

**OAKLAND DIGEST**

Oakland Digest provides a summary of headline stories from around the county during the week leading up to April 19.

**BIRMINGHAM**  
Licenses on hold: Three dormant liquor licenses will stay dormant a bit longer. The New York-based company holding the licenses told the city it is seeking a one-year extension for the licenses - which potentially could be used for new restaurants in the vacant building that once housed the downtown Crowley's store.

**CLARKSTON**  
She's the top: Independence Township Clerk Joan McCrory was named the state's Township Clerk of the Year in a program sponsored through Michigan State University. McCrory, clerk since 1989, is also second vice president of the Michigan Association of Clerks.

**FARMINGTON**  
Citizen of the year: Former Realtor John "Uncle Jack" Curd, a survivor of the USS Hornet disaster during WWII, was named the Farmington Area Jaycees' and Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year. He was honored for his support of school and veterans' programs. Curd, who grew up in Nebraska and the Dakotas, visited Detroit on a 30-day pass after recovering from injuries sustained in the ship's sinking. There, he met and married his wife, Arlene. Now in their 55th year of marriage, the couple's wedding was front page news in the Detroit papers of the era.

**LAKE ORION**  
Safety paths: Orion Township voters will be asked to approve .25 mills for safety paths during the Aug. 4 primary election. A 10-year millage is sought.

**ROCHESTER HILLS**  
Coffee talk: Students in Oakland University's spring Communications 220 class have found a new meeting place - the Coffee Beanery outlet in downtown Rochester. Instructor Marsha Alfafara believes the public speaking class upholds the long tradition of coffee house discussion and debate.

**SOUTHFIELD**  
National post: Celebrities ranging from civil rights leader Martin Luther King III to actor Tommy Ford, to basketball star Rick Mahorn gathered at the Telegraph/696 Denny's to congratulate owner Jerome Edmondson on his new post as economic development director for the Southern Christian Leadership conference. Edmondson is the first minority group member to own a Denny's franchise in Michigan. The SCLC was founded

ed by King's father, the late civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

**TROY**  
Mom charged: The mother of a 16-year-old girl ticketed for holding an unruly Feb. 13 party at the family home has been charged with obstruction of justice. The woman allegedly told her daughter to get rid of the alcohol after police called her at work to ask permission to enter the house. The woman, 40, plead not guilty during arraignment. She could face up to two years in jail if convicted on the charge.

**WEST BLOOMFIELD**  
Remembering: West Bloomfield resident Sam Seltzer, a Holocaust survivor, is telling his story through appearances before school groups and through a new book, "Fences that Kill" written by his wife, Martha, and Richard Traitel, a Bloomfield Hills clinical psychologist who helped him come to terms with his memories.

**Oakland unveils its moth-spraying program**

Oakland County has announced plans for its 1998 gypsy moth-spraying program. Bloomfield Hills and Orchard Lake Village are among nine participating municipalities. Others include Brandon Township, Holly, Highland Township, Novi, Springfield Township, White Lake Township and Wixom. Spraying will also be conducted in Kensington Metropark and Camp Dearborn. Spray dates for each community are pending.

Affected area will be sprayed by helicopter, as has been done in the last two years. The helicopter will fly about 25 feet over tree tops. All residents living within areas to be sprayed have been notified by first class mail.

County officials said the insecticide being used, Foray 48B, will not harm people or pets. The insecticide also will not harm any animal that feeds upon dead caterpillars, county officials said.

Spray is applied in a fine mist. Participating municipalities have maps of areas to be sprayed available for public viewing. Areas will be sprayed twice. The second spraying will occur five days after the initial spraying.

Additional information is available by calling the county gypsy moth suppression program office at (248) 858-5198.

**WSU schedules elder-care seminar**

The Wayne State University Continuing Education Program on Issues in Aging will be held May 18-20 at the Management Education Center, Troy. The conference provides training and education for health care and human service professionals.

Topics include:

- Unlocking the Mysteries of Dementia, May 18.
- Innovations in Clinical Gerontology: Assessments and Interventions, May 19.

■ Advances and Innovations in Cancer Care for the elderly, May 20.

Registration is \$265 for three days, \$180 for two and \$95 for one. To register, call Janice Freytag at (313) 677-1180. More information is available by e-mail at jfreytag@ced.wayne.edu

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