



Robert Dean Cantlon  
East Lansing native



Jason Lee Sixberry  
Hastings native



Mark Christopher Worth  
Bear Lake native

# New officers join force

Three new public safety officers were sworn for duty recently in the city of Farmington. They are going through four weeks of fire training, and will move into a police field training program in August.

"It's a blending in," said Gary Goss, deputy director for the public safety department.

The officers are Mark Christopher Worth, Jason Lee Sixberry and Robert Dean Cantlon. They replace two officers and a commander no longer active in the department.

Worth is a Bear Lake native and a graduate of Ferris State College, where he received a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. He is single.

Sixberry is a native of Hastings and also a graduate of Ferris State with a criminal justice degree. He was named an "Outstanding College Student of America" for 1987-88 and has coached baseball and basketball for youths. He is single.

Cantlon is an East Lansing native who has worked for the past seven years at the Corpus Christi Police Department in Texas. He holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Michigan State University and is working towards a master's degree.

He has taught at the Corpus Christi police academy and has been an assistant training specialist at Michigan State's School of Criminal Justice. He is married.

## on the agenda

Below are highlights from agendas of government meetings this week. All meetings are open to the public.

**Farmington Hills City Council**  
Farmington Hills City Hall  
31555 11 Mile  
7:30 p.m. Monday, July 25

The council will receive a report from city assessor Dean Bab on increasing the ceiling on the state Homestead Tax Credit and will consider a resolution on Senate Bill 687 about day care centers in residential areas.

Also to be considered in the contract with Mercy Center for senior adult programs, creation of a senior adult activities center committee and sidewalk repair and construction.

The council is expected to enact the following ordinance amendments:

- Rezoning from B-3, general business district to Os-1, office service district, on the northeast corner of Eight Mile and Gill roads. Proponent: Farmington Hills Planning Commission. Owner: Robert Watts.
- Rezoning from B-3, general business to B-4, planned general business, on the north side of 12 Mile, between Park Hill and Orchard Lake roads. Proponent: Farmington Hills Planning Commission. Owner: Louis Bosco.
- Rezoning from B-3, general business to B-2, community business, on the east side of Orchard Lake Road, between Ludden and White-wood. Proponent: Farmington Hills Planning Commission. Owners: C.G.S. Associates and E.N. Maisei & Associates.
- Rezoning from B-3, general business to B-1, local business, on the north side of Eight Mile, east of Middlebelt. Proponent: Farmington Hills Planning Commission. Owners: A.S. Nakadar, March Power Tools, Solomon Patis.
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# Smith Lumber remains family-owned business

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**LISTENING TO VanEvery** talk, the mind wanders back to other decades. He speaks of businesses long gone from downtown Farmington but still in the memory of local residents — like the old Grace House hotel, "Gypsy" (gray spoon), "the old Peoples State Bank, the Farmington Dairy.

Except for the first four years of VanEvery's life, spent in a house at 10 Mile and Laker in Southfield, VanEvery has lived in five different Farmington houses, but never more than a mile from the house his family first moved into in 1933.

His father, Bill, worked for the original Ford dealership in Farmington and later the Dodge-Plymouth dealership across the street.

His family also included mother, Ruth, and brother, Jim, who now works for a company in Troy that builds roof trusses.

VanEvery began working before he graduated from Farmington High School in 1945. "I guess a little bit of salesmanship always rubs off on you," he said, referring to his father.

VanEvery began pumping gas at Henry Otis' Mobil station in 1941, leaving for a stint in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was stationed in California.

## people

**Saturday nights.**

VanEvery remembers scrubbing the gas station floor at the end of every Saturday night with fuel oil and reeking of the smell till the next Saturday night. "You just can't get the smell off your body," he said. "You couldn't get a date if you wanted."

At the end of one Saturday night, Otis called VanEvery in and gave him two checks — one for the previous week's pay and one for separation pay. "I'm firing you," he said. "You belong down at the lumber yard. There's no future in the gas station business."

VanEvery has worked for H.A. Smith Lumber ever since. Smith died in 1973. Although no longer with the company, Tupper continues to be an active Farmington businessman.

"Anyplace in Farmington or Farmington Hills is a good place to do business," VanEvery said.

**BUT HE** recognizes competition from other lumber yards and hardware stores. "We carry ourselves a lumber yard," he said. "We carry mostly builders supplies."

Most of VanEvery's 20 employees are younger than 35, he said, adding that he expects them to be experienced and provide quality service. "We're on our third generation of customers," he said. "Seventy-five percent of our customers have been here before."

On a personal level, VanEvery loves working close enough to be able to go home for lunch every day. His wife, Marilyn, to whom he has

been married for 13 years, prepares it.

As a hobby, VanEvery pilots his own airplane, a four-seat Beechcraft Bonanza, out of Oakland-Pontiac Airport.

He is also a member of the Farmington Elks Lodge, Farmington Kiwanis Club, Farmington Exchange Club and American Legion-Farmington Post 346. He is a board member of the Farmington-Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce and past president of the worldwide Fraternal Order of Lumbermen.

## School will start before Labor Day

August will be a busy month at Farmington Public Schools as employees prepare for the new school year that starts the week before Labor Day this year.

Students at all grade levels will attend school in the afternoon Tuesday, Aug. 30. Middle school students will also have orientation the morning of the 30th.

Full days of school will begin Wednesday, Aug. 31, according to information from the district.

High school students can begin picking up schedules and materials on Aug. 8 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. weekdays. Middle school schedules will be mailed on Aug. 15.

In addition, classroom assignments for elementary students will be mailed home as they are completed.

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