#### Hills man bound for trial

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Travis Miles' grieving, angry parents and grandparents wept as they listened to 35th District Judge John MacDonaid bind over for trial the man charged with murder in the boy's death,

with murder in the boy's death, "I'm angry that my son is dead," the boy's father, Donald Miles, said outside the courthouse Monday. "And it's all over \$290 worth of roofing shingles." Travis Miles of Garden City was one month shy of his ninth birthday when he was killed in a Feb. 10 car crash at Cherry Hill and Venoy roads in Westland.

John Mossitt, 38, of Farming-ton Hills was the driver of the slatbed truck that collided with the Chevy S-10 in which young

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The police chase began after Canton Police responded to a 911 call about a larreny in progress at a residential construction site near Cherry Hill and Beck roads. According to police, Moffitt and three other men had attempted to steal 29 bundles of roofing shingles, which were valued at \$294.

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The driver and passenger of
the truck into which the shingles were loaded, Virgil Cagle,
47, of Detroit, and Joseph Foreman, 54, of Farmington Hills,
were arrested and taken into
custody without incident.
Moffitt's Royal Oak attorney,
Mare Hart, argued the fact that
the pursuit was allowed to continue is evidence that Moffitt's
actions did not constitute murder.

Hart also questioned the validity of the statement Moffitt gave to the police two days after the crash.

Moffitt has four prior convic-tions.He is being held at the Wayne County Jail without

Respondek was charged with folony larceny and obstructing police. He waived his exam Monday and is being held on a \$10,000 cash bond.He has 14 prior arrests and eight convic-tions.

Cagle pled guilty to misde-meanor larceny over \$200 and will be sentenced within the next two weeks.



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#### **Jaycees** plan egg hunt April 7

Parents of teens

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invited to survival

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Common Ground Sanctuary invites parents of teens and preteens to its Survival Skills for Parents of Teens program. The 10-week program meets every Tuesday from 7-9 p.m. at Common Ground Sanctuary. 1410 S. Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills, beginning April 3.

The series is free, however class size is limited and registration is required. The program, which has been in existence since 1996, uses group discussion, video and guest speakers to help participants enhance skills for effectively dealing with and resolving conflict with teen-age children.

For more information or to

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the Farmington Area
Jaycees in conjunction
with the Mayor's Youth
Council and local businesses will host the 46th
annual Farmington Hills
Farmington Hills spring
egg hunt at Heritage Park
in Farmington Hills.

The hunt will start at 10
a.m. with three age
groups. Ages 1-3 hunt
from 10-10:15 a.m.; ages
4-6 hunt from 10:30-10:45
a.m.; and ages 7 and older
hunt from 11-11:15 a.m.

A coloring contest and a
visit from the Egg Bunny
are also planned.

Last year more than 500
children attended the
event. The Egg Hunt is
open to all Farmington
Farmington Hills families,
and all festivities are free.
Rain date is scheduled
for Saturday, April 14.

# One-stop shop

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When they need crisis intervention, tips on conflict resolution or pointers on parenting, they can go to a "one-stop shop' for community wellness. Oakland Family Services."

And, while there were no blue-light specials, the Farmington Hills division of Oakland Family Services recently hosted an open house, welcoming community members for an inside look.

On hand were about 60 people, including representatives from the city of Fasmington Hills, Farmington Public Schools, 47th District Court and other community groups, said Julie Mison, director of the center's behavioral health department. She oversees a staff of 16 therapists, who work in a reasoning and psychology.

Also at the open house, pamphlets and other materials about programs were available, as were counselors and therapists.

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According to the agency's overview of offerings, just about anything that parents and their children need is available at Cokland "Family" Services. A sampling includes the following areas:

Behavioral health: Children, adolescents and adults can take advantage of programs dealing with topics such as communica-

The center is located at 23322
Orchard Lako Road.

"It (open house) increases awareness about what kind of community programs are available, explained Mison, who is a farmington and Farmington Hills. This builds a relationship with the community."

Through that link, people who need assistance can find it. At least, that's the primary goal of Oakland Family Services, which also has offices in Rochester Hills, Walled Lake, Pontiac and Berkley.

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Our goal is to truly be a comnity partner," Mison said.

## Oakland County volunteers are due for heroes' welcome

County — those who volunteer their time and effort for the bet-terment of their community and to help others — will be honored

Do you know a

HomeTown Hero?

Observer & Eccentric

Hometown heroes in Oakland ounty — those who volunteer seir time and effort for the bet-ment of their community and the oblejo thers — will be honored to be offered for the Hometown the oblejo their or the Hometown the oblejoent to be given to wolunteers in six categories —

and under), boards and commis-sions, direct service, faith-based and business.

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The awards are being sponsored jointly by Lighthouse of Oakland County, United Way of Oakland County, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Mirror Newspapers and Crain's Detroit

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Awards will be handed out at a luncheon June 14, a Thursday, at the Townsend Hotel in downtown Birmingham. Speaker for the event will be announced at a later date.

The \$40 per seat ticket price for attendance at the luncheon will raise funds for A Volunteer Place, a new volunteer recruitment and placement center to be built in Pontine. Its purpose is to connect volunteers to programs that need the help in Oakland County.

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The center is a joint project between Lighthouse, Oakland Family Services, William Beaumont Hospital, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, United Way of Oakland County, AmeriCorps and Hadasah Women's Zionist Organization

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A ballot to nominate volunteers accompanies this article.
Deadline for nominations is
April 20. Winners will be selected by a committee of representatives of the volunteer organizatives of the volunteer organizatives participating in the Volunteer Place.

Lighthouse is seeking corporate sponsorahips for tables at
the luncheon to allow volunteers
to attend who might not otherwise be able to afford to go. A
table of 10 is \$400. Contact
Lighthouse at (246) \$20-5000 to
sponsor a table.

AMOON after breast surgery fit event

Monday, April 2 11 am to 7 pm Livonia

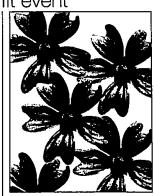
Tuesday, April 3 10 am to 6 pm

Wednesday, April 4 10 am to 5 pm Rochester

In Intimate Appare

Come discover the amazing benefits of PREMA, featuring the revolutionary Shapes2U" moldable technology. The latest addition to the lightweight breast form collection from Amoena is 25% lighter than regular Amoena breast forms. Best of all, PREMA offers a personalized fit for multiple breas shapes and silhouettes that can only be defined by the woman who wea

> Make your appointment with Fit Specialists Sue Blue and Nancy Rohlman for a private, personalized consultation and fitting



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