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Biggest little fan: Kaitlyn Kohls, 3, has a big hug for her dad, Gil, while Mirl Spencer (right), Hills deputy chief, enjoys the moment after Kohls was promoted to sergeant Thursday.

2 cops promoted, 2 join Hills force

By BILL COUTANT
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Farmington Hills Police officers had something to celebrate Thursday as two officers were promoted to the rank of sergeant and two ended were sworn in as officers.

Police Chief Bill Dwyer said this was the first time since 1985 that more than one officer had been promoted.

Mayor Nancy Bates and city manager Bill Costick made no secret of their delight over the promotions and the department during the Thursday afternoon ceremony, attended for the most part by friends, family and colleagues of the officers.

"The Farmington Hills Police

Department just doesn't have an equal," Bates said. "I'm just glad that none of these officers were behind me as I was hurrying from Lansing to get here."

Officer Darnel Krause, 46, a 19-year veteran of the force, was promoted to sergeant. Krause, who has served in the detective bureau for the last 12 years, is also a firearms instructor and arson investigator with the department.

Officer Gil Kohls, 39, a 13-year veteran of the force and former Detroit Police officer, was also promoted to sergeant. Kohls, who has been working in the detective bureau, is also a field training officer, breathalyzer operator, honor



Happy day: Newly promoted sergeants (from left) Darnel Krause and Gil Kohls, and newly sworn in Hills police officers Mike Meister and Stacy Swanderski (right) are all smiles as Bill Dwyer, police chief, made the presentations Thursday afternoon in city council chambers.

guard member and firearms instructor.

Krause and Kohls will move from the detective bureau to become road patrol supervisors today.

"They're mine again," quipped Lt. Marty Bledsoe, afternoon patrol shift supervisor. Sworn in as officers were

Mike Meister and Stacy Swanderski.

Meister, 28, has been a cadet with the department for three years and Swanderski, 23, has been a cadet with the department for four years. Swanderski's father Carl, a Farmington Public Safety officer, planned on his daughter's badge.

8 take petitions in Hills, none in Farmington

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As the filing deadlines approach, things are heating up in the Farmington Hills city council race, while all's quiet in Farmington.

In the Hills race, eight candidates — including incumbents Jon Grant, Larry Lichtman, Ben Marke and Aldo Vagnozzi — have taken out nominating petitions. Vagnozzi is the only candidate to have filed petitions so far.

The four Hills challengers who have also taken out petitions are:

- Eric "Rick" Adams, 45, a retired entrepreneur.
- Andy Gutman, 24, an accountant who works in Southfield.
- Vern Kielbinski, 38, a custodian.
- Cheryl Oliverio, 39, a homemaker.

The deadline for filing applications in Farmington Hills is 4 p.m. Aug. 24. There will be no primary before the Nov. 2 general election, said Hills city clerk Kathy Dorman.

COUNCIL RACES

"Even if we had 20 candidates, we wouldn't have a primary," Dorman said. "That was something that the voters decided to abolish six years ago. They decided that it just wasn't worth it."

As Farmington's Aug. 13 filing deadline approaches, no candidate has taken out petitions, said clerk/treasurer Patsy Cantrell.

Council members Richard Tupper, Arnie Campbell and Shirley Richardson are up for re-election.

Voters in the Farmington Library District will go to the polls Aug. 10 for a special election. Voters will decide whether to approve a \$15.5 million bond issue to build and equip a new library on Orchard Lake Road across from Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus and whether to approve a levy of 1.1 mills over 20 years for library operations.

Special Olympics kids to go on tour

The Oakland Express is going on a road trip.

The Farmington-based team of Special Olympics athletes will travel 3,200 miles and play softball games and tournaments in seven states over a 10-day period.

"Other athletic teams travel, so that's what we're doing," Express coach Todd Lipsa said.

Thanks to corporate sponsors, vans, gas and hotel accommodations for the 14 athletes and five coaches are being provided. But the team is hoping to raise an additional \$3,000 for food and other

trip expenses.

Lipsa said the highlight for the team will be playing a Special Olympics softball team from Dallas at the U.S. Olympic Sports Festival in San Antonio, Texas, on Saturday, July 24.

"It's an exhibition game," Lipsa said. "But a lot of people will have a chance to see us and because we're playing a team from Dallas, it's more of a national event."

For more information or to contribute to the team for the road trip, call Lipsa at 855-0632.

Exchange agency seeks local families for visiting students

The ASSE International Student Exchange Programs is seeking local host families for students participating in the Farmington Hills Intensive Language Program in August.

These exchange students from Japan have studied English for a minimum of three years. They are anxious to learn about this country through living as a part of an American family and sharing their own culture and language with their newly adopted host family.

The students are sponsored by ASSE, a non-profit public benefit organization that is United States Information Agency designated.

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They arrive on July 27, and will depart from the Farmington Hills

area Aug. 26 to begin the traditional high school exchange year in communities throughout the United States and Canada.

These high school students attend classes four days a week and participate in all-day excursions every Friday.

Host family members are invited to participate in these field trips along with their exchange student. Families may select the youngster of their choice from extensive student applications, family photos and biographical essays.

Contact Sharon Kelly, the program coordinator, at 476-8487 for more information about this activity.

FARMINGTON FOCUS

A festive time at VFW

Bingo will be the chief attraction at the Broadhead-Farmington Hills Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2269, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, during the upcoming Farmington Founders Festival.

The game will be offered from noon to midnight Thursday-Saturday, July 15-17. The VFW Auxiliary will provide refreshments, including homemade pasties. For more information on this activity, call 474-8180 or 349-6024.

No summer hours for Dolan

State Rep. Jan Dolan, R-Farmington Hills, announced that she will not hold local office hours during July and August.

"With more families leaving town for their summer holiday, it just isn't practical for me to maintain regular district forums," Dolan said. "I can, however, be reached at home or through my Lansing office. Despite cancelling these meetings, I will make myself as available as possible."

Dolan's office hours will resume in September. Constituents can meet with her every second and fourth Friday of the month 1-2 p.m. at the Farmington City Hall and 2:30-4 p.m. at the Farmington Hills City Hall.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call Dolan's Lansing office at 1-617-373-1793.

Expressing the arts

The public is invited to attend a "celebration of freedom of expression in the arts" to be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 15, at the Artists' Gallery, 30905 Orchard Lake Road in the Orchard Place Mall in Farmington Hills.

Law professor Harold Norris, a poet and author, will read from his work, including the acclaimed "The Liberty Bell." This poem is on display in Philadelphia at the site of the Liberty Bell and in Michigan's Capitol in Lansing.

Norris, a teacher of constitutional law at Detroit College of Law for 32 years, was a delegate to the 1963 convention that rewrote Michigan's Constitution. He authored the clause that gives Michigan the only constitution in the world guaranteeing the artist's freedom of expression.

The artist, as beneficiary of this legal protection, can have the confidence to say what he or she wishes in a work of art.

In 1987 Norris received the Hensel Award from the Michigan State Bar in recognition for his service in support of the First Amendment and his activities on behalf of lawyers in the field of arts and entertainment.

For more information, call The Artists' Gallery at 855-8832.

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FRESH START ROLLER DAY

Join the skating revolution and get in line with the environment!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 1993
IN DOWNTOWN BIRMINGHAM

LEARN TO SKATE!
EVENTS FOR ALL AGES!

FREE T-SHIRT!
To all registered skaters

FREE! Skate use • FREE Helmet and pad use

Have fun and help the planet, too!

The Course: The event takes place on a square, four corner, half mile course. Medical teams, water, and fruit will all be available on the course during and after the event.

Race Day Schedule:

7:00 a.m.	Registration opens
8:00 a.m.	EarthSkate Challenge begins
10:00 a.m.	Kid's Hour begins
11:00 a.m.	10k Main Event
12:00 p.m.	10k Fun Rollers
12:30 p.m.	100 and 400-meter Sprints
1:00 p.m.	Awards ceremony in Shalin Park

THE EVENTS

The Fresh Start 10k Race/Roll—
This feature race will provide all skaters with the opportunity to test their legs around downtown Birmingham. The event will be timed, with prizes for the top 3 men and women overall, as well as in each age category for women and men. Fun skaters will roll separately from the racing crowd, so the pressure won't be on to go as fast. Field limit 150. Register now!

Free Skate Try-outs!
You don't need your own equipment to come to EarthSkate. There will be plenty of helmets, pads and skates available for free use on race day. Call 258-5188 or 258-5189 for more information or a reservation.

Sprints—
Skaters wanting to hit the high end can enter these races, held in front of the screaming crowd.

EarthSkate Challenge—
Take the longer view of things by entering the EarthSkate Challenge; roll for as long as 3 hours to benefit Michigan's environment. Collect pledges to further this vital cause and have a great time in beautiful Birmingham at the same time.

The Environment—
This will be a green event, with all proceeds from the event going to local recreation and environmental education through the projects of the East Michigan Environmental Council.

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