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FARMINGTON NOTES

Most happy people

If you happen to run into someone from Ray Interiors, the furniture store in downtown Farmington, ask them to buy you a cup of coffee. Some of them are in the money right now. Seven Ray Interiors employees were the big winners in the annual Founders Festival raffle that offers the first-place winner a new Corvette or \$30,000.

The seven — Kathleen Boucher, Penny Twigg, Jolene Matley, Cheryl Sauer, Bill Hannan, Ron Hickman and Lauren Hosko — purchased the \$100 winning ticket, No. 835, from their boss, Robin Ray, who owns the business with her husband Bill.

Twigg and Hosko contributed \$25 apiece for a payback of \$7,500. The others each put in \$10 for a return of \$3,000.

"We were speechless when we heard," said Sauer of Wixom. "We couldn't believe we had been that lucky. There has never been so much merriment in the store."

Added Boucher of Livonia. "It was the most exciting thing to happen to me in a long, long time. This is my time to have fun with money."

The Ray Interior lucky streak didn't stop with those fortunate seven. Robin Ray won the second-place prize, a \$1,000 shopping spree in downtown Farmington. Ray was the top raffle ticket salesperson. She said she sold 102 at \$100 each.

"One reason I did so well was that I had competition from four top salesmen — Chuck Duquette (Duquette Jewelers), Bob Rock (Thayer-Rock Funeral Home), Mary Bush (Thompson-Brown Realtors) and Mike Paulson (Lox, Stock and Barrel)," said Ray.

Other Festival raffle winners were George Borgerson, Harold Fromhart and Daniel Powell. They all won \$500 shopping sprees. Gail Gletzn won \$1,000 in a special 50/50 drawing sponsored by the chamber of commerce.

The raffle is a major source of funds for the annual Founders Festival. Some 817 raffle tickets were sold this year, up from 538 in 1992, Ray said.

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Making his point: Mark McGraw, 3, has a good seat.



Watching water ball: A big crowd turned out for the water ball battle of the Farmington-area firefighters.

Showing his stuff: Hills firefighter Wally Kruseja (at right) clowns around during water ball. Three firefighters (far right) direct a stream of water at a barrel on a cable.



Firefighters have a ball

What's a Farmington Founders Festival without lots of fire trucks, firefighters and a spirited game of water ball?

That's what happened Thursday as about 30 contestants from Farmington Hills fire stations and the Farm-

ington Public Safety Department competed in downtown Farmington.

The team from Farmington Hills Fire Station No. 2, captained by Ron Segall, was the overall winner. Fire Station No. 4, led by Lea Strickfaden, placed second.



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