

# class reunions

## DETROIT REDFORD 1931

The classes that graduated in January and June of 1931 will hold their 50-year reunion June 17. More information is available from Maitland Fox, 531-2357.

## GARDEN CITY EAST 1961

A picnic reunion is planned at 3 p.m. Saturday, June 27, in Garden City Park for those who graduated from Garden City East High School in 1961. More information is available from Joyce Maczoni Pappas, 422-7030.

## WAYNE 1946

The 1946 Wayne High School graduating class will hold a 35-year reunion Saturday, June 27 at Lerights restaurant. Tickets are \$15.50 per person and reservations may be made with Milton Mack, 72-4158, or Ron Cobb, 728-6000.

## DETROIT ST. BRIGID

Classes of 1952, 1963 and 1964 at St. Brigid school in Detroit are invited to a July 11 reunion. Details are available from Kay Kooza, 533-7424, or Gayle Miller, 642-8405.

## DETROIT CENTRAL 1942

The committee planning a 40-year reunion of the Central High School class of 1942 will meet at 1 p.m. July 11 in the home of Phyllis (Berkowitz) Abel, 25235 Canterbury, Franklin.

Those interested in attending the reunion or having information on classmates should call Mrs. Abel, 651-4230, or Eydthe (Borin) Renner, 968-1973.

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# Cyclists warned: safety first

Remember Evil Kneivel? He became the most imitated biker with his daredevil stunts, his bravado, and, unfortunately, his tendency toward accidents.

According to Michigan State Police records for 1979, there were 2,132 motorcycle accidents involving injuries to bicyclists under the age of 15. More alarming, children 14 and under accounted for over half the bicycle deaths in Michigan.

The "Can you top this?" Guinness Book of World Records attitude legitimizes risk-taking while enticing children into trying tricks neither they nor their vehicles are designed to do. The fame and notoriety achieved by Kneivel on TV and through newspapers, magazines and the production of a doll in his image encourage copycat behavior.

At the same time a climate of non-chalance surrounds bike-riding skills. AAA Motor Club says that accident reports indicate the cyclist is at fault in at least 60 percent of the cases.

Many accidents could be prevented if the rider had better skills. But too often our guidance stops once a child has learned to balance on a two-wheeler.

We can channel those daredevil feelings into legitimate and difficult tests of biding expertise. These challenging exercises should improve ability to stop a bicycle and convey the impression that safety and care in riding is important.

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Be sure these maneuvers are done in a safe area.

First, make an obstacle course and drive around things in the way. The cyclist should drive through a 100-foot-long straight path of tin cans or milk cartons without touching them. The cartons can be placed at five- or 10-foot intervals with two placed opposite each other six to eight inches apart.

Next, make it more difficult by maneuvering through a twisting course, again without touching guidelines. Cartons are now spaced in a single line six to eight feet apart. The driver rides first to the right of a block, then to the left of the next

one. The driver may go any speed, but he may not touch any carton or stop the bike. This is easier to follow if the path is outlined with chalk.

A MORE challenging path is a zig-zag one formed by setting up the cartons in pairs with 12 feet between pairs. But the pairs of cartons are staggered so that the second, fourth, sixth, eighth, etc., pairs are two feet to the right of the first, third, fifth, and 10th pairs.

The biker must ride between the pairs of cartons in this waving line, then turn around and ride through them in the opposite direction. Again, an outline with chalk is helpful.

To challenge stopping ability, place a carton at the end of a line about 60 feet away. The rider must stop within 10 to 14 inches from this block. Brakes must not be applied until the rider passes a line marked 10 feet from the carton. The bike must be stopped before feet are brought to the ground.

Change of direction can be practiced by following a circle-8 outline in chalk.

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