

Search gets under way for '91 Baby Beautiful

Six beautiful faces are needed to be declared winners in this year's Baby Beautiful contest.

The annual event is sponsored by Farmington Area Community Women to benefit SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome) Foundation and at the same time promote the Buckle Up Babies program and its baby and child safety car seats.

Three prizes will be awarded in each of two age categories; from newborn to six months of age and from 7-12 months of age.

Children can be no older than one year as of March 21, 1991, to be eligible for the contest.

To enter the contest submit a recent photo, no larger than 4-by-7 inches, to Baby Beautiful Contest, 29156 Oriole, Livonia 48154.

On the back of the photo must be written the parents name, the baby's name, address, phone, child's birthdate and the age of the child at the time the photo was taken.

The photo is to be accompanied with a minimum donation of \$4.50. Checks are to be made payable to SIDS. Entries must be received by March 21.

FARMINGTON Area Community Women also have been renting infant and child safety seats ever since the use of the restraint seats was adopted into Michigan law in 1982.

The organization offers the service because the seats are expensive and can be used for so short a time.

Traffic accidents are still the leading cause of death and injury to children under 5 in Michigan.

In a recent report from AAA, 33 children under 5 were killed and



Bradley Mangune, son of Karen and Ben Mangune, poses for the camera in his love seat to remind parents to Buckle Up Babies and to be alert to the new state law concerning 4-15-year-olds and their use of safety belts which goes into effect April 1.

3,018 injured last year on state roads in auto accidents. About half of those killed were not restrained.

Use of child restraint seats is currently at 63 percent in the state up from about 12 percent before the law went into effect.

"Studies indicate that more than 550 children avoid injury or death each year thanks to our restraint law," said Robert Cullen, AAA Michigan's Community Safety Services manager. "If compliance can approach 100 percent, that number will certainly increase."

THE LAW in Michigan will be strengthened April 1 when all chil-

dren between 4-15 must use safety belts wherever they sit in a vehicle.

AAA sends some advice as you Buckle Up for Love.

When purchasing a child restraint device make sure it meets or exceeds federal standards.

If a hand-me-down seat is used make sure it was manufactured after Jan. 1, 1981, when child safety seats had to meet federal standards. Also, make sure it has no structural damage.

Call 1-800-424-9393 between 8:15 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. for information regarding recalls or defects in child safety seats.

clarification

In the Feb. 28 issue of the Observer, full information about Oakland County special education programs was inadvertently left out of an article.

It should have said the Farmington School District contracts with Oakland programs to handle programs for people categorized as

trainable mentally impaired, severely mentally impaired, severely multiply impaired, severely emotionally impaired, and also an early intervention program.

These programs are housed at the Farmington Training Center, the Cloverdale Center and in other school buildings throughout the district.

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• 'DAYS TO COME'

Weekends through March 9: Premiere of "Days to Come," written by Lillian Hellman, is shown in Farmington Players Barn, 32332 12 Mile. Current time for the Thursday, Friday and Saturday performances is 8 p.m. and the Sunday shows at 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets can be bought by calling the box office at 553-2955.

• OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, March 5: From 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Fairlane Christian School West at 41335 Six Mile Road, Northville. For further information call the school at 348-9031.

• CONFESSION

Wednesday, March 6: "Service of Confession" continues Lenten season services at 7:30 p.m. in Antioch Lutheran Church, 31506 12 Mile.

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