

Schoolcraft To Register For Fall Term

Advance registration for the fall semester at Schoolcraft College will be held

July 16 to 20 in the auxiliary gym on campus, 18600 Hagerty, Livonia.

Helicopter Rides Offered At Sale

Helicopter rides and entertainment by a clown walking on stilts will be featured at Wonderland Center, Plymouth at Middle Belt in Livonia, Friday through Sunday, July 13-15.

During the center's sidewalk sale, free helicopter ride tickets will be given away along with other prizes. The helicopter rides will be held from 12 noon until 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday and on Sunday from 12 noon until 5 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$3 for children.

"High Pockets the Clown," a 14-foot novelty stilt walker, will entertain children with comical stunts assisted by three clowns passing out balloons. Live music will be provided by three strolling musicians.

Kids' Swim Meet At Lower Huron

Approximately 800 to 1,000 boys and girls, ages 17 and under, are expected to compete in the 13th annual class A swim meet at Lower Huron Metropark near Belleville on Wednesday and Thursday, July 11 and 12.

Starting time is 5 p.m. on Wednesday, with relays and long distance individual medleys scheduled; while Thursday's events begin at 9 a.m. and will continue until the completion of all races.

Individuals may enter three events per day, plus relays. Warmup times begin one-half hour before the first scheduled event on both days.

Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority will be supplying medals for the first, second and third place winners, while participants finishing fourth through seventh will receive ribbons. Awards will be given by George Giblin, park superintendent.

Mrs. Sally Prior, of 4179 Old Dominion Drive, Orchard Lake, is the meet director. Assisting her are members of the Mercy Aquatic Club, of Farmington; Richard Egner, pool manager; and the lifeguard staff of Lower Huron Park.



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JERRY CRANDALL, a Livonia resident who has had 16 years in radio and television, has joined the Detroit public relations and advertising firm of MG and Casey, Inc., as account executive. He also will serve as the agency's overall radio and television consultant. Most recently, Crandall had served as news editor on WJBK-TV.

Road Patrol Fights For Life; Townships Join The Cause

By W.W. EDGAR

A battle over the future of the Wayne County Sheriff's Road Patrol is nearing a climax.

It began several weeks ago when the County Board of Commissioners said it would discontinue funding of the road patrol, which serves only a few townships, after the first of August.

The Sheriff's Dept. has pleaded for continuation of its funding for three more months, and the townships are threatening to go to court in an effort to continue the service.

The county board didn't actually order an end to the Road Patrol. It decided to stop funding it, leaving the townships the options of (1) making a contribution to fund the Road Patrol or (2) starting their own police departments.

"Under the law," says Undersheriff Loren Pittman, "the sheriff feels that it is his duty to furnish protection to all areas where there is inadequate police protection."

"And that's why we are asking that the funding be continued for the remainder of the fiscal year which will take us through the month of November."

He stated that, despite the threat of ending the patrol, the need for protection is greater now than ever.

Violators of the law, in many cases, are carrying their activities into the suburbs, and naturally the unincorporated townships and villages are beginning to feel the effects.

Various township supervisors, feeling the greater need for protection, are working through their chair-

man, George Moore, of Huron Township, and are now studying plans for a court fight should the Board of Commissioners make good its threat.

The townships affected include Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Van Buren, Huron and Sumpter. Two townships in the county - Redford and Grosse Ile - are not affected because they have their own police departments.

To cover this wide area, the Sheriff's Road Patrol has three cars on the road at all times, according to Pittman. Aside from the three cars, there are 34 positions being manned.

"We have been studying the possibility of a lawsuit," Northville Township Supervisor Lawrence A. Wright, stated, "and while I don't think that stage ever will be

reached, plans are being made."

"We are not affected too much out here," Wright said, "as we have our own staff of four men - a chief and three patrolmen - along with an auxiliary force of 12 men."

Plymouth Township is not that well off. Without a police force, it must depend on the sheriff's patrol and the state police. And the state police have been doing a good job, according to township officials.

The Road Patrol has been the target of the economists on the Board of Commissioners for some time.

This time, however, the threat to end the service is stronger than ever.

"We are hoping that our plea will be granted," Pittman stated. "If the patrol is funded for the remainder of

the fiscal year, the move will provide time for a complete study of the need for adequate protection in the unincorporated townships.

"Sheriff William Lutz feels he is duty bound, under the law, to provide protection and we are all behind him."

The next move now is up to commissioners.

Real Estate Film Offered

The real estate business-how to get in and what you can gain-will be explained in a free film sponsored by Real Estate One at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

The program will be held in the firm's office at 1863 N. Wayne, near Ford Road in Westland. Manager Dan Allen says it will help to answer many questions about the business.

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