

Corvette or cash leads list of prizes in festival raffle

America's dream car — a 1993 Corvette — is waiting to become a dream come true for one lucky person who takes all in the 1993 annual Farmington/Farmington Hills Founders Festival Fantasy Car Raffle.

This year's winner, who can choose between the dream car or a \$30,000 cash purse, will determine his/her fate at the Festival Parade on July 17.

Each year for the past seven years, the festival committee has sponsored the raffle, which is the primary funding source for the annual Founders Festival. This year's festival will run July 11-17.

Along with the grand prize, the Founders Festival prize list includes a host of other prizes such as one \$1,000 and three \$500 shopping sprees at local Chamber of Commerce member businesses.

"Each year ticket sales pick up as people become more familiar with the event. This year, we're offering 1,000 tickets at \$100 each and we're hoping for a sell-out," chamber executive director Judy Soronen said.

Last year's winners, Patricia

Williams of Dearborn Heights and John Sutphin of Canton, split the cost of the \$100 ticket and ended up opting for the \$30,000 cash purse, leaving each with \$15,000.

"I've purchased festival raffle tickets since the raffle began," said Williams, a former Farmington resident. "I remember seeing the red shiny Corvette on display in the A&P parking lot and said to my dad, 'Let's go in on it, 50/50.'"

"Since then, I've always participated in the raffle. I go in as partners with three different people each year. Some people think I'm crazy for going in halves and spending \$150 for raffle tickets, but I got my money back in spades — I'm not a fair-weather ticket buyer."

Williams, who works at Spartan Stores in Plymouth, encouraged fellow employee John Sutphin to go in on a ticket for last year's raffle.

"It was a last-minute deal," said Sutphin. "She talked to me about it for a whole month — finally the last week you could pur-

chase tickets. I said go ahead and buy the ticket. I'm real glad I did."

"I paid off some bills, purchased a pop-up camper and used some of the money for my education. After 13 years, I got my bachelor's degree in business administration."

"This year we're going to purchase a ticket the same way — use last-minute timing. Who knows; maybe lightning will strike twice," said Sutphin with a laugh.

When asked what she did do with her prize money, Williams replied, "Nothing real exciting; I had \$5,000 worth of taxes to pay off, purchased a new wardrobe, and put the rest into savings."

Tickets may be purchased at the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce and other locations throughout the community, including H.S. Smith Lumber, Hearts & Roses, Huntington Bank, Metrobanks, Pictures & More and Uniglobe Travel. Ticket holders need not be present at the drawing to win.

Call the chamber at 474-3440 for more information.

OBITUARIES

MARIE J. CRONIN

Mrs. Cronin, 89, of Farmington Hills died Feb. 26 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Born in Detroit, Mrs. Cronin was the retired owner of Cronin's Party Store. She taught C.C.D. classes for 40 years and was a charter member of the D of I, regent three times and was instrumental in adopting a mission in New Guinea. Mrs. Cronin was president and financial secretary for the Cloistered Sisters at Farmington Hills Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament for 20 years.

Survivors include her sons, Charles and James; daughters, Patricia Troshchietz and Kath-

leen Drouillard; brother, Leonard Schmitt; sister, Pat Touhey; 19 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Mass was celebrated March 1 at St. Fabian Catholic Church, Farmington Hills, with the Rev. Norbert Kendierski officiating. Arrangements were made by the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington.

JOSEPH R. WORRALL

Mr. Worrall, 76, of Farmington died March 26.

Born in Detroit, Mr. Worrall was a mechanic. He was a World

War II Army veteran and a member of American Legion Post 346 in Farmington.

Survivors include his wife, Norma; sons, Jack, Joey, Jeff and Tracy; daughters, Joan Oakley, Jean Kleiner, Judy Hurst, Jill Cooley, Jeri Pearce and Joyce Patterson; sister, Mae Innes; 25 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were March 30 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with Dan McCullough of Cranbrook Hospice Care officiating. Burial was in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Livonia.

Memorial may be made to Cranbrook Hospice.

Scout racers



Box score: Cub Scout Pack 231 from Larkshire had its annual Pinewood Derby recently. Fastest car winners included: Brian Ziegler, first; Sean Baldwin, second; and Michael Anton, third. Scout's Choice winners were: Ryan Smith, first; Matthew Watson, second; and Danny Kleinow, third. Pictured, Scouts Brandon Varilone, Scott Kleinow, Joey DeGrave and Joel Herdell pick the Scout's Choice award. Bob Houchins, Bob Wilk and Mark Wilk built two new racetracks for the boys. Gordon Nodacher supplied all the graphics for the tracks. Chip Theisen was the chairman for the derby. Precision Race Services donated money to buy trophies. Pack 231 will let William Grace School use its old track.

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