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children, including storytellers, Bolen said. Also, new, culturally influenced musical entertainment will be offered, she said.

While last year's theme focused on different religions, this year's concept is celebrating different cultures, Bolen said.

The event is sponsored by the Farmington/Farmington Hills Multicultural/Multiracial Community Council, Farmington Public Schools, the Farmington/Farmington Hills Community Foundation and the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills.

All events, which will be free of charge, take place at the Costick Activities Center on 11 Mile, east of Middlebelt.

There will be a "Get to know your neighbors" mini conference from 1-4 p.m. on Sept. 22. All community members are encouraged to learn about numerous cultures represented in the community.

There will be an art exhibit preview and Meet the Artists reception prior to the Multicultural/Multiracial Council Kick-Off Rally on Sept. 26. The reception, sponsored by the Farmington Community Arts Council, is from 6-7 p.m. with the Rally following at 7 p.m.

New Citizens swearing-in ceremony takes place at 10 a.m. Sept. 27 with voter training and registration available for new

citizens.

Main Heritage Festival takes place from 12:30-6 p.m. Sept. 29. With more than 2,000 residents in attendance in the past and expectations of more this year, organizers plan for some of the same favorite events and some new, exciting additions to the lineup, including:

- Cultural booths, children's activities, crafts and storytellers.

- Restaurants with many international food selections, including a new Bakery Cafe that will feature breads and sweets from many cultures.

- Community booths.

- Historical bus tours of Farmington Hills and Farmington.

- Music entertainment by Blackthorn, Irish, Ara Topouzian Ensemble with Armenian and Middle Eastern folk music; Mariachi, jazz and marching bands, American and international dance troupes and a Japanese Tea Ceremony.

Contribution and volunteer forms will be available at Farmington Hills City Hall or call the help line.

Contributors can have their names listed on various materials depending on the size of the contribution.

Volunteers are needed for running, ticket booths, traffic control and children's activities among others.

Quick change artist confuses clerk

POLICE CALLS

either close the drawer or pull all the money towards them.

Cashiers should keep the currency for which change is being made on top of the register in plain view so they know how much money they were handed. Count back the change while a witness watches.

"Slow things down," Goss said. However, if the cashier worries his or her life might be threatened, hand over the money, he said.

HOME INVASION

A Shiawassee resident discovered \$200 missing from her purse which she left on the kitchen table after painting a side fence about 3:30 p.m. recently.

The woman was approached by a man five feet, nine inches tall and 180 pounds who was walking and asked her for directions to Grand River, police said.

She thought that odd because he just walked down Floral from Grand River, Goss said.

When she finished her work outside, she went into her house and discovered someone rifled through her purse, took the money but not the purse. Both the garage door and overhead door were open.

Goss warned residents to always lock the doors they can't see while they are working outside.

RETAIL FRAUD

The manager of the Farmer Jack store at Nine Mile and Farmington called police after a 16-year-old tried to steal a six-pack of Swisher Sweet cigars valued at \$2.39 about 2:30 p.m. June 21, police said.

The teen concealed the cigars by tucking them below his belt and T-shirt which wasn't tucked in. He was referred to Oakland County Family Court.

SEMI-TRUCK SHAGGED

Farmington Public Safety offi-

cers were called to a Mooney address about 1 p.m. June 21 after a semi-truck pulled down some overhead wires.

The officers advised the occupants to remain in the truck until workers from Detroit Edison arrived. The officers entered the laundry room at the address to look for the circuit box. They discovered a broom stick on fire, which was extinguished.

Officers secured the area because lines had also fallen across the apartments on Mooney Street. Edison arrived and de-energized the wires and the two truck occupants were able to get out.

There was structure damage to a south wall because the truck pulled out wires.

STOLEN ITEMS

A Meadowlark resident reported that someone took a \$300 radio cassette and \$80 MP3 player from his 1995 Ford Ranger about 10 p.m. June 23.

- By Sue Buck

MILITARY NEWS

■ Air Force Lt. Col. Maureen Massey is one of 28 Air Force members recognized as a hero at an official ceremony at the Pentagon.

She is the daughter of Thomas Show of Farmington and Stella Show of St. Clair Shores.

■ Air Force Airman David Cookson graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

He earned distinction as an honor graduate. He is the son of William Cookson of Farmington Hills and a graduate of Har-

rison High School.

■ Air Force Airman Jason Wildman has graduated from the munitions systems apprentice course at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas.

Wildman was trained to receive, identify, inspect, store, issue, test, assemble, and maintain guided and unguided non-munitions. His wife, Christina, is the daughter of Kathleen Deschoff of Farmington.

Teacher wins sweepstakes

Jay Waldman, a middle school teacher from Farmington Hills, won the grand prize in the recent ACDelco Drive to Victory consumer sweepstakes.

Waldman was unable to accept the original grand prize of a trip to Paris, France for the 2002 24 Hours at LeMans auto endurance race and instead received the cash equivalent worth \$8,600.

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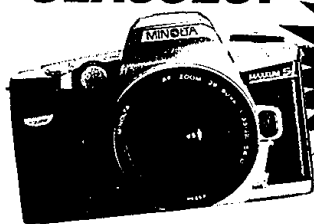
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