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"You don't have time to do anything else," emphasizes Goss. "And if you're coming to work sleepy, don't even get behind the wheel."

In discussing the well-intentioned courteous driver who stops in traffic, Goss says the Farmington Road-Nine Mile Road intersection is where this can easily happen. The numerous commercial driveways there, plus the M-5 exit nearby, make it among his city's most frequent accident sites due to all the turn-

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ing that goes on.

There's always "a lot of people pulling out of driveways," he says, and "a lot of opportunity for something to go wrong."

"There are too many driveways — it's like a video game," he says. "You have to have eyes in the back of your head in some of these circumstances."

Goss agrees it's good to be courteous and "we have some very courteous people out there."

"But to have somebody yield (right-of-way) to let someone pull out of a driveway, well, they're backing up traffic behind them. They're really playing traffic cop, making other people stop."

And, he says, they're setting

up the person leaving the parking lot "for a trap" because their vehicle is blocking the other person's view of vehicles coming up in the next lane.

"It's better off to pull forward and block that person in than to give them an opportunity to exit" with only a limited-sight opportunity, Goss says.

You may just be wanting to give them a break, he says, but remember: "No good deed goes unpunished."

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"We know that seatbelts save lives, so we will want to educate drivers to that, as well as making sure the drivers and their passengers are buckled up," he said.

In Oakland County, police and sheriff's deputies also will do special enforcement Feb. 6-19, according to Farmington Hills Police Lt. Gary Hawald.

"It will be a countywide operation," said Hawald, director of the Hills' traffic bureau.

# RECREATION NEWS

## DADDY/DAUGHTER DANCE

Dads can treat their daughters to an evening of fun on Feb. 4 or 5 at the Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills. The cost is \$10 per couple and \$8 for each additional daughter. The fee includes flowers, refreshments, picture and dancing. Pre-registration is required. Limited 600 per evening.

## SWIM LESSONS

Lessons from parent/tot adults are available beginning the week of Feb. 17 through April 19 at the William Costick Activities Center pool. The pool's temperature is 86 degrees, which provides a comfortable setting during the lesson. The session will run for 9 classes. A \$45 pre-registration fee is required at the Recreation Office.

## DOWNHILL SKIING

The Farmington Hills Recreation Division is offering a complete downhill ski program for all participants, 6th grade through high school, every Friday night at Mt. Brighton. A bus will leave the designated pick-up location at 4:30 p.m. and return at approximately 10 p.m. Fee includes lift ticket, ski lessons, and bus transportation. Ski rental is not included and will be collected on the bus. Pre-registration is required.

## WINTER STAFF

The Recreation Division is in search of Youth Basketball Referees, Sled Hill Supervisors, Cross Country Ski Center Attendants and Special Events Assistants. If you are interested please call the Recreation Division at 473-9570 or stop by the city of Farmington Hills, Department of Special Services for an application.

# CLARIFICATION

The upcoming American Red Cross blood drive at Oakland Community College-Orchard Ridge Campus is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, and not Sunday, Feb. 13 as previously reported. The event will take place at Building J. Call 313-267-7756 for information.

# Kids take a lesson in foreign relations

Students of Gayo Williams' 4th grade class at Highmeadow Common Campus in Farmington Hills have learned an important lesson in international relations. They recently participated in a "Candy for Russian Children" program inspired by Highmeadow parent, Dr. Dimitri Dozortzov, an area physician and Russian native.

The Farmington Hills students sent candy, pictures and notes to orphaned children in St. Petersburg, Russia. Dozortzov hand delivered the goodies to the Russian children and videotaped them opening and responding back. His efforts of goodwill made national television in Russia and have inspired him to expand the scope of this program to include the entire St. Petersburg school district.

"I am very excited about the possibilities this program brings," states Dozortzov. "I have clinics in Russia and visit there often — I would be happy to deliver more packages to more children in need."

The Highmeadow students will view the videotape of their new Russian "pen pals" and read the cards they have been sent on Monday, Feb. 7 at the school.

# BEE WINNERS

Three Power Middle School students performed well at the school's National Geographic Bee.

Sixth graders Joel Knight and Adam Dubois placed first and second, with eighth grader Maggie Vaillancourt finishing third.

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