

Jason Liinangi (foreground) of Garden City and Bob Hall of Farmington Hills move a log up the bank of the Rouge River to Farmington Hills Department of Public Services trucks, which hauled collected debris away. Farmington Hills 'clean-up site for Rouge Rescue '89, held earlier this month, was alongside the Farmington Nursing Home on Foisom.

obituaries

MARGARET F. THOMPSON

Mrs. Thompson, 69, of Farmington Hills died June 17.
Born in Canada, Mrs. Thompson was the Canada, Mrs. Thompson was considered to the Artificial Control of the Canada Mills and Edith Balanforth; many lecest an epophewa.
Services were June 20 at the Heenney-Sundquals Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Edward Belezak of St. Thomps More Catholic Church officialing. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

mother, Opal Anderson; brother, Ste-phen; sister, Fearl Woodworth. Services were June 21 at the Hee-ney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farm-ington, with the Rev. Jack Storey of Grace Baptist Church, Belleville, of-ficiating, Bural was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

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Clean Rouge eases flooding

Southfiled officials credit a free-flowing Rouge River for sparing the city from being covered with flood waters during Wednesday's torren-tial downpour, unlike nearby Farm-lington Hills. Meanwhile, continuing improve-ments to tighten Lathrup Village's sewer system succeeded in practi-cally eliminating once-common basement floodings in that commu-nity.

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Some high water was reported in homes in The Ravines, north of 13 Mile between Telegraph and Lather and on roads throughout the city— notably Beech south of Nine Mile at the Rouge River bridge—resulting in traffic back-ups, and Southfield fire LL Don Davis.

But it could have been much worse if not for recent Rouge clean-up efforts, said Eilis Cowles, Sooth-field's department of public services supervisor.

"IT SURE DID," said Cowles, when asked if the clean-ups helped the city avoid being flooded. "They said West Bloomfield got 3.9 inches of rain. Everything comes from there down through (Southlield) because it has to travel the Rouge River."

Without a fast-moving Rouge, water "would have built up and gone all over everything. Then we really would have had some damage." Cowies said.

Agreeing was Davis. "Since the clean-ups, it (the Rouge) rises, but not like it used to. And it's down quickly, in a few hours."

As it was, it rained hard enough for the river's flood plain to rise as high as it could without spilling over. The river did just that, however, where it crosses Eight Mile Road into Detroit, Cowies said, noting that bonnie Brook Golf Cub was "Utally saturated" with rain water, between Eight and Nhe Mills, with 8-1 inches of standing water. Cowies said. The coverflowing was at its peak about 11 pm, Wednesday and had totally receded by 5:30 pm. Thursday.

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COWLES SAID the river had dropped 12-15 inches between 4-11 am. Thursday. City crews kept a constant eye on the Rouge Wednesday night and Thursday morning as precaution, he added. The rains did not result in any road closings, including Beech. But Cowles said one basement flooding was reported, adding that it apparently was the result of that homeomer's sewer line being plugged up. "Some cars were off the road be-

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cause of the weather," said Davis, who did not have figures available for damages caused by the storm. While Wednesday's heavy rain continued a two-week wet siege. Davis said there had been enough intermittent dry days to keep floodings down.

"We've had a lot of rain over the last couple weeks," Davis said. "But there have been breaks in between forms which have allowed time for the water to go down."

The firefighter added that Southfield has seen "nuch more heavier in the seen "nuch more heavier had been as a 24-hour period than Wednesday.

IN LATHRUP Village, where hastement floodings several years ago were a common occurrence, only three residents called to complain about water in their basements, said Tim Richnak, the city's

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Those, like Southfield's only re-ported flooding, were the result of defects in homeowners individual sewer lines and not because of prob-lems with the city's, Richank said. City administrator Jerafd Stone said Lathrup's Lightening of its aging sewer system in recent years, which continues, as well as adequate road-side drainage, enabled the communi-ty to escape relatively unscathed. Richank solid Lathrup also want' bit as hard by the rain as other areas.



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