

Resident celebrates her 100th

By Sue Buck
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Farmington Place residents honored Irene Livermore Tuesday evening with a centennial celebration at their senior citizen high-rise.

Livermore turns 100 today. About nine Farmington/Farmington Hills city officials, including Farmington Mayor William Hartsock, State Representative Jan Dolan and Nancy Bates, a Farmington Hills city councilwoman, were expected at the event that ushers in a new century for Livermore.

Livermore remains active, according to those who know her.

"She's an oil painter," said Thelma Aiken, a party organizer. "Her granddaughter is in The Greenery. She recites poems to her. She also plays bingo and pinocle."

In August, Livermore threw out the first ball at the Old Timer's Baseball Game, which was part of "Family Day in the Park." That day celebrated Farmington's anniversary of its incorporation as a village, which occurred in 1897. Her husband, Clarence, died of Alzheimer's disease 11 years ago, and one of her daughters, who lived with her at Farmington Place, died of heart problems several years ago.

Irene Livermore was born and raised in Cass City in Michigan's thumb area, then went to live with her sister and attended high school. She took the teacher's exam, taught for one year, then got married and moved to Detroit. Livermore was almost 70 when she taught herself to paint watercolors.

Much of her work graces the walls at Farmington Place and at the Farmington West Apartments. What's Livermore's wish for her birthday, which she made last summer?

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Irene Livermore

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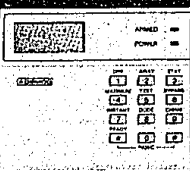
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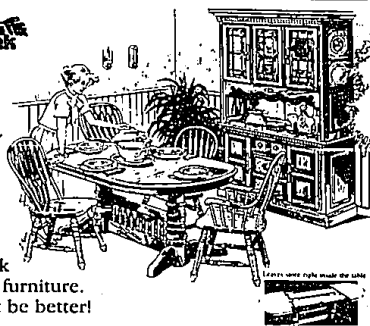
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