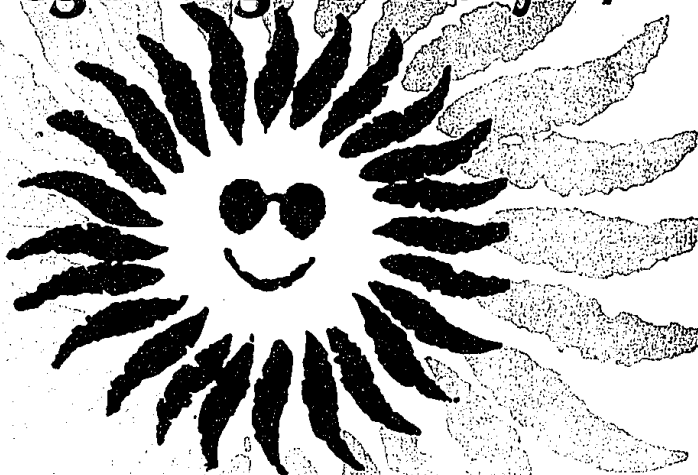


Beginning February 2,



your hometown newspaper will now be on your doorstep bright and early Sunday mornings.

It's Sunday.

This means no alarm clock clanging in your ear.

No grabbing a quick cup of coffee before fighting the freeway.

Sunday seems slower-paced for all of us, even if we don't have to dash out the door to work. It's a day to spend time doing what you want to do, not what you have to do.

Like discovering what's happening right where you live. And beginning Sunday February 2, you can do just that because we've moved our Monday papers to Sunday.

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It'll be filled with some familiar features, a few new ones and some that you've been used to seeing on Thursday. It'll be like sitting down and spending what they like to call "quality time" with the whole town. You'll be able to make a career change, find a new place to live, plan your leisure hours, check the sales, a whole lot more, without feeling pressed for time.

And here's another plus: on Monday morning, you'll be the one that starts the conversation with, "Did you read about..."

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Safety prime concern for '97 Dream Cruise

BY SALLY TATO
STAFF WRITER

Local police departments are working on plans to guarantee a safe Woodward Avenue Dream Cruise this summer.

With more than 1 million cruisers and fans expected to fill the boulevard strip from Nine Mile Road to downtown Pontiac, police are shifting safety into first gear.

Police chiefs and officers from the nine communities included in the Aug. 16 event, including Birmingham, Bloomfield Township and Bloomfield Hills, are meeting monthly with the Oakland County Sheriff's Department and state police to create a tactical plan that would address communication and emergency concerns.

"With an event this size we're trying to anticipate every problem," said Bloomfield Township Police Chief Jeffrey Werner.

With traffic congestion, drag racing and pedestrian and residential safety topping the list of potential hazards, Werner said the departments decided to focus on communication and command posts from the start.

Bloomfield Hills Public Safety Director Chief David Piche said police departments involved in the event in previous years said communication among departments is key to keeping things under control.

Currently the police departments work on different radio frequencies and might have to look into the option of renting radio equipment to keep everyone in tune.

A command post was set up last year near 13 Mile and Woodward Avenue. Multiple command posts might go up this year to offset the increasing number of people in ratio to police officers.

Cub coupons



Clipping for the community: Some Quarten Elementary School Brownies and Cub Scouts got together this month to clip General Mills and Campbell Soup product labels. Proceeds from the label returns will go toward new playground equipment for the school. Pictured, from left, are Rory Lincoln, Kurt Lamprecht, Bobby Wells, John Roberts and Patrick Collins of Cub Scout Pack 1002; and Blair Brettschneider, Jessica Hester and Courtney McCarthy of Brownie Troop 1748.

OBITUARIES

MARIE L. TRITTE

Marie L. Tritte, 96, of Beverly Hills, died of atherosclerotic heart disease Jan. 21 at Alexander Mercy Living Center in Royal Oak. She was born July 30, 1900, in Canton, Ohio.

Mrs. Tritte had been a legal secretary her entire life. She was a member of American Legion Auxiliary Carl Stitt #232; she was president four times, she was a member of Right to Life Lifespan, and a member of the Dearborn Country Club. She also enjoyed reading, needlework, travel, live theater, vacations at St. Clair Inn, hockey, baseball football and eating out. She is survived by her daughter, Jean Martell; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and two sisters, Hazel Farrell and Florine Phillips.

Funeral services were held at A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home in Royal Oak, officiated by the Rev. Donald L. Walker. Interment was in White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

Memorial tributes may be made to the American Heart Association.

LYMAN J. CRAIG JR.

Lyman J. Craig Jr., 81, formerly of Birmingham, died Jan. 21 at Lapeer Regional Hospital. He was born Dec. 24, 1915, in Detroit.

Mr. Craig was formerly a Realtor with Cranbrook Realty Co. in Birmingham.

He was also a Birmingham Auxiliary Police Officer and a member of Birmingham Lions Club.

He is survived by his daughter, Pauline Craig of San Francisco, Calif.; sons, Peter of Chargin Falls, Ohio and William of Ada; seven grandchildren and two sisters, Maryanne Miller, of Ypsilanti and Jill Miner of Bloomfield Hills.

Memorial visitation took place at The Wm. R. Hamilton Co. in Birmingham.

NEIL C. DOSTAG

Neil C. Dostag, 69, formerly of Bloomfield Township, died Jan. 9 in Stuart, Fla.

He is survived by his wife,

May; daughters, Barbara, Kathryn and Pamela; a sister, Carolyn Onkes and a brother, Russell Dostag.

Services were held in Stuart, Fla.

CHRISTOPHER ROBIN HARD

Christopher Robin Hard, 49, formerly of Franklin, died Jan. 6 in an airplane accident near Helena, Mont. He was born Feb. 7, 1948, in Detroit.

Mr. Hard had worked as a graphics designer and community custodian for Krusmark & Krusmark in Casper, Wyo., was associate in development of Winter Memorial Presbyterian Church in Casper, Wyo. and an architect and partner in Rundquist & Hard.

He was a member and past president of AIA of Wyoming, Internship Development Program chairman, Gillette Campus Advisory Board member, past Campbell County United Way chairman and campaign chairman, former Gillette Planning Commission chairman and former Campbell County Economic Development Corp. chairman.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Gillette, long-time choir member and secretary of administrative council.

He was also the recipient of the Wyoming Governor's Volunteer of the Year award winner in 1987.

His hobbies included community service, photography and sailing.

He is survived by his wife, Olga; sons, Christopher Jr. and Matthew; sister, Susan Meyer of Oakdale, Calif. and brothers, Roger of Charlotte, N.C., Lawrence of Seattle and Chester III of Ocean Springs, Miss.

Memorial services were held at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, officiated by the Rev. David Margiotta.

Memorial tributes may be made to The Way Station homeless shelter in Gillette, Sanctuary Fund of First United Methodist Church or Habitat for Humanity c/o First United Methodist Church, Box 2885, Gillette, Wyo. 82717.