

## OBITUARIES

## LA RUE H. NAGLER

Mr. Nagler, 91, of Farmington died May 13 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Born in Hastings, Mich., Mr. Nagler was an automotive engineer. He retired from American Motors after 20 years. Previously he had worked for General Motors. He was a member of the Farmington Kiwanis.

Survivors include his daughters, Laurie Holt and Mariene Nagler; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was to be held later. Memorials may be made to the Heart Association.

Arrangements were made by the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

## MARIA CARLSON

Mrs. Carlson, 87, of Novi, formerly of Farmington, died May 31. Born Iron River, Mrs. Carlson was a homemaker.

Survivors include her sons,

William, Norman and Kenneth; a daughter, Linda Gordiner; a brother, August Hollman; sister, Katherine Rezanka; 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services were at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Rodney Buland of St. John Lutheran Church in Southfield officiating. Burial was in Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi.

## WALTER VIVIER

Mr. Vivier, 87, of Southfield died June 1 in Providence Hospital, Southfield.

Born in Canada, Mr. Vivier was the former owner of Walter Vivier Construction.

Survivors include his wife, Helen; sons, Ronald and Donald; daughter, LeVonne Blackburn, formerly of Farmington; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Services were at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington,

with the Rev. Larry Austin officiating. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

## NORA HARBISON

Mrs. Harbison, 77, of Farmington Hills died June 3.

Born in Tuckerman, Ark., Mrs. Harbison was a supervisor in the food industry.

Survivors include her daughters, Jean Trackwell and Janell Levi; son, Joe; sister, Jimmie Patterson; brother, Deveron Poleston; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were at the Heeneys-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Dr. John C. Whitfield of First Baptist Church of Eastpointe officiating. Burial was in Oakview Cemetery, Royal Oak.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Southeastern Michigan.

## Police buckle down on violators

BY BILL COUTANT

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It's rare to hear the old arguments about seat belt use, that it was uncomfortable or actually more dangerous than not wearing one.

Many times police have scratched their heads while watching people walk away from accidents that otherwise would have killed or seriously hurt them, but for the seat belt.

The "Buckle-Up America" campaign was designed to bring attention to the safety benefits of wearing seat belts, but police are looking for a longer-range payoff.

"These campaigns always help push up compliance," said Farmington Hills police Traffic Supervisor Dennis Green. "But once the campaign is over, compliance slips back down."

At least, that's been the experience of police throughout the

country. Farmington Hills has a higher than average compliance rate of 74.4 percent for men and 82 percent for women, when compared to the national average of 66 percent.

But Hills police are going to strictly enforce the seat belt law, which carries a \$45 fine for adults and a \$70 fine for not having a child restraint when required.

"We have pretty good compliance in Farmington Hills, but we want to improve it and keep it up," Green said.

Although air bags have improved crash safety, many motorists are under the impression that the innovation means they don't need to wear seat belts.

"They (air bags) don't protect you against a side-impact collision, and if you don't wear seat belts, you would not be protected," he said. "And air bags aren't perfect; they can malfunction."

Seat belts not only save lives, but people wearing them are less likely to be seriously injured. The cost to the country from crashes is about \$137 million, compared with \$19 billion a year from personal and other household crimes.

Farmington Hills police plan to keep track of compliance over the summer and see if compliance remains high, especially since police are taking "no excuses" for why motorists aren't buckling up. Green said that Michigan, like most states, treats seat belt violations as a secondary violation. An officer can't stop you for not wearing your seat belt. He or she can ticket you for the offense during a stop for another violation.

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