

Moose meatloaf dinner aids Cloverdale

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The Loyal Order of Moose, Northville Lodge 1190 has given a rather meaty donation to one Farmington area school.

The Lodge held its first-ever meat loaf dinner fund-raiser May 3 to benefit Cloverdale Developmental Center in Farmington.

The 26-year-old Lodge, located at Northville and Seven Mile Roads, used 50 pounds of meat for the highly successful dinner, which raised \$2,500. Cloverdale provides educational services to severely, multiply and mentally handicapped students ages 2 to 26 years old, under the direction of Principal Roger Martin.

Lodge Governor Jim Reid, Lodge Trustee Jim Guzilek and Lodge Graduate Regent Sandra Helte toured the school

recently and presented officials there with fund-raiser proceeds.

Cloverdale Parent Nadine Baron of the Northville/South Lyon area, delightfully accepted the Lodge's offer to do a fund-raiser for the school, which her son, Justin, 7, attends. Both she and her husband are among the Lodge's 500 members.

Parents only receive a limited amount of assistance from the state when it comes to purchasing equipment for their children, Nadine said.

"Cloverdale has always been great," Nadine said. "They've lent out items when we've needed them. They do so much for the kids and have a swim program. They offer great things for the kids."

Justin received his stroller from Cloverdale, Nadine said. "This is what Moose is about," Reid said. "We do vari-

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ous fund-raisers for diabetes, multiple sclerosis, and so on. We do one fund-raiser at least every two months. With Roger's permission, we'd like to make this an annual event."

Cloverdale children enjoy the swim program, Martin said. Community based instruction programs are funded by donations, gifts and memorials.

"We want to keep that swim program going and keep our ability to get out in the community and keep our kids learning the important things they need to know in the community," Martin said.

The program, in its second season, is housed at the Farmington YMCA.

"We need a therapeutic pool because a cold, athletic pool will make some of our kids

turn into little pretzels just because their muscles won't tolerate cold," Martin said.

Justin Baron loves the swim program, Martin said. Justin, who is quadriplegic, has cerebral palsy and vision impairment. He requires 24-hour care because he can't do anything for himself.

"My parents help," Nadine said. "My parents are a blessing. Without them, it would be very hard. Justin lives with them part of the week and with us part of the week."

Besides the Farmington School District, Cloverdale serves 95 students from eight other school districts.

"This is a place where a kid can attend from ages two to 26," Martin said. "When parents have exceptional kids their reality is rocked from the onset."

The Moose organization



The Loyal Order of Moose, Northville Lodge 1190, held a meat loaf fund-raiser May 3 to benefit Cloverdale Developmental Center in Farmington for the first time. Lodge representatives toured the school recently. Pictured are Sandra Helte, Lodge graduate regent, Madeline Baron, whose brother, Justin, attends Cloverdale, parent Nadine Baron and Moose member, Cloverdale Principal Roger Martin (in the back), Cloverdale student Justin Waters (with Nadine), Jim Guzilek, Lodge trustee, and Lodge Governor Jim Reid.

started in the 1920s in Chicago. Helte said. Members operate Mooseheart, a Chicago orphanage, and Moosehaven, a

Florida home for seniors.

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Flower Power

Harrison High soccer player Stephanie Klosek and teammates load flats of flowers into their customer's vehicles. The annual flower sale by the soccer, softball and golf teams benefits the women's teams.

West Nile, SARS forum set for Tuesday, May 27

Several Oakland County commissioners will host an informative symposium on the West Nile virus and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome for residents to learn ways to combat both threats.

The meeting will be 6:30-8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27 at the West Bloomfield High School auditorium, 4925 Orchard Lake Rd.

Commissioners Greg Jamian (R-Bloomfield Hills), board chairman Thomas A. Law (R-West Bloomfield), Chuck Moss (R-Birmingham), John Scott (R-Waterford) and Martin Knollenberg (R-Troy) will host the event.

"Fifty-one deaths were attributed to the West Nile virus in Michigan last year," said Jamian, program chairman. "Michigan was ranked the second state in the nation to report the highest number of cases, according to the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta."

Panel members at the symposium

will include experts and medical personnel from Henry Ford Health System, American Red Cross, Michigan State University Extension Services and the Oakland County Health Department. Event sponsors are Henry Ford Health System and Cauley Chevrolet.

The event is in response to statistics from last year regarding West Nile.

"Oakland County ranked first in West Nile virus deaths in the state of Michigan with 20 reported deaths," said Jamian. "Educating residents on prevention, early detection and proven courses of treatment will help calm the fears of residents and reduce the spread of the disease this summer."

Admission for the event is free and informative literature will be available. For more information, call (248) 858-1092. West Bloomfield High School is located on Orchard Lake Road between Walnut Lake Road and Lone Pine.

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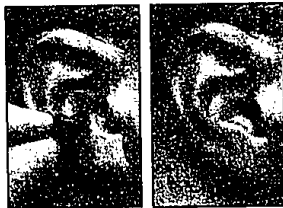
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