

NOMINATIONS FOR THE

1997 Business Recognition and Businessperson of the Year Award

During the Farmington Hills' 25th anniversary celebration, the Economic Development Corporation will hold its first annual Business Recognition and Businessperson of the Year Awards program. To be considered for this year's award program, a business must have been located in Farmington Hills for 25 years.

Other factors to be considered in the selection process are:

- Contribution to the local economy through business growth and expansion
- Support of community charities and causes
- Involvement in civic beautification efforts
- 1996 gross sales of at least \$100,000

NOMINATION FORM

Business Nominee: _____
 CEO/President (Mr./Mrs./Ms): _____
 Businessperson Nominee: _____
 Title: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 Year that the business was founded: _____
 Business Description: _____
 Estimated gross business sales in 1996: \$ _____
 Number of employees in 1996: _____
 Nominated by (optional): _____
 Company: _____
 Photo: _____

Deadline for nominations is Monday, May 25. Return form to:

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 Farmington Hills Economic Development Corporation
 31555 Eleven Mile Road
 Farmington Hills, MI 48336

For more information call (248) 473-9563 or fax questions to (248) 474-5925

Programs aim to help parents do tough job



MARY LINDA CALDERONE

Parenting is often more difficult than we anticipated, especially in today's times. Research proves this point. A Western Michigan University survey revealed Oakland County high school seniors consume more illegal drugs and alcohol than the national average. Consequently, the Farmington Public School District (in cooperation with Farmington Families in Action) has taken it to aid parents in parenting, particularly with middle school and high schoolers.

This valuable information has been captured on video and runs on the educational access channel TV-10 and your

local community access channel INFO TV-12. Don't miss "Spring Break - Fact and Fiction" and "A Call to Action."

"Spring Break" is geared toward parents faced with the decision of whether to allow their high schooler to go on an unchaperoned spring break trip. The show is hosted by Linda Enberg, Farmington school board president and a Farmington Families in Action member. Students come up with the reasons why they should go on these trips, Enberg and a group of parents respond to each reason. Helpful alternatives are given to parents faced with this dilemma.

You won't want to miss "A Call to Action" either. The featured speaker is Estralee Michaelson, Farmington Public Schools' coordinator of Student Assistance/Health/Family Life Education. Michaelson holds nothing back as she discusses substance abuse, nationwide as well as in our local schools.

City dignitaries, students and parents ask pointed questions of Michaelson and Superintendent Robert Markfield to gain insight in this growing area of concern. Michaelson emphasizes to her audience the need to unite and tackle the drug and alcohol problem from different angles. She urges parents to establish consistent rules and consequences. Just as important is the need to make young people feel as if they are important members of the community.

Check your TV guide for times and dates of these two programs that aim to conquer the war on drugs and alcohol and beat the statistics. And let me know what you think.

Mary Linda Calderone is the media relations specialist for the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission.

The next SWOCC meeting is at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, at Noul City Hall.

INKWELL

Fifth graders at Lanigan Elementary School participated in the American History Essay Contest sponsored by Three Flags Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Candace Childress was selected chapter winner.

She attended the Three Flags Chapter Good Citizen Luncheon on March 9 with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bon Atkins, Lanigan teacher Carla Walker and Lanigan Principal Marva Turner. During the luncheon, Candace was presented with a certificate of award and an American History medal.

It also was announced that Candace's essay - about Fort Sumter - received an honorable mention award at the state level of judging.

This year's essay topic was "Forts in American History." Students were to focus on a fort built prior to 1890 on land that is now part of the United States.

They could write about the construction of the fort, the historical significance of events that happened at the fort or about the lives of the people who built, used and/or lived in Fort Sumter.

Field lights meeting tonight

Farmington Public Schools will hold an open meeting at 7 p.m. today to discuss issues regarding the proposed lighting of football fields. The session will be in rooms 1 and 2 at Farmington Training Center, 33000 Thomas Street in downtown.

Jaycees elect directors

The Farmington Area Jaycees elected its 1998-99 Board of Directors at the last membership meeting, Tuesday March 10. Tim Sposito was elected president, replacing Christa Murphy. Other officers included Eric Schongalla, management vice president, Carrie Hale, member-

ship vice president, Janet Powell, individual vice president, Juno Farrell, community vice president, Debbie Majeski, treasurer, Jim Steele secretary, and Andrew Raczkowski, Dave Makowski, Hillary Shewach, Heather Hart, Jane Jacobs and Dan Jacobs as directors.

Yard waste collection to begin

Beginning Monday, April 6, yard waste pick up will begin for the city of Farmington Hills.

Through November, residents must remember to use the paper yard waste bags for grass, leaves and other yard waste and place them at the curb. Bags are available: at city hall, cash or checks; or at the DPW offices on Halsted Road just south of 12 Mile Road, checks only.

The best options for yard wastes are: grassycle (leaving grass clippings on the lawn); mulch (placing grass and leaves around plants and shrubs); and back yard composting.

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Vet News
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 Predisposing factors are due to the environment and anatomy of the ear. Heat and moisture will cause an environment which promotes infection so dogs that swim generally have more ear infections. The anatomical shape of the ear canal can also promote infection.
 The perpetuating factors related to ear infections are bacteria and yeast that are normally found on the skin. In long term ear problems, the skin in the ear may thicken resulting in changes of the canal and difficulty in treating this problem.
 Smelly ears are an indication of a problem and should be treated by a veterinarian. At the Small Animal Hospital, our primary concern is your pet's health. We offer boarding, house calls, and a 24 hour emergency service. If you have questions concerning your pet or to schedule an appointment, call our office.
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