

## 2001 Fantasy Raffle tickets now on sale

Grand prizes don't get much grander than this: a 2002 Corvette Coupe, \$30,000 cash, 2001 Mercedes ML320, a luxury cruise for two to the Mediterranean and two Harley-Davidson motorcycles.

Purchasing a 2001 Fantasy Raffle Ticket from the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce provides a one in 100 chance of becoming a grand prize winner in a drawing to be held during

the annual Founder's Festival, July 18-21.

Tickets are \$100 each and are currently on sale at various locations around Farmington/Farmington Hills, including Motor City Harley-Davidson, Hearts & Roses, LOC Federal Credit Union, Page's Holiday Chevrolet, as well as the Chamber office in the Farmington Training Center.

Nine other cash prizes ranging from \$150 to \$1000 are also available.

The drawing will take place at the raffle party which will be held at 8 p.m., Saturday, July 21 in the Founder's Festival VIP Hospitality Tent behind Page's in downtown Farmington.

Each raffle ticket holder will get receive two vouchers to enter the tent area along with food and drink tickets.

The actual drawing will take place at 8 p.m.

Twenty percent of the 2001 Fantasy Raffle proceeds helps support the 2002 Farmington Area Founders Festival. For more information, or to purchase a 2001 Fantasy Raffle ticket, please contact Ara Topouzian at 474-3440 ext. 23 or by e-mail at atopouzian@ffchamber.com or visit the Chamber online at www.ffchamber.com

## Visions from page A3

than 850 businesses, to determine whether some school-business partnerships could be developed.

Those businesses, however, would have to be willing to work with special needs students. Visions has about 60 students, ages 18-26, all with various mental and physical disabilities.

"We're really interested in an assembly kind of work," said Wolf, adding that his students often work on such projects for the business sector.

Examples of their previous work include assembling plastic pails for Walled Lake-based American Plastics, affixing bar

scanner labels to bottles for Sprayco of Detroit, making T-shirts, hats, greeting cards and candy wreaths, Wolf said.

The awareness-building letter to businesses was sent out by chamber of commerce President Carleigh Flaherty, who met with Wolf and toured the facility.

"There's a component of businesses in the area who could definitely utilize the skills of these students," Flaherty said. "They just are not aware of what they do."

"We'd like to offer different options for students, different learning sites," said Visions Principal Lynne Noelke. "We recently connected with the chamber and we're hoping something will come out of that."

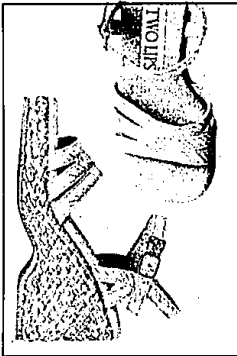
Visions Unlimited already has a solid partnership with Mary DiManno, supervisor of the City of Farmington Hills Senior Adult Division. Students, under the supervision of a special education paraprofessional, pack lunches for delivery through the "Meals on Wheels" program.

The Farmington school board recently recognized the Visions-DiManno partnership, honoring it for inclusion on the Partnership Wall of Fame.

Visions Unlimited is located at 23761 Research Drive in Farmington Hills. Noelke can be reached at (248) 489-3833.

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**50% off** Preswick & Moore camp shirts. Reg. 40.00-42.00, sale 19.99-21.00. IN MEN'S.

**sale 29.99** Famous-maker designer denim jeans. Reg. 48.00. IN MEN'S.

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## Rate from A1

McCulloch.

"Why is it necessary for me to raise water rates by 18 percent?" asked Council member Jon Grant.

McCulloch told council the increase is due to rising costs from the Detroit Water & Sewerage Department, as well as increased operation and maintenance costs.

Council member Vicki Barnett said, "I want our residents to know that we are going to charge you what the Drain Commissioner tells us he is going to charge us."

"That is correct - it is a pass through," McCulloch said. "We've taken a very conservative approach on establishing these rates."

The market value of the water is derived from usage rates for the past three years, McCulloch said.

Council member Jerry Ellis told McCulloch, "I do admire your guts and fortitude for being here. I've read the report - it was painful."

He added, "18.4 percent is a huge increase in one year. Is there any way we can soften the blow?"

"What would happen if we just didn't pay the increase?" Grant asked.

City Manager Steve Brock replied, "Farmington Hills would go into a deficit. It would be much more prudent for us to keep up the best we can."

He added that local water rates were on average, much cheaper than those throughout the nation. The DWSD faces the problem of an aging water supply system and the costs to repair it.

"We do face a general water and sewer crisis," Barnett said. "I am not willing to bring the entire city into deficit to control costs."

Chris McRae said, "I do believe that this is our problem, and we should be paying for it. We have to bite the bullet and make the unpopular decision."

Council member Barry Brickner attempted to put the increase in perspective. "One thousand cubic feet equals roughly 7,500 gallons. We're talking pennies on the gallon."

The sewer increase in directly tied to the water increase, said Tom Biasell, Director of Public Works.

"From the Farmington Hills standpoint, the exact same circumstances exist, because we base our sewer rates on water usage," he said.

Barnett again cited the cost of fixing the aging infrastructure. "What we are talking about here is \$1.3 billion in expenditures for rehabilitation. The items we are talking about are extremely expensive."

"This is a pay-as-you-go system," Barnett said.

She added, "There are a huge number of people, both in Farmington Hills and other cities, with sewage backing up in their basement who are saying, 'Fix it!'"