



Bidding break: Elsie Wenkert of Farmington Hills takes a break from the auction with her son, James, outside the police department garage. She'd hoped to bid on a VCR.

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drug abuse. The rest of the money goes into the city's general fund.

During the auction Kohls is relieved sometimes by Cpl. Russell Conway.

Hills resident Elsie Wenkert attended the police auction for the first time this year.

"I almost bid on a little pink bike, but this is silly," she said. "My granddaughter's only three. The bikes are well worth it for what you're getting, though."

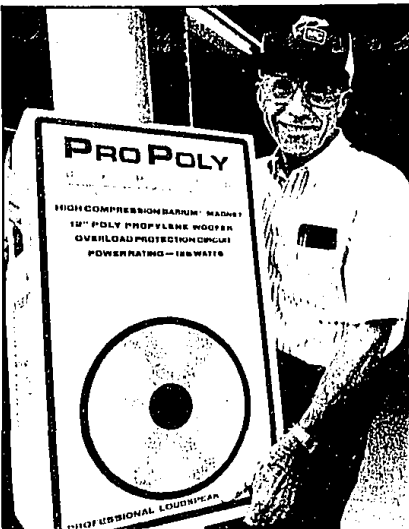
Wenkert admitted that she expected to see more TVs, camcorders and VCRs.

"I'm going to bid on a trombone for my son's blues band," she said.

The auction's held at least once a year, sometimes more often, depending on how many items accumulate in the police property room, Kohls said.

The auction is usually held on a Friday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. "We have more attendance doing it that way," Kohls said.

This works out better than having it on Saturday, he said. City employees attend on their lunch hour and purchase 30 percent of the items, Kohls said.



Speak to me: Bill Shortt of Farmington Hills bought two speakers for \$45 each.

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**West Bloomfield classes start on Aug. 30**

Difficult as it may be to believe, summer vacation is almost over for teachers and students in the West Bloomfield and Walled Lake school districts.

Teachers will report to duty for the 1993-94 school year either Wednesday, Aug. 25, or Thursday, Aug. 26. Classes will begin either Friday, Aug. 27 or Monday, Aug. 30, depending on which district students attend.

Following is the district breakdown:

**WEST BLOOMFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

- Teachers are expected to report to all buildings on Thursday, Aug. 26.
- A half day of classes will take place across the district on Monday, Aug. 30. Students will report as follows: 7:30 a.m., West Bloomfield High School; 8:10 a.m., Abbott, Orchard Lake middle schools; 8:45 a.m., Doherty, Ealy, Green, Roosevelt and Scotch elementaries.
- The first full day of classes at all schools is Aug. 31.

**WALLED LAKE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

- New teachers report on Aug. 25; all others on Aug. 26.
- A half day is scheduled Aug. 27 for all students. Classes begin as follows: 7:35 a.m., Walled Lake Central and Western high schools; 8:25 a.m., Clifford Smart and Walled Lake middle schools, plus the following elementary schools — Commerce, Decker, Walled Lake and Wixom; 9:10 a.m. at Dublin, Gungahy, Hickory Woods, Keith, Leon Lake, Maple, Oakley Park, Pleasant Lake and Twin Beach elementaries.
- The first full day of classes, for students at all buildings, is Aug. 30.

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