

THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 1994

FARMINGTON NOTES

Softball, anyone?

South Farmington Baseball has been offering sports activities to youngsters for 25 years, and league officials plan to celebrate the silver anniversary with . . . a softball game.

The game is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, June 25, at Knights of Columbus Field at Middlebelt and Nine Mile roads.

South Farmington officials are looking for past board members, coaches, players and their parents who'd like to play. Past Missa Farmingtons are also being asked to participate. Those interested should call Roxanne Fitzpatrick at 450-2295.

Families wanted

The Farmington Rotary seeks Farmington-area families interested in hosting foreign exchange students in their homes.

The high school-age exchange students in the Rotary program will live with three or four different families during their stay in the United States. Host families will provide room and board, and the students will be responsible for airfare, clothing, health insurance and incidentals. The Farmington Rotary will provide \$50 a month per local student.

The Rotary program includes 7,000 young people from 62 nations. For more information, call Jack Fuller at 553-8738.

Optimist outing

The Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club will hold its fourth-annual golf outing Monday, July 18, at the Twin beach Country Club in West Bloomfield.

Proceeds will go to the Farmington Schools "in an effort to assist high-risk students with prevention and intervention of substance abuse," said an Optimist official.

The afternoon golf outing will include a four-person Texas scramble, lunch, a putting contest, prizes, a hole-in-one contest for a new car and dinner.

Anyone who would like to participate in or help sponsor the event should call Rusty Soronen (661-0607), Fred Harris (477-5630) or Jim Brady (258-5590).

Sgt. Joe Rebb works in the communications center of the Farmington Hills Police Department. The 24-year veteran is the Optimist Club's Police Officer of the Year.

By BILL COUTANT
STAFF WRITER

A technician comes into the office of Sgt. Joe Rebb and updates him on the installation of new radio equipment for Farmington Hills and West Bloomfield.

The 24-year veteran officer in Farmington Hills and the Optimist Club's Police Officer of the Year has been the man most instrumental in designing the department's dispatch center. Rebb is on the same page with the technician.

"Not only is he a supervisor, but he's a very technical man," says police Chief Bill Dwyer.

That has helped Rebb identify technical problems, many of which he's solved himself.

"I will work very hard in the direction where work needs to be done to the best of my ability," Rebb says.

And although Rebb, 41, sets high personal goals, he says supervision requires him to evaluate employees as individuals.

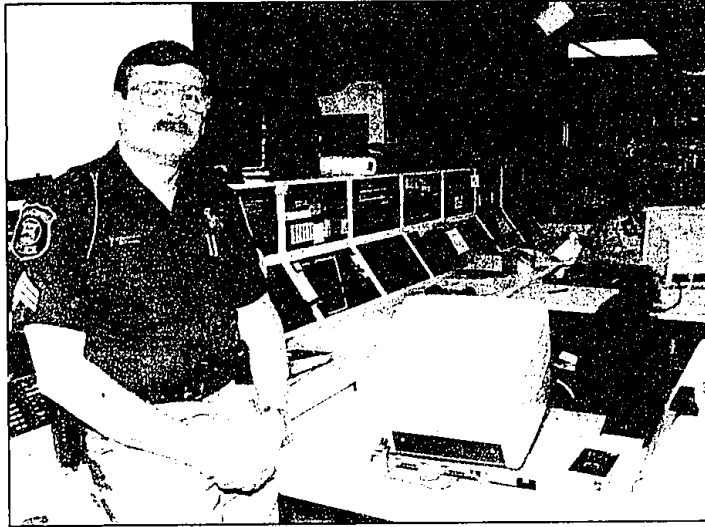
"Some people set higher personal standards for themselves than I would," he said. "You have to learn the strengths of each individual."

Dwyer calls the dispatch division "the most important" in the department.

"Joe supervises 19 people in a 24-hour, seven-day-a-week job," Dwyer said. "It's almost unheard of to have

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Top cop does job with dispatch



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Officer of the Year: Sgt. Joe Rebb looks at home in the Communications Room of the Farmington Hills Police Department.

Unnecessary calls storm office

Farmington Hills dispatchers have enough to do as it is, but when there is an emergency, they often find themselves answering more non-emergency calls than usual.

"That is the main problem in an emergency," said Sgt. Joe Rebb, supervisor of the Farmington Hills police department's communication section.

Hills dispatchers had their hands full June 13 as a storm blew down power lines and lightning knocked

out power in some places. But many residents called 9-1-1 after hearing the siren, which was a storm warning, to ask what to do.

The siren warns residents to take cover because a storm is imminent.

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