

THURSDAY, JULY 8, 1993

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NOTES

Earth Week winner

Monica Silvan, a 6-year-old Farmington Hills resident, has won a \$50 U.S. Savings bond in a contest to create an essay on what to do to keep Earth looking beautiful. Meijer Thrifty Acres sponsored a chainwide essay contest for children ages 3-12. If Monica's advice is followed, "... the earth will stay beautiful forever and we will live for a long time and have fun outside."

Monica says she is "thrilled with the award," according to her mother Sherri Silvan.

'Hometown Hero'

Janet Powell of Farmington Hills is being honored as a hometown hero in Domino Pizza's "Local Heroes — You're the tops!" program.

Powell is an active member of the Farmington Area Jaycees and a volunteer worker. "Her positive and winning attitude makes her a pleasure to work with," said Leesh Noon, who nominated her.

Powell is one of more than 100 local "heroes" in metropolitan Detroit honored by the pizza chain. She'll receive a "Local Hero — You're the Tops!" certificate and a pizza party for up to 20 people.

The program is designed to recognize those who make a significant contribution to their neighborhood or hometown that otherwise might go unwarded.

Your vote counts

My Vote Counts, a cable TV program focusing on voting will be shown on MetroVision's Channel 12.

The show is presented the first and third Wednesdays at 8 p.m., every Thursday at 2 p.m. and on every Friday by viewer request (683-7303).

July's show is a review of the 1993-94 Farmington Hills budget and an interview of William Costick, Hills city manager. Host is Vicki Barnett. In August, general information on Republican Party activity will be presented.

All the
town's a
kids' stage
 BY TOM BAER
 STAFF WRITER

While many youngsters their age are stuck in the sandbox all summer, members of the Chocolate Chip Players are treading the boards on the Farmington Community Center stage.

The young actors and actresses, ages 3-5, staged "The Gingerbread Boy" recently at the center before a crowd of about 75, according to Cyndie Vits, director of the program.

"Theater provides a good cultural experience for the youngsters," said Vits, a Farmington Hills resident, "and it also helps them develop communications skills."

There's lots more in store for Vits and her young charges this summer. A different group of slightly older (ages 7-11) children are gearing up for their performance of "The Ugly Duckling." The free performance will start at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 15, at the Community Center on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile.

There's more than just learning lines and taking cues for these kids, said Vits, a former high school drama teacher.

"They do their own costume design, make the scenery, handle the publicity... do all aspects of theater," she added.

Vits herself won't be left in the wings this summer. She's putting a one-woman show on the life of Laura Ingalls Wilder, the famous children's author, at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 19, at the center. Cost is \$5 for adults.

Adults and children who have worked with Vits before will be on hand to help.



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Actors at play: Jeffrey Prouter (right) and Christopher Hutchinson play on the teeter-totter after performing in "The Gingerbread Boy."

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