



It's history: Highmeadow Common Campus students Angela Smedo (left) and Taylor Wehner put items of historical significance into the time capsule.

Highmeadow students look back at city, school heritage

For students in third grade classes at Highmeadow Common Campus during 1997-98, one of the highlights of the year was collecting important items about the 25-year history of Farmington Hills.

Teacher Carol Apol said the project was capped off at a recent ceremony, when the items were put into a time capsule and subsequently buried somewhere in the Highmeadow media center.

"Kids went home and looked around for things representing the last 25 years," said Apol, who was joined by the class of third grade teacher Jennifer DiBella for the project.

What did some of them bring in?

"One kid brought a picture of her dad, when he worked at GM," Apol said. "Somebody else has an old telephone book from 15 years ago."

The original Highmeadow time capsule ("buried" during the school's initial year, 1988-89), was opened up at the recent event. The Farmington Hills historical items and 1990s memorabilia were then added to the existing items and put into a bigger time capsule to be opened in 2008.

"I thought if they could tie the two (Farmington Hills, Highmeadow) together it would be a great learning experience," Apol added.

Apol said the project was encouraged by Farmington Hills historian Dave Litigot. He apparently asked third grade teachers across the Farmington school district to help commemorate the anniversary of Farmington Hills' incorporation as a city.

She opted for a time capsule, partly because "our new set of books has a whole thing on how to do one."

But even more instrumental was that the students enjoy studying history.

"They love it," Apol said. "It's always one of their favorite things, studying Farmington history."

NOTABLE

President-Elect



Dr. Krishna K. Sawhney

Krishna K. Sawhney, M.D., a general surgeon at Henry Ford Medical Center - Taylor, has been elected president-elect of the Michigan State Medical Society.

As president-elect, Dr. Sawhney will serve a one-year term and then will be installed as president of the medical society next year.

Dr. Sawhney is a resident of Farmington Hills and the current chairman of the MSMS Board of Directors.

Cookbooks in

In honor of the 25th anniversary of the City of Farmington Hills, cookbooks are on sale at city hall.

The cookbooks, available at the treasurer's office, are \$10. Proceeds from cookbook sales will help fund the 25th Anniversary Committee plans for upcoming festivities.

The Farmington Hills City Hall is located at 31555 11 Mile Road.

OBITUARIES

BERTHA E. DRIVER

Bertha Eleanor Driver, 76, formerly of Farmington Hills, died June 12 at the Greenery of Howell.

She is survived by brother, James Cummer; sisters, Viola Davis, Jean Geiser and Emma Hackler; one granddaughter; and one great-grandson.

Funeral services were held June 15 at Henry Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. John Meyer officiating.

ERNEST R. MARINI

Ernest R. Marini, 84, of Southfield died June 13 at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

Mr. Marini worked as a receiving clerk for Ford Motor Co. He was a member of St. Michael Catholic Church in Southfield and enjoyed gardening and reading.

He is survived by wife, Yelma; daughter, Louise (John) DeRosia of Brighton; sisters, Olive, Elizabeth and Rose; four

grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held June 17 at St. Michael Catholic Church in Southfield with the Rev. Lawrence Zurek officiating. Arrangements were made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.

ELI E. MARKOVICH

Eli E. (Leo) Markovich, 69, died June 6 at his home in Farmington Hills.

Born in Detroit on Oct. 16,

1928, Mr. Markovich was a World War II Army Air Corp Veteran and a Korean Conflict Air Force Veteran. His interest in flying was passed on to his two sons.

A resident of Farmington Hills for more than 35 years, Mr. Markovich was involved in community groups such as T-ball, Boy Scouts, Harrison High School football and band programs and a board member of the Farmington Community

Band.

He is survived by wife, Joanne; children, Stephen (Katherine), Julia (Robert Libke) and David (Diane); grandchildren, Kaia, J. William, Andrew, Annika and Alexander.

A memorial service was held at the Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church.

Memorial contributions can be sent to the United States Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio.

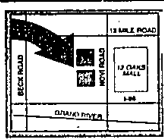


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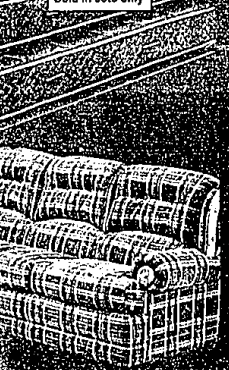


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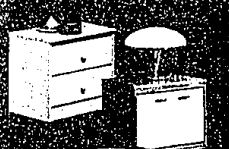
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