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Cards for charity

Thanks to Larkshire Elementary School Cub Scouts Pack 231 and Farmington Hills Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi, at least 30 boxes of recycled holiday cards will soon be on their way to St. Jude's Ranch for Children, Boulder City, Nev. Kids at the non-sectarian, non-denominational organization for abused, neglected and abandoned children will make new holiday cards from the donated card fronts and sell them to raise money for the ranch. Craig Spalding (left), Aaron Whelton, Tony Lema,

Vagnozzi, Jerry Lema and Jason Sowders had a grand old time packaging the recycled cards into boxes for mailing. The "thousands" of cards were dropped off at five sites around Farmington and Farmington Hills after the winter holidays not only for charity, but for the environment, said Karen Birkholz, recycling coordinator for the cities. "We are so pleased with the results," Birkholz said. "We think there is a recycling ethic in the cities."

C'ville trustee leaves board

Due to illness, Michael Manore of Livonia has resigned from the Clarenceville Board of Education, effective Feb. 1.

Clarenceville trustees are expected to appoint an interim replacement for Manore at the Thursday, Feb. 14, school board meeting. His seat will be permanently filled in the June annual school board election.

MANORE, AN 11-year veteran of the Clarenceville Board of Education and executive director of development services for Taylor, has been diagnosed as having leukemia. He is undergoing chemotherapy treatments at Boisdorf Hospital, Farm-

ington Hills. While on the board, he has held every office, including the presidency. Manore, 48, who lives on Gillman Street, currently is the board's treasurer.

Superintendent Jerry Montecillo called Manore "one of the finest board members I've ever worked with."

"He has a positive attitude, a very upbeat person. He will surely be missed," said Montecillo who was superintendent of Taylor Public Schools before coming to Clarenceville.

Manore was first elected to the Clarenceville board in 1980.

BEFORE JOINING the planning staff at Taylor, he was head of the planning division for the engineering firm Wade Trim & Associates. Montecillo said Manore's leukemia is currently in remission.

Manore apparently was diagnosed about five months ago as having the disease, which increases the number of white blood cells in the blood.

Montecillo said the board might appoint a former board member to serve in the interim.

"They will probably want to go to someone who has had prior experience, such as Sam Frisk or Gary Gasser," he said.

Water line repairs welcomed

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In January, when an eight-inch water main on the north side of Eight Mile at Ontario broke, about 200 residents in a six-block area north of Eight Mile, west of Inkster, were without water for at least 24 hours.

"Some of them (residents) were better than a half-mile away from the break itself," said Farmington Hills public services director Tom Bissell.

Roberts for one has long endured water main breaks and being without water while the breaks are fixed. He keeps a bucket of water handy to flush the toilet.

After the January water main break county personnel analyzed

breaks in the area and it was decided to make some connections in the lines leading from the water mains to the neighborhoods, Bissell said. "We decided if we put a stub in it won't necessarily change the break history but we can then isolate residents from it," Bissell said. "It's enabling us to fix a break without taking that many people out (of water)."

BIASELL AND Porter said water main breaks in the Old Town area north of Eight Mile are not uncommon because of the age of the pipes.

"At some point in the future when maintenance costs exceed the actual changing (costs) of the main, we will have to upgrade," Biaseil said.

Roberts and other residents won't mind that either. He and Carol Boyd,

both members of the Farmington Hills Rehabilitation Loan Board, suggested — after the big January water main break — using federal Community Development Block Grant money to upgrade the water system in Old Town and adjacent sections 35 and 34.

"It would be an eligible program," said Richard Lampi, Farmington Hills community development coordinator. "We're looking at it. It's being talked about. I don't know how high it will be on the priority list."



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police/fire calls

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week:

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY

An unidentified man attempted to rob a gas station assistant manager at 6:10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, as she was about to deposit money in a drop box at a Manufacturers National Bank of Detroit, 33452 Eight Mile, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

The assistant manager of a nearby Speedway gas station arrived at the bank, got out of the car carrying a bag with the deposit money and began walking toward the bank's drop box. A man, who apparently hid in the bushes, said, "Drop the bag."

The assistant manager screamed and tried to run back to her car when she tripped and fell. The man then ran away without taking the deposit bag. A woman who was using a money machine not far from the incident heard the screams and saw the man running away, police said.

According to both witnesses, the would-be robber was black, 6 feet tall, 200 pounds, with brown eyes and black hair. He wore a solid green army jacket, red shirt, blue jeans and sunglasses, according to the report.

BOMB THREAT

The manager of the Cedarbrook Apartments, 23870 Middlebelt, reported to Farmington Hills police that he received a telephone call Wednesday from a man with a "heavy foreign accent" who said a bomb is in one of the complex buildings and is set to go off, according to a police report.

The unidentified caller also re-

portedly said that "every Islamic man, woman and child" would be killed. The manager told police he was given no opportunity during the phone call to respond. The caller immediately hung up, according to the report.

All buildings in the complex were checked and no bomb was found. The complex apparently has no tenants of Middle Eastern background, according to the report.

ANOTHER BOMB THREAT

An unidentified man called World Wide Appliance, 24621 Crestview Ct., and said he was going to blow up the store. He warned that everyone should get out of the building before he hung up, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

The building was checked and no bomb was found, according to the report.

TRUCK FIRE

About \$1,000 in damage was reported to a dump truck which caught fire in the construction area on Orchard Lake just south of Lamar in Farmington Feb. 2.

The fire started in the truck's cab. The cause of the fire is unknown.

STUDENTS SUSPENDED

Three Farmington High School students were suspended after the trio became embroiled in a fist fight at the school Jan. 30. Three Farmington Hills residents, a 17-year-old, 15-year-old and 14-year-old were involved in the 4-43 p.m. incident.

Administrators broke up the fight, and gave each of the students a 5-day suspension, according to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report.

THEFTS REPORTED

Firearms valued at \$1,400 were

reported stolen from a house on Longwood, Feb. 5.

A purse containing approximately \$400 cash and credit cards was reported stolen from a house on Parklane, Feb. 5.

A book bag with textbooks and a ski jacket valued at \$475 were reported stolen from a car at Mercy High School, 29300 11 Mile, Feb. 6.

Sunglasses valued at \$50 were reported stolen from a car at Mercy High School, 29300 11 Mile, Feb. 6.

Approximately \$1,500 U.S. currency and 10,000 Japanese yen, equalling about \$400 U.S. dollars, was reported stolen from a 1988 Chevrolet at Hadley's Towing, 24701 Hathaway, Feb. 2, 4.

An air compressor, power nail gun, air hose, nails and sheet metal trim valued at \$4,968 were reported stolen from Essex Court on 12 Mile, which is under construction, Jan. 24.

Jewelry, a television and tape deck valued at more than \$2,000 were reported stolen from a unit of the Polo Club Apartments, north of Nine Mile, just east off-275, Feb. 4.

An oil space heater, television, cassette player, chain saw, record player, antique model cars valued at \$975 were reported stolen from a house on 12 Mile, Jan. 3-20.

Jewelry valued at \$900 was reported stolen from the Elks Club, 23660 Orchard Lake Road, Jan. 30.

A computer and monitor valued at \$1,325 were reported stolen from a house on Eldred, Jan. 25-27.

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