

Fest Fantasy Car Raffle: That's the ticket

Ticket sales are under way for the 1994 Founders Festival Fantasy Car Raffle. Tickets are priced at \$100 each.

The grand-prize ticket will earn one lucky individual a 1994 Chevrolet Corvette or a \$30,000 cash prize. This year's winner will make his/her decision at the Founders Festival Fantasy Car Raffle Extravaganza on July 10 at 11 p.m. The event will take place behind the former Ray's Interiors, 33300 Slocum in Farmington.

Each year, for the past eight 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 12-17.

Along with the grand-prize Corvette or \$30,000 cash prize, the Founders Festival prize list includes one \$1,000 and three \$500 shopping spree at local Chamber of Commerce member businesses.

Last year's raffle produced seven lucky grand-prize winners who collectively opted for the \$30,000 cash prize. Former Ray's Interiors employees Kathleen Boucher, Penny Twigg, Jolene Matley, Cheryl Bauer, Bill Hanna, Ron Hickman and Lauren Hosko all walked away with a welcomed amount of money as a result of their pooling effort.

"By being in a ticket pool I increased my chance of winning,"

said Twigg who had a 25 percent interest in each of the three tickets she bought. "When all was said and done, I walked away with \$7,500 for a \$75 investment."

"The odds of winning were also very favorable," said Twigg. "When you compare it to other raffles and lotteries, there was a much greater chance of winning."

Depending on the number of tickets sold, the odds of winning the top prize could be even better than 1,000 to one. Last year marked the chamber's most successful fund-raising raffle effort ever with 819 tickets sold.

According to Jody Soronen, executive director of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of

Commerce, many buy raffle tickets as a gesture of support for the Founders Festival.

"People know the festival is good for the community and that we rely heavily on the raffle to help meet the event's operating expenses," she said.

"Ticket sales for 1993 — which was our most successful year ever — were truly reflective of the support the chamber receives from the community and outlying communities," she said.

"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 gearing toward a sellout."

"Ticket pools continue to be a

popular option for those who feel the \$100 price tag is too steep for their budget," Soronen said. "It also gives more people the opportunity to join in on the excitement of the Fantasy Car Raffle."

Tickets may be bought at the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce in the Farmington Training Center at 33000 Thomas, one block north of

Grand River and two blocks east of Farmington Road.

Ticket holders need not be present at the drawing to win.

To claim the car, the grand-prize winner must be at least 21 years of age. Applicable taxes, registration and title fees are also the responsibility of the winner. Call the chamber at 474-3440 for more information.

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