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## Foiling Thieves

A good way to protect your home from thieves is to etch your drivers license number on personal belongings. The Farmington Soroptimists are offering a special program to residents to rent an etcher free at five area locations.

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## Shrub Sale

The City of Farmington will observe the 100th anniversary of Arbor Day by offering for sale shrubs and evergreens at reduced cost during Arbor Week. A coupon to clip for the special week can be found inside.

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## Millage Letters

The Farmington Schools' millage election is April 24 and some concerned parents have sent letters to the editor explaining their reasons for supporting the millage. Their views might help make up your mind.

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## Austin Visiting

Michigan's Secretary of State will be the speaker for the Farmington AAUW next week. You can find the details in our women's section.

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# Board To Collect Tax Fee; Advisory Question Is Denied

The Farmington Township Board plans to collect the one per cent tax collection fee again next December to keep the budget balanced. Monday night trustees refused a request for an advisory ballot question on whether the fee should be collected.

Treasurer Thomas Nolan said the one per cent fee was needed to balance the tentative 1972-73 operating budget and its revenue has already been included in the budget.

Trustees refused a request from Aldo Vagnozzi for an advisory vote on the fee, reasoning that it was a necessary evil and opinions from the electorate would not change the necessity.

In other action, the board asked the county to initiate action to pave Kenwood Street which could lead to the removal of Kenwood Lake, decided to take bids on rubbish pickup for the May cleanup and discussed switching to the computer, punch-card voting system.

NOLAN commented the township is faced with a \$2 million operating budget which is predicated on the tax collection fee plus hopes of 1.6 mills being allocated to the township by the Oakland County Allocation Board.

Last year, the township requested 1.4 mills and was given 1.2 mills. The township has never, Nolan admitted,

received 1.6 mills but is prepared to argue its necessity with the county allocation board.

Nolan reported the township this past year lost \$70,000 in state income tax rebates because of a change in the rebate formula. The formula is based on a local taxing effort basis and gives more funds to those municipalities with higher operating millage.

Labor costs are rising, he continued, especially now that the township's clerical help have unionized. In addition, the township must build one new fire station and possibly a second before the year ends.

VAGNOZZI commented

that the tax collection fee was intended for those townships without fulltime salaried treasurers and Farmington Township should continue waiving the fee.

At the last meeting, trustees voted 4-3 to place an advisory question on bussing on the May 16 ballot but Monday night refused Vagnozzi's request.

Vagnozzi questioned the board's consistency in ordering advisory votes on questions over which they have no control and refusing advisory votes on an issue over which they have direct control.

William Hatton, Mervyn Ross and Vagnozzi all pointed out that imposition of the tax

collection fee was met with opposition from residents and an advisory vote should be taken before imposing it again.

Trustee David Stader said he was against all advisory questions, including those on bussing, because officials ought to have the ability to make decisions without continually seeking public opinion.

Trustee Mrs. Margaret Schaefer commented that because of the township's financial condition it was necessary to impose the fee

and an advisory vote would have little effect.

Other board members remained silent, including Trustee Earl Oppenhaus who two weeks ago sponsored the resolution calling for the bussing advisory vote on the May 16 ballot.

MEMBERS in the audience, including Mike Schpiece, 18, asked whether the board should consider placing an operating millage proposal on the ballot in lieu of the tax collection fee and the 0.4 of a

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## Army, JCs And CAP Join To Clean Park

The Army Reserve gave Mother Nature a helping hand in Farmington Township Saturday, April 8.

Members of the U.S. Army Reserve 70th Division (Training) at 34551 Schoolcraft, Livonia, worked six hours Saturday helping others in "Operation Township Park."

The reservists joined members of the Farmington Area Jaycees, Boy Scouts and Farmington Civil Air Patrol members from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. to clean up the park at 13 Mile and Orchard Lake Rd.

THE PROJECT was un-

dertaken as part of the Army Reserve's Community Month program which takes place each April, the month in which the Army Reserve was founded some 64 years ago.

Projects involving more than 1,000 Army Reserve units across the country give local communities a chance to gain a better understanding of their local reserve components and enable reservists to improve their readiness to carry out their assigned primary missions by using military occupational skills in community improvement activities.

The bulk of Township Park is a nature trail. During the past few years the trails have become cluttered with trash, broken tree limbs, dead stumps and other refuse.

The local Jaycees and Farmington Township trustees have been aware of the problem for some time but lacked personnel and materials to adequately tackle the job.

WHEN THE 70th Division approached the Jaycees and volunteered its resources for use in a worthwhile project, "Operation Township Park" was born.

In addition to providing manpower, the division also supplied necessary tools such as axes, rakes and shovels and several 2½-ton trucks for hauling the collected debris and trash.

Main goals of the clean-up project were to clear the open area in the park which has been used for bonfires in the past and to provide more definite paths and trails for nature observers to follow throughout the park area.

Once completed, the park should become an even more popular spot for area residents to visit when seeking a respite from urban living.



PARK CLEAN-UP -- Army Sgt. Dewey Pinnell of Taylor pitches in to help clean up the Farmington Township Park at 13 Mile and Orchard Lake Rds. Pinnell is a member of the 70th Division (Training) of the U.S. Army Reserve headquartered in Livonia. (Evert photo)

# Farmington Youth And Palomino Garner Horsemanship Trophies



SANDRA FENDT, 19, of Farmington shows off her Palomino, Another Chance, a championship performer. Miss Fendt has been riding horses since age four. (Photo by Craig Gaffield)

By CRAIG GAFFIELD  
What's in the future for a four-year-old girl with her own class instead of tricycle?  
For Sandra Fendt, now 19, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Fendt of 34440 Bridgeman Rd., Farmington it was winning the 1971 state (Palomino Horse Breeders Association (PHBA) title.

BUT HER success didn't begin there.  
Sandy won the Michigan State Fair children's class horsemanship at age six while atop her 44-inch Shetland pony, Oregon, with two years riding experience.

While most kids were out playing "cops and robbers," Sandy was busy organizing backyard horse shows with other enterprising youngsters and their horses.

And today, Miss Fendt has an assortment of ribbons and trophies won throughout her life-long competition.

DURING 1971, Miss Fendt and her 1,250 pound Palomino, Another Chance, gathered 21 Class "A" points, 42 halter and 41 performance points, putting her into the championship category.

Other rewards include: Champion halter palomino, Champion Western pleasure horse, champion junior exhibitor, and reserve champion high point stock horse for 1971.

She has led Another Chance to his berth as one of the top 10

palominos in the nation. And it was just her last birthday when she slipped out the youth class into the adult ranks.

It seems Sandy was destined to be a champion rider. Her parents met each other on horseback. When her grandfather, John McLeish of 22061 Tredwell in Farmington, brought the Shetland home to her, she fit right into the stride of things.

When she was 12, she raised her own cult after "outgrowing" the Shetland. Soon after that, she began to develop an appreciation for quality horses and began saving for a real champion breed.

Then along came Another Chance and they have been winning together ever since.

MISS FENDT is looking forward to a national meet to be held soon in Texas.

Last year, the youth competition was cancelled because of a disease from Mexico that infected and killed horses by the thousands.

So all prospective contestants got a "rain check" to come back this year. Miss Fendt will be in the competition as one of three eligible entrants from Michigan.

respond to a variety of cadence orders from the judges and her own smoothness as a rider and handler.

Miss Fendt and her horse practice every day in a field near I-96 in Farmington. She emphasized that "it helps a lot to work out near the highway because it gives Chance the same kind of atmosphere he has to perform in while being judged. At least the crowd noise during competition doesn't bother him any more," she explained.

Miss Fendt graduated in 1970 from Farmington High School and attended Ferris State College in Big Rapids.

She has gone from backyard barrel races to national competition during these busy "growing up" years. It's hard to say where the trails will take her in the future, but one thing's for sure she can always have another chance.

### Pledge Trainer

Julie Ernatt, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Ernatt of 2982 Club House Lane, is the newly elected pledge trainer of the Alpha Gamma chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority at the University of Michigan.

She is a junior at the university enrolled in the college of Literature, Science, and Arts. She is majoring in English and plans to teach high school.