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Just showing off: Veronica Skae displays one of her canine charges.

## Puppies from page 1A

Jr., who works at the family-owned store. "They were trying to crawl on top of each other. It was cold. One was already dead. You couldn't even see their eyes."

Zetuna informed his father, who put a call into the Farmington Public Safety Department. They rushed the pups to the station.

"That's the only way we could save them," said Mark Zetuna Sr. "I don't know why (the person who dropped off the puppies) didn't take them to the Humane Society. That's amazing what they did."

Officers Robert Schulz and Hilton Hyde and dispatcher Patrice Sullivan immediately put out a few calls.

"I knew they weren't going to make it without care," Schulz said.

Enter Veronica Skae of Com-

merco Township, an animal lover who tracked down to the station in the early morning to pick up the pups.

"They were just frozen solid," Skae said. "How they ever survived so long I don't know. They were stiff as little boards."

Another one died on the way home. Skae managed to raise the body temperature of the rest.

She's been caring for them since. She feeds them formula through a tube and a syringe. They should be ready for adoption in three to four weeks.

"I'll know where they're going and I know they'll have a good home," she said.

As for puppies being abandoned in the dumpster, she's not surprised. Animal "abandoners" are common, she said.

Skae holds out hope the person who did it will give her a

call, if only to tell her the breed. She guesses they're either Rottweiler or pit bull mix judging by their large heads and brown color.

In the meantime, Skae keeps busy caring for them along with her other critters. Skae gets a lot of calls for baby raccoons, which she adores.

"I never turn away anything," Skae said. "Once I get the call, I'm hooked."

Animals aren't the only ones she helps. Skae also volunteers at church soup kitchens.

She's unmarried with no kids. She said the animals are her children as well as her occupation.

"I scrounge whenever I can," she said. "It's a struggle. There's things that need to be done to the house... I've given up a lot of that for the animals."

## ON THE AGENDA

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

**Farmington Hills City Council**  
Farmington Hills City Hall  
471-6115  
7:30 p.m. Monday, March 22, 1993

Agenda items include:  
 ■ Consideration of establishment of citizens committee to study the unmet needs of children and families.  
 ■ Interim report on the ice arena study and consideration of approval to enter into a consulting agreement with the University of Michigan Sport Facilities Research Laboratory.  
 ■ Consideration of attendance at

the Michigan Municipal League Region 1 meeting April 21, 1993, in St. Clair Shores.  
 ■ Consideration of renewal and restructuring of San Marino Clubhouse agreement.  
 ■ Transmittal of report regarding awarding bids on local preference basis.  
 ■ Consideration of Cadell Drain bonding.  
 ■ Consideration of creation of police appeal board.  
 ■ Consideration of approval of authorization to submit grant application for Community Forest.

**Farmington Board of Education**  
Lewis Schulman Center  
489-3800

8 p.m. Tuesday, March 23

Agenda items include:

■ Resolution request for Volunteers' Appreciation Day April 20.  
 ■ Resolution request for annual June election June 14.  
 ■ Award of bids for tennis court construction and track renovation at Farmington and North Farmington High; Door replacement at Beechview, Forest, Farmington High, and Wood Creek; and folding gates at Dunckel and East middle schools, Hillside and William Grace elementary schools.  
 ■ Report from treasurer on expenditures and 1992-93 budget revision.  
 ■ Report from finance committee.

## OBITUARIES

### WALTER LUTZ

Mr. Lutz, 99, of Saline died March 17.  
 Born in Trist, Mich., Mr. Lutz was a retired inspector at Chrysler Corp. for 35 years. He was also a bookkeeper for 50 years.

Mr. Lutz served as a corpsman in France during World War I. Survivors include his wife, Mildred; daughter, Luella Jean Keene, formerly of Farmington, and Nancy Barker; 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Services were March 20 at Ro-

bison-Bahnmler Funeral Home, Saline, with the Rev. Mark Meadows of Saline Church of Christ officiating. Burial was in Parkview Cemetery, Livonia.  
 Memorials may be made to Evangelical Home, 440 West Russell, Saline 48176.

### THOMAS B. COOK

Mr. Cook, 80, of Farmington Hills died March 17 in Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit.  
 Born in Nashville, Tennessee,

Mr. Cook was the owner of Grog Shop in Birmingham from 1967-85. He also owned Cook's Party Store in Detroit.

Survivors include his wife, Helen; sister, Juanita Zampino.  
 Services were March 20 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Robert C. Seltz of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church officiating. Burial was private.

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