

Honored At College

FARMINGTON
Linda Acitelli, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Alticelli of Red Clover Rd., Farmington, recently was awarded membership in Lamplighters, a senior women's honorary society at Hillsdale College.

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ABANDONED -- This house at 20915 Renselaer has plagued the neighborhood for six years. (Evert photo)

A Neighborhood Finds Out A House Is Hard To Move

By DAN McCOSH

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How do you clean up a neighborhood?

You can start by working on your own house, then put a little subtle pressure on the neighbors.

But in some parts of Farmington, it gets tougher.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Nelson moved to a house on Renselaer in Farmington Township six years ago.

The street was a gravel road then, and there was a vacant house across the street from their home. Now the street is paved, a new house has been built on the corner, and the Nelsons have moved a few houses away.

But the house across the street is still vacant, and now it is a dilapidated, vandalized eyesore.

"WE'RE TRYING to clean this place up," Nelson says. "We paved the street, and sometimes they come through here and make everybody take away junk cars."

The neighbors petitioned last September to get the house condemned and removed, the Nelsons said.

The house is currently vacant and unboarded. Inside, piles of empty beer bottles testify to its popularity among the neighborhood teenagers. Mrs. Nelson also said some teens stop in while waiting for

the school bus in the morning.

THE TOWNSHIP has begun condemnation proceedings on the building, according to building department head Charles Newing. "But the owner lives in California and is retired. We have had a tough time reaching her."

The township was in the process of notifying the owner for a "show cause" hearing, which would require an appearance before the township board, probably in two weeks, Newing said.

The board can then order the house torn down, with the costs assessed against the property tax roll.

WHY ISN'T it boarded up?

"HUD (the Department of Housing and Urban Development, which owns some empty, repossessed houses in the township) is pretty good about boarding them up," Newing said.

"But we have trouble with these absentee owners."

"We don't have a DPW; there isn't anybody around here to go out and do it, like there would be if we were a city," he said.

He admitted he could get a court order to get the place boarded up while the condemnation is proceeding, and said he would try to do this.

The department has torn down 16 vacant houses during the last year using the Unsafe Buildings Ordinance, Newing said.

But the neighbors of the abandoned house on Renselaer are finding it takes time.

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Chamber Planning Business Seminar

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An exposure to the real world of business is in store for 120 seniors from Farmington high schools at a business symposium sponsored by the Farmington Chamber of Commerce.

The program, conceived by the state chamber of commerce and presented in Farmington for the first time Jan. 11, is designed to get students and businessmen together for a look at the free enterprise system.

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IN FARMINGTON, planners of the seminar expect 40 students from each high school to meet with business leaders, tentatively at the Botsford Inn.

The seminar will last all day, with a presentation from a panel of speakers, followed by small group seminars and ending with questions for the panel of speakers.

"We hope to attract all types of speakers, not just those interested in business," Ed Lane, executive director of the chamber said.

"We hope to change some of the attitudes some students have towards business—even if they aren't going into business careers."

The program will be held in

conjunction with the annual "career days" Jan. 10, which is a joint effort of the North Farmington counseling staff, the Youth Employment Service, and the chamber.

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The city council Monday approved prohibiting parking on that portion of Farmington's main street from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The south side of the street remains available to on-street parking, at least for the time being.

A study accepted by the council recommends eliminating parking between Grove and Farmington Rd. on the south side of the street also, but no action was taken.

IN OTHER business, the council:

- Approved replacement of a 6,000 gallon gasoline tank for the DPW building, found leaking water.
- Agreed to receive bids on new trash bags to be sold by the DPW and take bids on larger leaf bags.
- Approved the vacation of an unused alley running west from Wesley Place to southwest lot line of lot one, Woodcroft Subdivision.

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