

No drugs found in K-9 search at North Farmington

No drugs were found as a result of an unannounced search of lockers and restrooms at North Farmington High School around 8 a.m. Tuesday.

According to Hills Commander Pat Browne, district administrators asked the department to conduct the search as a proactive step to discourage any potential drug activity on school grounds.

Hills police's K-9 team was assisted in the sweep by dogs from the Novi Police Department and the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

According to Hills Police, lockers, restrooms and locker rooms were searched with no illegal substances found.

Browne said the last time a sweep was done in 1998, all three Farmington public high schools were searched. Only one illegal substance was found.

Browne said students are informed in their student code of conduct books that their personal lockers are school property and can be subject to searches.

Police Chief William Dwyer said the fact no drugs were found is significant statement that the schools are offering a safe place for students.

"The results speak for themselves," he said.

He added the department remains committed to assisting the public schools in maintaining an environment where students are afforded the freedom to work toward a quality education, free of drugs or violence.

--By Paul R. Pace

Cubs lead the pledge

The Farmington Hills City Council welcomed some special visitors to its Monday meeting. Third-graders from Giff Elementary's Cub Scout Troop 228 led the pledge of allegiance before the council began deliberations. Many of the students and their parents sat quietly and watched the council do its job after the pledge.

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OPEN GYM

The William Costick Activities Center gym, on 11 Mile between Middlebelt and Inkster, is offering adult basketball 9-11 a.m. Sundays, adult volleyball 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays and teen basketball 1-3 p.m. Sunday. Cost for residents 17 and younger is \$2, and \$4 for non-residents; and \$3 for residents 18 and older, \$5 for non-residents.

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OBSERVER SUPERSTARS

Congratulations to the following Observer Carrier Straight "A" Superstar Students:

Danielle Bresso, 10, is a student at Wooddale Elementary in Farmington Hills. She delivers in the Colony Park West subdivision. Danielle said, "In school my favorite class is math. I'm in 5th grade and my teacher is Ms. Wilson. I like delivering the paper because I get to meet new people." She also enjoys art and gym. "I got inspired to do this job by Zach DiGlia, who also delivers the paper."

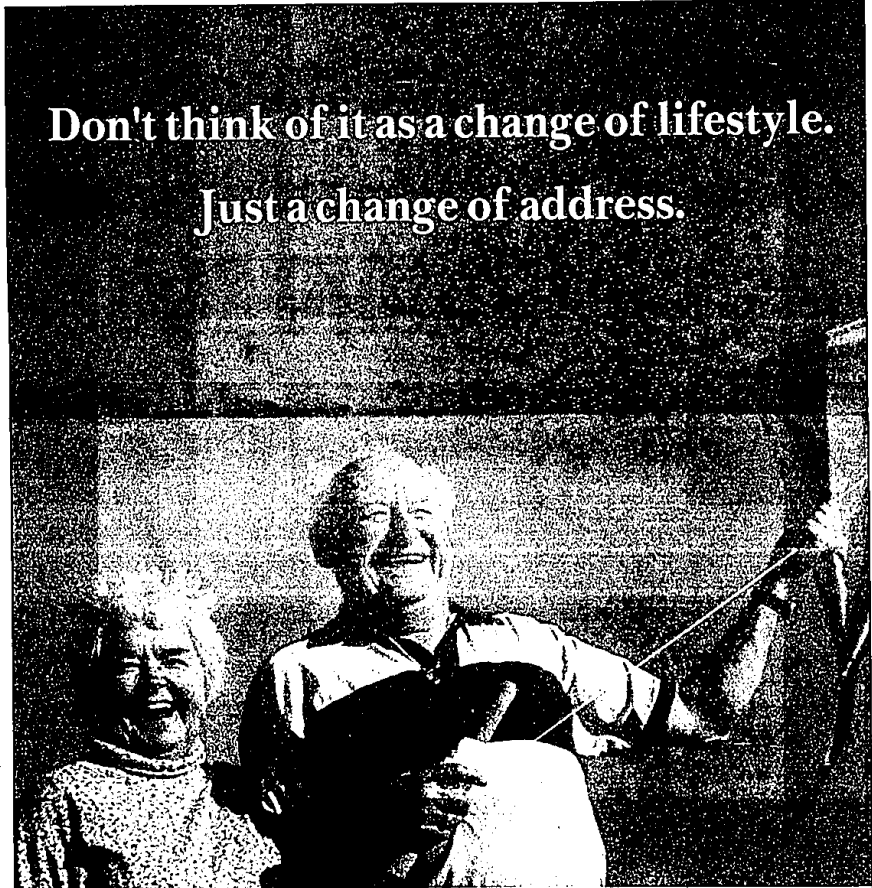
Nick Bresso, 13, is a student at O.E. Dunkel Middle School. He also delivers the Observer in the Colony Park West subdivision. Nick said, "Right now I am playing basketball for a rec team and I am on the 13 year-old Cobra baseball team." He is also in the jazz band at school and plays intramural basketball. "I am preparing for my confirmation and the thing I like about delivering the newspaper is collecting at the end of the month. I get rewarded for all the work I did during the month."

Danielle Bresso, 11, is a student at Wooddale Elementary school and delivers the paper in the Colony Park West subdivision along with her siblings. Danielle said, "My favorite classes in school are math, science and writing. I also love doing art."

Danielle said she likes delivering the Farmington Observer because, "It gives me a chance to get to know people in my sub." She also plays the clarinet, and is on the level 5 team at the Farmington Gymnastics Club.

Jason Antezak, 11, is a student at Our Lady of Sorrows. He delivers the Observer in the Springbrook subdivision. "I'm new at delivering the paper," he said. "I live for baseball. It's not long until opening day!"

David Tobin, 12, is a student at O.E. Dunkel Middle School. He delivers the Observer in the Dunbar Oaks Subdivision. "I like science and social studies," he said.



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