

Bradshaw's murals remembered

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Samuel Bradshaw, who brightened the walls of a local nursing home with his paintings, died June 10 at a nursing facility in Howell. He was 86.

Mr. Bradshaw, formerly of Farmington Hills, was born Aug. 9, 1905, in Coalbridge, Scotland. He was a retired interior decorator and missionary evangelist.

Mr. Bradshaw made headlines locally about 10 years ago when he painted several murals which until recently adorned the walls of the Greenery Extended Care Facility, formerly the Oak Hills Nursing Home, on Grand River in Farmington.

In the late 1970s, he responded to a small article in the Farmington Observer asking for artists to brighten up Oak Hills' walls. He painted an image of an Italian lake to paint the 4-by-18-foot mural of the nursing home's dining room. He also painted a huge mural of the Detroit skyline.

Most of the scenes he painted

stem from photos he took while doing mission work all over the world. He spread them out in a panorama that ran from the cold north country to the tropics.

In a 1980 Observer article, Mr. Bradshaw called murals "a trip through the corridor up to the sunshine."

The murals remained on the walls until a recent renovation at the nursing home.

Mr. Bradshaw had little formal training in art. "He picked it up on his own," said his daughter Ruth Bradshaw of Livonia. "He was just a hobby he picked up on. He painted for the enjoyment of others."

His activities at Oak Hill encouraged some residents there to take up watercolor painting and make their own Christmas cards, said a report published another Observer report.

He called his visits to Oak Hill "a fun time. I gathered an audience every day. I was a bit of a show, a bit of diversion for the residents."

A stroke about five years ago forced him to curtail his painting. Ruth Bradshaw said.



Mural artist: Sam Bradshaw, his artist's tools laid out before him, poses by one of his nursing home murals in a 1983 photograph.

Survivors, in addition to those already named, include daughters Mary Wysocki of Farmington Hills and Jeanne Childs of Howell. Mr. Bradshaw's wife, Elizabeth Violet, died in 1982.

Services were June 12 at the Thayer Rock Funeral Home in Farmington, the Rev. Jean Tulp of Hidden Springs Retreat Centre in Howell officiating. Burial was in Parkview Cemetery in Livonia.

OBITUARIES

LUCILLE M. WOOSTER

Mrs. Wooster, 74, of Redford died June 9 in Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak.

Born in Detroit, Mrs. Wooster was a retired production worker and press operator for Detroit Diesel & GM Hydramatic. Her family were the original settlers of the Northwest Detroit area. They came in the

late 1700s and settled Old Redford/Redford Township area. The family farm is now the Western Golf & Country Club. Her grandfather was the first supervisor of Redford Township.

Survivors include her sons, Ronald of Redford and Donald of Farmington; five grandchildren.

Services were June 12 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farm-

ington, with the Rev. Brian Wright of Brightmoor Tabernacle in Southfield officiating. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

CHARLOTTE C. WIESSBOCK

Mrs. Weissbock, 75, of Farmington Hills died June 9 in Sinai Hospital.

Born in Argyle, Minn., Mrs. Weissbock was a homemaker. Survivors include her husband, Walter, son, Hal; daughter, Virginia; one brother and three sisters; two grandchildren.

Services were June 11 at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Daniel Cave of St. John Lutheran Church officiating.

ON THE AGENDA

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

Farmington Hills City Council chambers

31555 11 Mile

7:30 p.m., Monday, June 15

It's public hearing night for the council, with the following considerations on the agenda:

- A cost hearing for road improvements for Glen Orchard subdivision and Dohany Drive west of Power Road. Also a declaration of intent to reimburse project expenditures with bond proceeds.

- Determination of a special assessment district for sanitary sewers for Quaker Valley Farms Addition subdivision. Also, a notice of intent to issue bonds and declaration of intent to reimburse project expenditures with bond proceeds.

- Introduction of rezoning request for the northeast corner of Drake and 12 Mile from One-Family Residential to Elderly Housing (Residential District or Special Purpose District).

pose District. Proponent is Damone/Andrew, Inc. and owner is Xlafer and Filma Elzer.

- Introduction of an ordinance amendment to regulate temporary uses.

- Introduction of an ordinance amendment to amend principal uses permitted in Office Research District.

Under unfinished business, the council will consider enacting an ordinance to amend the city code with regard to compost piles in residential areas. They also will consider a resolution to re-evaluate the proposed Minnow Pond Flood Relief program for Kendallwood and Westbrook subdivisions.

Under new business, Mayor Pro Tem Nancy Bates will offer a report on the Intermodal Service Transportation Act in her capacity as delegate to the SEMCOG General Assembly.

The city manager will offer bid recommendations for road improvements for Glen Orchard subdivision and Dohany Drive west of Power Road, recommend construction contract awards for water main and rail improvements to Oxford

Street, report on the status of the Metro Water Department and report on Wixom land acquisition and density-control program.

Farmington City Council chambers

23800 Liberty

8 p.m., Monday, June 15

The council will consider a sign variance request for 92720 Grand River, a fence variance request for 22258 Floral, and a resolution from the city of Oak Park regarding Public Act 196 for financing 911 services. They will also receive correspondence regarding July 7 Kids Day in the Park.

The council will also consider:

- A recommended three-year agreement with AFSCME local 1456.

- Amending the city manager's contract.

- Contractor and engineering payments for the city's sewer project.

- Roof replacement for the public works building.

- A proposed reduction in the city's recycling fee.

- Amending the city's cemetery regulations.

- 1993 application for municipal credit program.

Also, the council will consider appointments to the Planning Commission and Area Commission on Aging and adopting a revision of the water and sewer ordinance.

Farmington Board of Education

Lewis Scholastic Center

32500 Shiloh Avenue

Tuesday, June 16

7 p.m. — closed session

8 p.m. — regular meeting

The board has scheduled a closed session at 7 p.m. at the request of a district employee.

During the regular meeting, the board will see a presentation from Beechview Elementary, consider an extension of the superintendent's contract, hear a report on the proposed time restructuring at North Farmington High School, hear a report on standardized achievement testing for 1991-92, and consider curriculum and textbook adoption for biology and math.

Kensington sets summer programs

The Kensington Summer Fun Academy of Bloomfield Hills is offering a range of programs for students ages three to 14 during the month of July.

For more information or a brochure detailing the programs, call the school at 647-8060. Kensington Academy is located at 1020 E. Square Lake Road, west of Adams Road, in Bloomfield Hills.

Adeline Chorus sings in park series

If you're up for an evening of free entertainment this Thursday, go no further than Heritage Park on Farmington Road.

Farmington Hills' "Stars in the Park" series presents the award-winning Spirit of Detroit Sweet Adeline Chorus in concert at 8 p.m. Thursday, June 18.

The 90-woman chorus sings four-part harmony, barbershop style, a cappella. Spirit of Detroit recently won its regional championship and will be the chance to enter international Sweet Adeline competition in Baltimore, Md. in October.

Spirit of Detroit will perform in the "outdoor classroom," a natural amphitheater in the spacious, scenic park.

"The Sweet Adelines have a wide repertoire. They do a lot of kinds of music that appeals to everybody," said a Parks and Rec spokeswoman.

Choreographed songs the Sweet Adelines will perform include "That's Entertainment," "Barbershop Strut," "Floatin' Down to Cotton Town," the Swedish hymn "How Great Thou Art," the "Irish Blessing," "Proud to be an American" and "God Bless America."

For its finale, the chorus will present the two songs it plans to perform in international competition: "Strike Up the Band," and "Last Night Was the End of the World."

Concert-goers are encouraged to

bring lawn chairs or blankets and may bring food, but no alcohol, into the park. Pets aren't allowed.

Concerts will continue on Thursday evenings through the summer, with the exception of the first two weeks in July.

On June 25 the Farmington Jazz Band will perform. On July 6 Maria Rofel will present a concert of contemporary music. On July 23 the Farmington Concert Band will perform, followed by the Novi Community Band July 30, the Birmingham Stray Hat Band Aug. 6 and the Farmington Community Chorus Aug. 13.

For more information, call 473-0570.

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