



Call for help: Melissa Antieau told the crowd that suspicious situations need to be taken seriously. A wrong number to Antieau at Free Markets, a Farmington Hills business, led to her alerting the police department to a suicidal man.

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Peaceful resolution

On Jan. 30, Dr. Siegel responded to the Knights Inn motel at the request of the department regarding a suicidal woman who had barricaded herself inside a room.

The woman told police negotiators that she would put down her shotgun only after speaking with Siegel.

After talking with the woman

for only a few minutes, Siegel convinced her to lay down the weapon and surrender herself.

The doctor was an integral part of the team that negotiated a peaceful resolution to a potentially violent and tragic situation.

Funds for MDA

People involved in the police department's annual 10-K Run

for MDA was successful because of the efforts by department personnel and civilian volunteers, Dwyer said Tuesday.

To date, the department has donated more than \$50,000 to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Those honored Tuesday were: Charles Bates, Marge Bledsoe, Jim Brown, Brandon Dwyer, Carter Grabarczyk, Amanda Marquardt, Brett Marquardt, Michael Marquardt, Paul Marquardt, Terry Marquardt, Mia Matthews, Karen Niemisto, Wesley Niemisto, John Ohorodnik, Tom Price, Laura Richardson, Dick Smith, Laura Woodall and Michele Wayman.

Skip Otwell, city engineer, said the city agreed with the postal service to put the boxes back on the road until the sidewalks can be built.

"They assured us they would deliver to the curb," he said.

Cynthia Gaffield owns a studio along Orchard Lake Road.

"I don't fault the drivers," she said, but she does want a solution besides having to drive nearly three miles everyday to get her mail.

"We want someone to come up with a plan to come to our house or nearby," she said.

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he said. "But no one is willing to get a decision as to how to get our mail to us."

Craig Bryson, spokesman for the road commission said the sidewalk wasn't put in on the east side of Orchard Lake because of the weather and the fact that muddy conditions didn't allow construction workers to build a slope.

The sidewalk is expected to be built in mid-April, he said.

Bryson said the city asked the commission to put the post boxes back on Orchard Lake and the commission complied.

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Special Olympics needs bowlers

Team Farmington Special Olympics 10th Annual Bowl-A-Thon, will have three special participants. Special Olympian athlete sisters, Stacie and Rachel Goldberg and Ted Stern, a sports coordinator with the Special Olympics.

Stacie, 15, loves sports and music. She competes in basketball, bowling, hockey, softball and swimming and is also an accomplished viola player, in the Farmington High School orchestra. She will play the national anthem at the upcoming state basketball tournament.

Rachel, 17, is a great competitor who plays basketball, soft-

ball, hockey, and track and field. In addition to her sports, Rachel also plays the flute in the high school band.

Ted Stern, dedicates his time and talent as a coach and guide to many young people who take part in the year-round Team Farmington sports program. He also does training clinics for other Special Olympics coaches throughout the state of Michigan for softball and poly hockey.

"Getting involved with Special Olympics is the best decision I've ever made," said Stern. "I have met many great people, not only the athletes but also parents and volunteers. The great support we

receive from the local police and fire departments and so many others in the community, encourage our athletes to strive to do their best and fuel their love to compete."

Stern is one of three directors for Team Farmington Special Olympics. Darcy Dombrowski and Mike Todorov contribute greatly to the success of the program.

The Bowl-A-Thon needs many more bowlers for the two sessions of bowling at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23 at Drakeshire Lanes in Farmington. Call Nancy Meloche at (248) 888-6021 to sign up and bowl.

Dearborn man wins at local station

Mohamad Berro of Dearborn recently won \$300,000 after purchasing a Bingo Mania III instant lottery ticket from the Amoco station at Nine Mile and Farmington Roads in Farmington.

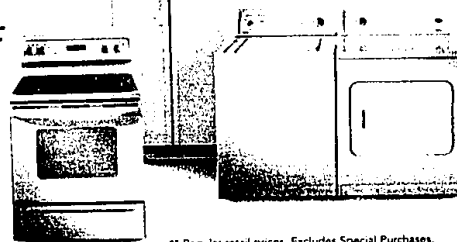
The 18 year-old winner, who is a student at Fordson High School, said he plans to use part of his winnings to pay for his college education and invest the rest.

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