



'My parents wore the best examples for me. I did substitute teach for a couple of years, but then I decided I could do more good volunteering.'
Tina Jensen
-Citizen of the Year

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after elementary school. Parents need to work as partners with the schools."

She worked to get Farmington High its media center and was active with the Booster Club there.

Receiving the Citizen of the Year award was "a big surprise," she said. "I knew a lot of people who had received the award in the past and I attended their

banquets. But I was totally surprised. My kids didn't say anything."

At tonight's banquet, Jensen will be there with her husband, Richard, who works for Daimeier-Chrysler Corp., her children, her mother and a sister who lives in Kalamazoo.

"Really my family has done an awful lot to assist me," she said.

Humanist forum presents debate on charter schools

Are charter schools the answer?

Public schools have been taking a beating for as long as we can remember. Parents are unhappy with the education their children are receiving in many local school districts.

Taxpayers are increasingly unhappy with what they believe to be the waste in the system. Some parents want a choice for their children. Many professional educators have concerns and believe there must be controls if there are to be charter schools.

The Birmingham Temple in Farmington Hills Humanist Forum presents discussion on this topic at 8:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25.

A representative of the Michigan Education Association and a leader on one of the large Detroit charter schools will debate the issue.

Discussion will follow. Admission is \$4 for members; \$6 for non-members.

Call the Birmingham Temple at 477-1410 for more information.

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visit your yard. They are built for speed and can easily maneuver through heavy brush in pursuit of their prey. Every now and then, an article may appear as to whether feeding birds is a good idea. We have destroyed so many natural areas, as we overbuild this planet, that many bird species that spend the winters in our area would have a tough time surviving were it not for backyard feeders.

No bread for birds

After all, most people landscape their properties with non-native plant species that are of no use as a food source to wildlife. Please remember that bread should not be fed to birds. We all grew up with this ignorant practice, but it is one that should be stopped. Bread provides only empty calories with no nutritional value and actually causes birds to become malnourished. Winter is harsh enough on birds without their having to worry about irresponsible people allowing their cats to roam. House cats maim and kill more songbirds nationwide than any other predator. Do nature and your neighbors a favor by keeping your cats indoors. Besides, in Farmington Hills, your cat is to be under your control at all times. Of course, putting a bell on your cat can help alert the birds. I would suggest a bell that is shiny, makes a loud ringing sound and weighs about 20 pounds.

Did you know that squirrels will sometimes roam looking for food at night? I have

seen fox squirrels feeding at my feeder on a moonlit winter night. Many squirrels may be warm and snug in their leaf nests during the cold winter nights, but there are always a few that will come out for a midnight snack.

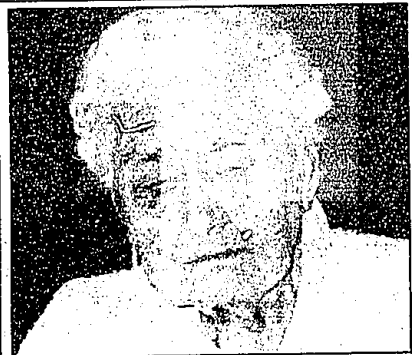
Fluorinating is one way of passing away the cold months. Reptiles and amphibians all sleep away the winter. Fish, with their metabolism slowed down, will not eat as much as they do in the warmer weather while some species may lie dormant in ponds hardly eating at all.

Whitetail deer continue to be an addition

to the wildlife that can be found in numbers higher than you may think. Deer sightings are becoming more common as more areas have been developed and they have been squeezed into smaller areas. Although they have to be leading a stressed life living among us, they are reproducing. I had two reports of twin fawns in our city this year. I know that people like to feed deer so they can see them. I won't debate the pros and cons of that practice here, but be aware that they have big appetites and have learned to eat a variety of things. If you lure deer to your yard with food, don't get upset when they think that the flowers, garden plants, shrubs and trees are tidbits that you have also left for them. Deer tend to roam under the cover of darkness so most of us will never see them. Deer also have expanded their range into southern Michigan. They are now found in all of the metro area where thirty years ago you would have been hard-pressed to find one.

We modern humans as a species think we are so rough and tough and feel we can survive anything, although the recent snowfalls think you are tough. I challenge you to sit on a bench next to a chickadee all night in 30 degrees below zero windchill. We'll see who is able to make it to breakfast the next morning. Nature in the severest of weather can usually bounce back against all odds without our help. Their survival is truly amazing.

Joe Derek is the city naturalist of Farmington Hills.



Resident turns 103

Iona Reed, a resident of the Farmington Hills Inn, turned 103 on Dec. 20, 1998. Born in 1895, Mrs. Reed married her husband, Homer, on July 1, 1918. They had four children: Howard, Evelyn, Lillian and Ralph. Iona worked as a school-teacher in Iowa. After marry-

ing Homer, they moved to Detroit and started a family. After her children were grown, Iona went to work for the D.T.&I. Railroad for 21 years. After retiring from the railroad, she helped raise her seven grandchildren. She now also has seven great-grandchildren.

Longacre House plans diverse winter agenda

The Longacre House in Farmington Hills has a variety of activities to fill the winter hours.

Wouldn't you love to find out how much your grandmother's heirlooms are worth? The DuMouchelle Gallery is providing a forum to have your heirlooms and yard sale finds appraised on Saturday, Feb. 27. Now is the time to register. Currently there are morning and afternoon times available. Don't wait; make your reservation now and have a choice of time slot. The fee is \$8 per item. You may register in person at 24705 Farmington Road, between 10 and 11 Mile, or call 477-8404 and reserve your time with Visa or Mastercard.

The Underground Railroad's Michigan connection will be examined with Willie Payne as she illustrates with song and dance the southern American slaves' struggle to flee captivity.

The focus will be on local people that aided them. Learn which Farmington houses were stops on the railroad.

The program is slated for 2:30 or 5 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 7, at the Longacre House. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors and \$4 for students.

Local wedding professionals will be on hand to answer your questions at Bridal Expo '99. Make planning a wedding easier; come to the place of one-stop shopping.

At the same time you can enjoy the ambiance of this historic home which can be rented for receptions and you can sample the cuisine of the Longacre's catering department. The event is slated for 1-5 p.m. Sunday, March 14. Admission is \$5 per person.

Call 477-8404 for more information on any one of these events.

Cold prevention tips

There are some sure-fire ways to protect young children from the perils of a bad cold this winter season.

"Avoiding the spread of colds is two parts common sense, one part determination," says Dr. Gordon Gerstl, Hospital pediatrician Tarek Garada, M.D.

"What we call the common cold is actually a contagious viral infection of the upper respiratory tract and can be caused by a number of run of the mill rhinoviruses or coronaviruses. Couple your child's under-developed immune system with the variety of settings and people they come in contact with on the average day and they have the potential of coming down with several colds in any given season.

"One of the simplest - and most effective - ways of preventing the spread of colds is hand-washing," he notes.

Garada suggests teaching children to wash their hands thoroughly (front and back) with soap and under running water: after coming home from school, before meals, after using the

bathroom, after playing, after spending time in public places, such as the mall.

"I always advise parents not to send their child to day care or school if they have a cold," Garada says. "It's not only discourteous to expose infections to classmates, teachers and their families, it's also callous to send a sick child out when they need plenty of fluids, bed rest and a big bowl of chicken soup."

Good hygiene at home is also key, he says. Being particularly fastidious - using antibacterial soap, washing floors and toys, not allowing a sick child to share towels or playthings with others and a lot of TLC are excellent preventative measures.

"Unless otherwise directed by your pediatrician, never give your child aspirin," Garada advises.

Lastly, he says, take your child to the doctor if symptoms result in coughing that lasts more than a week, increased throat pain, fever over 101 degrees, enlarged neck glands or shaking chills.

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The City of Farmington Hills Purchasing Division will solicit sealed bids during the next forty-five (45) days for the following products and/or services:

- Athletic Field Groomer
- Power Boto-Spiller
- Power Landscape Rake

Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Central Services Department. All bids must be submitted in accordance with the bid specifications.

The City of Farmington Hills reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in part or in whole, to waive any formalities and to accept the bid which it believes to be in the best interest of the City.

KATHRYN A. DORNAN
 City Clerk

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR QUALIFICATIONS REQUEST FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES STORM WATER SAMPLING ANALYSIS FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN

Farmington Hills is seeking qualifications for services to assist with Storm Water Sampling and Analysis. The study is part of the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project being administered by Wayne County.

Objective
 The objective of this demonstration project is to determine the impact of catch basin cleaning on water quality in the Rouge River watershed and how effective this maintenance activity is in reducing pollutants from storm water runoff.

Location
 This project will be confined to portions of the City of Farmington Hills that lie within the Bell branch and Tarabusha Creek watershed.

Project Tasks
 Project tasks include development of a written plan in accordance with the requirements of the Rouge Program Office (RPO). The Work Plan shall include the methods for determining the impact of catch basin cleaning on storm water runoff as well as a description of your proposal for sampling and analysis (type, location, frequency, test methods, etc.) The consultant shall also develop supplemental specifications for the DPW's catch basin cleaning contract to ensure that the catch basin cleaning and storm water sampling/analysis will properly coordinate. The engineering consultant shall monitor the progress of the study, maintain appropriate files, and prepare both a draft and final project report.

Regulations
 This project must be conducted in compliance with the provisions of the Federal Water Quality Control Act, as amended, Michigan Act 451, Public Acts 1994, and all other applicable regulations; local state, and Federal.

Request for Statement of Interest and Qualifications (RFQ)
 The Statement of Qualifications shall include, as a minimum, the following information:

- Name of organization and contact person.
- Type of organization (i.e., corporation, partnership, etc.).
- List of officers of organization.
- Experience and technical competence of the firm and its personnel specifically with regard to stormwater analysis and management.
- Familiarity with types of problems applicable to the project described above and prevalent conditions in the study area.
- Past performance of similar assignments including such factors as problems inherent with the Rouge River Basin area, experience with EPA grants, and ability to meet work plan objectives.
- A list of the firms, client contact names, and phone numbers of relevant projects completed by your firm. Include name, address, and phone number of references.
- Statement of company policy regarding affirmative action and equal employment opportunity practices.
- Statement of professional liability insurance coverage for the project.

Submit three copies of Statement of Qualifications to Dan Rooney, Superintendent of Public Works, 27245 Halsted Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48331. Statements are due on or before 4:30 PM, February 7, 1999, and shall be clearly marked "Requirements for Qualifications".

Farmington Hills does not discriminate against any individual or group because of race, sex, religion, age, national origin, marital status, or handicap. Farmington Hills reserves the right to accept or reject, in whole or in part, any and all proposals, to waive irregularities and to act in the best interest of the City.

Questions regarding this request for qualifications: Contact the Farmington Hills DPW at (248)563-6580.

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AARP offers area seniors help filing '98 tax returns

Members of the Farmington Hills chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) with special training from the Internal Revenue Service will help senior citizens file their 1998 state and federal tax returns free of charge.

The AARP volunteers will be available at the William Costick Senior Center, 31555 Eleven Mile Road at Middlebelt, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on the following Tuesdays: Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; April 6 and 13.

A copy of the 1997 tax record is helpful. All information is kept confidential.

For more information, call the Farmington Hills senior center at 473-1830.

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FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS INVITATION TO BID

Farmington Public Schools will accept sealed bids for Additions and Remodeling to East Middle School until 1:00 p.m., Thursday, January 28, 1999 at the Lewis Schulman Administration Building, 3500 Shawwassee, Farmington, Michigan 48336-2363, addressed to Paul Haln at which time they will be publicly opened and read for presentation to the Board of Education at their next regularly scheduled meeting (by oral, telephonic, telegraphic or facsimile proposals will be considered. The Board will not consider or accept a bid received after the time and date specified.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept any item in the bid; to accept or reject any or all bids; to waive any informalities therein; or for reasons establishing uniformity, to award the contract to other than the low bidder.

A bid bond for 5% of the bid amount issued by a carrier licensed by the State of Michigan and with an excellent or superior rating from AM Best Company must accompany your bid proposal. No certified checks accepted. Bid documents prepared by URS Greiner, Inc. will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, RCB&V, 96001 West Five Mile Road, Redford, MI 48238; the FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; the Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; and the Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Detroit.

Bidders may obtain a set of bidding documents by contacting the Construction Manager (313) 635-1140.

A prebid meeting will be held on Monday, January 18, 1999 at 3:00 PM tentatively in the cafeteria at East Middle School, 25000 Middlebelt Road. All bidders are encouraged to attend.

This project to be bid at the prevailing wage rate.

LINDA K. ENBERG, Secretary
 Board of Education

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