

# Farmington Hills video division honored with awards



MELANIE YOUNG

**CABLE CONNECTION**

Are you interested in viewing award-winning television programming? If so, look no further than Farmington Hills Channel 8. The Farmington Hills Video Division recently added four video awards to their impressive list of accomplishments.

Each year, the Alliance for Community Media sponsors the HomeTown Video Festival, which is the largest and oldest community media awards program in the world. Recently, the Video Division staff, headed by Dave Tietmeyer, was notified that they will receive a first place award in the Teleplay category for "Long Term Memories", a teleplay that was produced in cooperation with the Farmington Hills Senior Adult Center.

The idea behind the production was to

improve the dialogue between senior citizens and young people by showing both groups that they can learn a lot from each other. The show opens with a 12-year old child's stereotypical view of senior citizens, then transforms as the child realizes that aging is just a part of life.

The actors were selected by audition, and community theater veteran and access user Iria Connolly gave an inspiring performance as the misunderrated senior. The Video Division wrote, produced and filmed the entire project.

In addition to the first place award, the division also won the Judges' Choice Award for Overall Excellence in Government Access. This award is given to the Government Access Center that demonstrates a strong commitment to covering all aspects of a city government operation.

To enter this category, Dave had to create a 30-minute compilation of the

best programming the division has to offer. This compilation entry included excerpts from "Teenage," "Inside Farmington Hills," "Farmington Hills Update," "Nature in the Hills" and "Police Journal," as well as several other shows.

Tietmeyer said he tried to show the broad range of programs the Video Division does. The video was only part of the entry. They also had to compile a packet of support materials, including newspaper articles, essays and program synopses. Tietmeyer reacted to the win by stating "This was a big one for us. We were happy just being recognized."

The honors don't stop with the HomeTown Award. Dave and his staff have also recently been awarded finalist trophies in the International Telly Awards. The first Telly was given for "Methods to Manage the Flood," a show on how to control the goose population in neighborhoods and yards. The show was initiated by phone calls Dave and his staff

received from residents about the goose problem in Farmington Hills. In an effort to help the residents deal with these problems, Dave recruited some local experts and the show was born. The show also featured the DNR, Farmington Hills Naturalist Joe Derek and the Michigan Humane Society.

The other program honored with a Telly was the "Michigan State Capital Tour." That program gave viewers the opportunity to see the beauty and majesty of the state capital.

According to Dave Tietmeyer, the 1998-1999 fiscal year has been very successful for the Farmington Hills Video Division. They have won six awards in that time period: one regional, three national and two international awards. Dave's staff of Jacob Nothstein and Annette Slomka are hard at work producing more award-winning programs. The newest addition to the Channel 8 lineup is "The Secrets of Space" with Mike Best. The show has featured top

ics such as Mars, the Hubble Telescope, and Amateur Astronomy. Watch next month's edition for a segment on UFO's.

Congratulations to the staff of the Farmington Hills Video Division. We look forward to seeing more award-winning work in the near future!

Another award-winning staff needs your help. The City of Novi Government Access production team is looking for actors and actresses to star in its programs. No experience is necessary. If you are interested, call Novi Public Information Director Lou Martin at (248) 347-0494.

Melanie Young is the Community Relations Specialist of the Southeastern Oakland Cable Commission. The next SWOCC Meeting is at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, at the Farmington Hills City Hall. The next CAC Meeting is at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14 at SWOCC. The next Access Forum is 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3, at SWOCC.

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### CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS

#### PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

DATE: JUNE 24, 1999  
TIME: 7:30 P.M.  
PLACE: Farmington Hills City Hall  
31565 Eleven Mile Road  
Farmington Hills, MI 48338

ITEM: Special Approval 65-5-99

The City of Farmington Hills Planning Commission will give formal consideration to an application requesting site plan approval and recommendation for a Certificate of Need for a wireless communication facility in an SP-6, Special Purpose District classification. The property involved has an address of 28600 Eleven Mile Road, Sidwell 423-13-51-004. The applicant in this matter is Jovan Gypsy, Nextel Communications.

Any person who is interested is invited to participate in the discussion of the Special Approval request. The application for Special Approval and the Zoning Text and Map may be reviewed at the Farmington Hills Planning Office on any business day between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

DALE A. COUNTEGAN, Director  
Planning & Community Development  
City of Farmington Hills

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## Schools plan for booming student population

**BY JILL HOCKMAN**  
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The student population in the Walled Lake schools is booming, and officials say they have a good idea of what needs to be done to handle it.

Now they just have to figure out how to do it.

The board of education recently approved the Facilities Strategic Action plan, which was created by a committee of parents and school employees. The group was set up to decide the best way to deal with the district's booming student population.

"It is still growing every year," said Janet Scheetz, the district's director of instructional services. Scheetz was part of the group's elementary sub-committee.

"We're struggling with what we're trying to cover right now."

The plan calls for creating a new high school, adding elementary and middle school classrooms and minimal redistricting at the middle-school level.

so crowded that kindergarten students are forced to attend class at other elementary schools. At the high school level, the student population currently exceeds what the two buildings were built to hold.

And school officials say more growth is expected.

There's currently a large student population in late elementary school, Scheetz said. As that group of students moves through the school system, middle and high school buildings will be even more crowded, she said. In addition, new students continue to move to the district.

"The incoming increase is slowing, so our overall growth is gradually slowing," Scheetz said. Still, school officials say changes need to be made.

Superintendent James Geisler said the district's next step will be to launch a feasibility study for the proposed plan. That study will probably begin in August or September, and will address issues like timelines, funding and whether the project is viable, he said.

"That place has yet to be

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done," Geisler said.

**Plans**

At the high school level, a 240,000-square-foot addition at Walled Lake Central is set to be completed next fall, according to architect John Castellana of TMP Associates. When the old part of the building is renovated by the fall of 2000, the school will be able to accommodate 2,000 students, Castellana said.

But the Facilities Action plan calls for creating a new high school instead of continuing to add on to the two existing schools.

Geisler said the new districtwide high school would be closely linked with area businesses. Details of how the school would be set up still need to be worked out, but Geisler said officials envision a school building that could be used by both students and members of the business community.

"That would also lead to much more in terms of internships for students," Geisler said. The school would be for college-bound students, he said.

"We're talking about kids that would be going to Harvard but would want to do some sort of... job-shadowing," Geisler said.

Whether the district will build a new school or use an existing building has not been determined.

"In many ways, (the proposed school) is an open-ended thing that needs more definition," Geisler said.

At the middle school level, the

Facilities Action Plan calls for shifting students from Walled Lake Middle School to Sarah Banks Middle School. That would be done through redistricting, but "it would be nothing like the last redistricting we went through," Geisler said. "They just need to even-out the population between the buildings."

Eight classrooms at Walled Lake Middle School would also be added as part of the plan.

At the elementary level, the plan calls for adding on to buildings where there's still extra space on school grounds, Scheetz said. That means adding classrooms at Twin Beach, Leon Lake, Glengary and Walled Lake elementary schools.

In addition, classrooms would be remodeled at Twin Beach and Commerce elementary schools. Those classrooms are used by kindergartners from Oakley Park and Keith elementary school, where there's no space to add on to the building.

As buildings are upgraded, the plan calls for services like some special education programs, early childcare centers and preschool programs to be available at one school in each quadrant of the district.

The move would cut down on special education student shuffling across the district. Educators could also focus on literacy among the youngest students, Scheetz said.

"That would allow us to really develop the early literacy part of our program," she said.

### SPOTLIGHT ON

## Orthodontics

by Josephine Pinazza, D.M.D.

### AN UNEVEN APPEARANCE

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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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### LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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LIVONIA, MI 48184

The Livonia Public Schools Board of Education, Livonia, Michigan hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for:

**ASPHALT PROJECTS AND**  
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**HAYES ELEMENTARY, JACKSON EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER,**  
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**TAYLOR ELEMENTARY, TYLER ELEMENTARY, AND**  
**WILSON FOOD SERVICE**

Project includes (not limited to) milling, resurfacing, installation of drainage and striping of various parking lots at ten (10) school sites.

Specifications, bid forms and plans may be reviewed at the Central Office Maintenance Department. Any questions regarding this bid may be directed to Mr. Tim Kohut, Maintenance Supervisor at 313-523-91-61-60.

Bids will be received until 10:30 A.M. on the 22nd of June, 1999 at the Board of Education Maintenance Department. At this time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read. Vendors are encouraged to attend.

Bid security in the amount of 5% of the total proposal, in the form of Bid Bond or Certified Check must accompany each bid. Performance Bond and payment bond will be required of the successful bidder.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids in whole or in part in the interests of uniformity, design, equipment, delivery time or preference, to waive any informalities and to award to either the low bidder, with rationale to support such a decision.

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### BEN PIVNICK FAMILY FOUNDATION

The annual report of the PIVNICK FAMILY FOUNDATION for the year 1998 is now available for inspection for the next 150 days. Inspection must be made during regular office hours, and by appointment only. Contact Mr. Pivnick at (248) 626-0870.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### CITY OF FARMINGTON

#### ANNUAL BUDGET OPEN FOR INSPECTION

On Monday, June 7, 1999, the Farmington City Council enacted the City's Budget for the Fiscal Year 1999-00. A summary of the enacted budget, showing information supporting the budget actions taken by the Council, is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk, Farmington Municipal Building, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

MARY L. BUSH, Mayor  
PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer

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### SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING WITH THE FARMINGTON AREA ARTS COMMISSION

(Summary)

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council with the Farmington Area Arts Commission was held on Monday, June 7, 1999, in Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1978.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Bush, Campbell, Hartsock, McShane, Mitchell.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

FARMINGTON CITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, City Manager Leuboff.

FARMINGTON AREA ARTS COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: F. Barber, K. Briggs, N. Reid, E. Samra.

OTHERS PRESENT: P. Barber.

Council met with members of the Arts Commission and were updated on current activities of the Commission including Arts Master Plan status; Cultural Arts Community Survey; new priorities/change; proposed sculpture garden; and a proposed future performing arts center.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

MARY L. BUSH, Mayor  
PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer

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