed for the Dirty Deeds during Tag Days, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 26-27. The group consists of four from each Farmington high school, travel through the two cities, stopping at supermarkets and shopping centers to play and liberally drum up business for contributions to support the school marching bands. Any vehicle that can hold the uniformed members and their instruments for the crowd will be rewarded by Jerry W. 474-6171, or Lyla V. 474-1172.

Know someone doing something worthy? Let us know. Write: Farmington Focus, Farmington Observer, 32303 Grand River, Farmington Hills. Please include a daytime telephone number.



JERRY ZOLYNSKY/staff photographer

Farmington Hills City Manager William Costick feels fortunate to be part of such a fast-growing, community-minded suburb.

Shaping a community

City manager exhibits pride in Hills' growth

By Lisa Simon
staff writer

The '85 black Pontiac is often the first car in and the last car to leave Farmington Hills City Hall.

It belongs to William Costick, who in June celebrated his first year as Farmington Hills city manager.

A soft-spoken man with an infectious grin and a nurtured streak of optimism, Costick works hard at, and openly loves, his job.

"I'm very fortunate to be where I am today," he says. "I'm very upbeat about everything."

But that optimism apparently has a basis. "It amazes me how the population is so fired up about Farmington Hills."

Born on Detroit's east side and raised in St. Clair Shores, Costick, 42, was first turned on to city government as a senior at Lake Shore High School when he was elected to a mock city council at the school's student government day.

Still

"I GOT A real taste for local government and what it's all about," Costick recalls. "That was the beginning I guess."

But first he spent three years after high school as an apprentice carpenter while studying the craft at Macomb Community College. It turned out to be useful for city management, giving him a thorough understanding of building codes and

trends.

Still working part-time as a carpenter, he earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Michigan State University in 1986 with a concentration in public administration, urban planning and public finance. Ten years later, he completed a master's degree in community resource development, also at Michigan State University.

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Weather: from his house to yours



Rob Kress forecasts from his Farmington Hills backyard.

By Joanne Maliszewski
staff writer

"The rumble of thunder... there it is. Well, the thunderstorms right now are running in the Detroit area. Two-and-a-half inches of rain reported in Genesee County. You can look for this rain just to float over the Detroit area in the next few hours. Right now we have 78 degrees downtown. If you haven't looked out of the window, take your umbrella. From the WXYT Weather Service, I'm Rob Kress."

Think of the number of times during the day you've heard the well-known weather forecaster while driving to and from work. If it sounds like he's doing the weather from right there in the studio next to the radio newscaster, think again.

While you're listening to the radio and fighting traffic on the

Lodge, Jeffries or Ford freeways, Kress is keeping you abreast of the day's weather from the backyard and family room of his Farmington Hills home.

It's not exactly a secret that the WXYT Weather Center is in a beautiful suburban setting complete with a swimming pool. In nice weather Kress does his radio forecasts from his backyard deck. The microphone is plugged into his "ham box" positioned on a table shaded by a large umbrella.

He considers it more realistic. "We're not trying to fool the listeners," said Kress, sitting within arm's reach of the microphone, weather computer and amplifier in a corner of his family room.

"I CAN SIT here and see the clouds and the sun. If I'm looking out and it's bad, 10,000 other people out there listening to the radio must think the same thing."

How many times, Kress asks, have radio weather forecasters

declared beautiful, sunny weather when beyond their windowless walls it's pouring rain.

By doing his forecasts at home he's able to keep pace with changing weather conditions just by looking out the window. He can look in one direction and see dark clouds over Novi or look in another and see sun over Detroit. That's why there's an occasional roar of thunder or the sound of a jet in the background of his forecasts.

And the mornings when you hear the newscaster chuckle as Kress says he can see the rain on radar — they're not talking sophisticated equipment. Kress is referring to the raindrops on the back of Radar, one of his golden retrievers. Thunder, the younger of the two dogs, can be relied on to provide a few barks while Kress is broadcasting.

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How to get out that vote

By Joanne Maliszewski
staff writer

The Farmington Hills City Council election is two months away. But there's already a move afoot to make sure people turn out at the polls in November.

"We're concerned because city elections are very low turnout — about 15 percent. And half are absentee ballots," said Aldo Vagozzi, chairman of the Farmington Hills Committee to Increase Voter Participation.

"Farmington Hills is not unique in this. Unless there's a hot issue generally you'll find your city elections are smaller than your state or federal (elections)."

Despite that notion, the five-member committee met last week to decide just how to encourage voters to get to the polls and how to publicize the importance of a local election. The committee was formed several years ago and only convenes during elections.

"This year we're especially concerned with only five candidates running for four positions. Three of the candidates are incumbents, one has run before and the other is a political newcomer."

ONE OF the committee's goals is to encourage the area's civic groups and organizations to invite the candidates to their meetings. They plan to ask organization leaders to publicize the election and encourage their members to get out to vote.

City officials will be asked to feature the candidates in the city newsletter that will be published before the election, Vagozzi said.

Although the Farmington Hills council election is non-partisan, committee members agreed to ask precinct delegates from both the local Democratic and Republican parties to get involved with election publicity.

Generally both parties unofficially support particular candidates, Vagozzi said. All the committee wants the delegates to do is to spread the word to

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Hills may put more cops on streets

By Lisa Simon
staff writer

More police may soon be patrolling Farmington Hills' streets.

The Farmington Hills Police Department is accepting applications for new police personnel for next year.

"With the city (Farmington Hills) growing, demand for police personnel is growing, as well," Hills Police Chief William Dwyer said. The number of

open positions is not yet determined.

Retirements and resignations from the current force and the growing Hills community are the motivations behind the drive for new recruits, Dwyer explained.

"We're anticipating new budgeted positions in 1986-1987," Dwyer said. The current recruitment of prospective police personnel is advance planning for the future, he said.

NEWSPAPER ADS have drawn some 350 applications, Dwyer said Tuesday. "We anticipate some 350 more people will apply."

New police officers will be appointed in March, Dwyer predicted. Applicants will take a written police exam in October.

A passing score on the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Training Council (MLEOTC) pre-employment reading, writing and physical skills test is re-

quired for all applicants.

The number of positions and budgeting for police department expansion will be discussed by city officials soon, Dwyer said.

The three-four month recruitment procedure also includes fingerprinting, a background investigation, an oral appraisal, a psychological evaluation, a physical examination and an interview with Dwyer.