

OBITUARIES

DEWICE BLESSOR
Mrs. Blessor of Farmington died July 27 in Providence Hospital, Southfield, after a long struggle with cancer.

Survivors include her husband, Greg; son, Jason; parents, Jimmy and Elaine Uman; brothers, Ronald, Daniel, Gary and Jimmy Jr.

Services were at the Charles R. Step Funeral Home, Redford Township, the Rev. Roger D. Linds officiated. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, Detroit.

MARIE A. WYBOCKI
Mrs. Wysocki, 89, of Farmington, died July 28 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Born in Oberhausen, Germany, Mrs. Wysocki was a homemaker. Surviving is her sister, Theodora Jekson of Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Services were August 1 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington. The Rev. Ruth Overdier and the Rev. Robert T. Shade of Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church in Brighton officiated. Burial was in White Chapel Cemetery, Troy.

Memorials may be made to Karmanos Cancer Foundation, 18831 W. 12 Mile Road, Lathrup Village 48076.
LEONARD J. GREEN
Mr. Green, 80, of Lake Placid, Fla., formerly of Farmington, died July 29.

Born in Tawas, Michigan, Mr. Green was a retired inspector for General Motors. He was a member of the Lake Placid Elks Lodge 2861 and a former member of the American Legion.

Services were at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington. The Rev. Loren O'Den of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church officiated. Burial was in Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi.

Memorials may be made to Good Shepherd Hospital, P.O. Box 1864, Southfield, and the American Cancer Society.

E. VIOLA KELLY
Mrs. Kelly, 90, of Farmington, died July 31 in Penchwood Inn, Rochester Hills.

Born in Detroit, Mrs. Kelly was a homemaker. She was a member of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Daughters of the American Revolution, Society of the Daughters of Colonial Wars and a life member of Plum Hollow Country Club.

Survivors include her sons, Paul, C.R. Dick and Jerome (Jerry); daughter, Karen Faisat; 17 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Mass was celebrated August 3 at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church. The Rev. Magr. Walter Hurley officiated. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Memorials may be made to Capuchin Community Center Soup Kitchen, 1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit 48207.

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Kids rewarded for wearing helmets

BY WILLIAM COUTANT STAFF WRITER
Farmington Hills police are hoping that a new incentive program will get kids to wear helmets while bicycling.

"This is a good way to help prevent head injuries," said Hills police Chief Bill Dwyer. "At the same time, it gives police a chance to make a positive contact and improve community policing."

The helmet safety incentive program, which went into effect July 24, allows police to issue coupons to young teens and children caught wearing helmets. The coupons are redeemable for food and treats at some local merchants.

The program is an alternative to an earlier proposal by the city's Commission on Children, Youth and Families that would have created a city ordinance fining children 16 or under who were caught riding a bicycle without a helmet.

The Farmington Hills City Council voted on the idea, 6-2, with Council Members Jon Grant and Nancy Bates approving. Commission Chairman Richard Daguanno had cited national statistics on the numbers and seriousness of preventable head injuries due to bicyclists not wearing helmets.

But the council saw the ordinance as one that would criminalize children and their parents and give police another law to enforce.

"A seven or nine-year-old won't forget that kind of negative contact with a police officer," Dwyer said. "This is a 180-degree turnaround from that approach. It will reward safe behavior."

The program will promote wearing helmets while biking. Rollerblading or skateboarding and reduce injuries, Dwyer said.

Five local merchants have already joined the program: The Silver Dairy, 32323 Grand River; The McDonald's restaurant at 24020 Orchard Lake and 31325 Orchard Lake; TCBY Yogurt, 30068 Grand River; Burger King, 29208 Orchard Lake; Mr. Pita, 28863 Orchard Lake.

Uniformed officers who contact children "being safe" will issue the coupons redeemable for items such as cones, kids meals and other items. Farmington Hills officers plan to dispense about 1,000 coupons during the remainder of the summer.

"We think it's a good way to promote safety, so we decided to join after a meeting with our corporation," said Chris Praszak, owner of Mr. Pita in Farmington Hills.

Gordon Ross, a retired Hills officer and owner of the Silver Dairy, said he liked the idea right away.

"Bill (Dwyer) called me and asked if I thought it would be a good idea," he said. "I liked the idea of encouraging kids to wear a helmet. I thought adding another law would be silly."

Dwyer said the program would fit in with the concept of community policing, where officers on bikes and in cars are in neighborhoods. He said officers will like the chance "to give out tickets that encourage a smile."

Any additional merchants who want to participate can call the police department's crime prevention section at 473-9640.

CAMPUS PIPELINE

If you have news from a college, university or other campus of higher education, and there's a Farmington-area connection, we'd like to hear from you. Send items to: Campus Pipeline, 32414 Grand River, Farmington 48335.

RECEIVED SCHOLARSHIP
Terry Wade was awarded The Dean's Award Scholarship for outstanding academic achievement at Lake Erie College.

Milwaukee School of Engineering announced that Scott Oswald of West Bloomfield will receive an I.A. Bender/President's Scholarship covering tuition for four full years of study. He is a graduate of Harrison High School.

Norman D'Angelo of Farmington Hills, was awarded partial tuition through the Jesuit Founders' Scholarship at University of Detroit Mercy. He is a graduate of Oakland Community College.

Ellen Riggs, Karina Vishnyn, Anna Wolska, Jennifer Allen, Marly Bieniowicz, Alexander Bitoff, Amy Brandt, Christie Daguanno, Natalia Durocher, William Edwards, Katherine Filion, Julie Gung, Mary Kozzani, Michelle Kolliker, Bridget Kozlowski, Julie Minsel, Vivian Okechukwu, Patrizia Pacicco, Tanya Proctor, Kennan Sonbay, Anne Stella, Tamara Tomaszak, Kari VanDeusen, Anthony Wentworth, Tammy Bergerson, Kevin Brown, Lillian Cocimignolo, Karen Flanders, Jennifer Goss, Laurie Kepes, Amy Murphy, Thomas Suter, Christine Clarizio, Dominique Gambino, Garslin, Nancy Hawald, Cletzer Lewin, Steven Petty, Kathryn Remei and Diane Sloane.

Christina Maki, Lisa Pike, Stephen Walter and Dana Fischioni - Grand Valley State University.

Lisa Zaks and Tai Katchko of Farmington Hills - Emory University.

Melissa Kovach of Farmington Hills - University of Notre Dame.

Kevin Pencock of Farmington Hills - Baldwin Wallace College. The following students were named to the dean's list at the University of Michigan. They are: Shahaf Ableah, Anita Ayoob, Jeremy Boland, Darin Glasser, Matthew Gregory, Tara Keefover, Martin Lam, Rajeev Parekh, Kurt Raguse, Eric Richmond, Manali Shah, Matthew Shepherd, Michael Yuskowitz, Brian Afferbaugh, David Burgess, Don Charaburin, Sue Kim, Valerie Martin, Thomas May, Stacey Moore, Elizabeth Quenneville, Kedarnath Sathe and Jeff Uller.

AGENDAS

Below are highlights from the agendas of meetings this week. All meetings are open to the public.

Farmington City Council
City Hall, 474-5000
8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 5
Agenda items include:
Recommended zoning map amendment for parcel 20-23-29-253-026 from R1D single family residential to R1 single family residential.

Evaluation and corrective action report regarding Evergreen-Farmington sewer district.
MDOT contract for Grand River/Shiawassee Widening Project.
Consideration to purchase replacement telephone system.

Extension of current risk management agreement.
Consider authorizing purchasing official for Federal Surplus Property Program.

Downtown Development Authority
City Hall, 473-7276

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Advertisement for Livonia Mall attractions, including 'Critic Capers', Pretzel Peddler 25th Anniversary, Emperor's New Clothes, Back-To-School Fashion Show, and Red Hacker Basketball Tournament.