



Environment is no longer moth-friendly

Butterflies and moths have always been of interest to me as I grew up in the Detroit area. Of special interest were the large moths such as the Cecropia and the Luna. As I have traveled the roadways looking for cocoons on the branches of trees this winter, it has been almost impossible to find any to point out to my children. What do you think has caused them to disappear?

It always makes my day when I hear from people concerned about the lack in numbers of butterflies and/or moths that they remember as a kid in our area. The biggest threat to any species in nature is, of course, lack of habitat. We people have done a marvelous job of destroying all varieties of natural areas in the metro region. Urban sprawl has produced a mindset that as long as people have concrete strip malls everywhere, life cannot get much better than that. I find that obscene and regrettable.

Moths in decline

I share your concern with regards to the visible lack of cocoons that 30 years ago were a common occurrence. I have spoken to people in other states who have also noticed a decline in these moths. The Cecropia is probably the best known moth to many people who have seen this insect emerge from its cocoon in science films and videos.

The Luna is a large pale green moth with long tails on its hind wings that is a treat to observe if only seen once in a lifetime. One thing I always

try to impress on people is that the caterpillar or larva comes before the moth or butterfly. You do not have one without the other. It appears that as stands of mature native forest are destroyed, so goes the basic food plants for these large moths. Hickory, oak, black cherry, maple and black walnut are a staple food for the larva of many varieties of large moths. They do, however, feed on the leaves of other trees and shrubs.

Pesticides and pollution

I think one of the biggest factors in the use of pesticides and pollution. Many people are aware of how bad these products are for the environment but others do not seem to be concerned. Many garage shelves are stocked with so many toxic chemicals you would think homeowners are ready to declare chemical warfare on any insect at anytime.

I also wonder if the gypsy moth spray program has contributed to the decline of these marvelous large moths. People who observe nature on a daily basis will tell you of the species they have seen dwindle with the spread of our species and our destructive lifestyles. We are just a part of the web of life on the planet. What we do to nature, we do to ourselves. News reports show us this on a daily basis. We must learn to live with nature so that future generations will admire something as simple and wonderful as a Cecropia moth.

Joe Derek is the city naturalist for the City of Farmington Hills. He will answer your nature questions. Just leave him a message at 473-9574.

Nordkap Lodge re-elects president

Thad Aardal has been re-elected president of the Sons of Norway's Nordkap Lodge for the year 2000. The year will mark Aardal's third consecutive term as Nordkap president.

Aardal is also a member of the Norwegian Club of Detroit, the Finnish Center Association, the Swedish Club of Farmington Hills, and the ARPI Swedish Male Chorus. He is a past president of the Scandinavian Festival, which participated for a number of years in sponsoring ethnic festivals on Detroit's riverfront.

Aardal is retired from the building trades industry, where he worked as an estimator of structural steel and miscellaneous iron.

The Sons of Norway is a soci-



Thad Aardal

ety of sons, daughters and friends of Norway. Nordkap Lodge 5-378, organized in 1929, is the first Sons of Norway lodge in Michigan.

Nordkap holds monthly meetings at the Swedish Club at 22398 Ruth Street in Farmington Hills. Sons of Norway membership is open to all who are strongly interested in preservation of the Norwegian culture and heritage.

For more information, call 248-398-5976.

WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS



EVANGELISTA-CRUMLEY
Michael and Jeanne Evangelista of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of



their daughter, Lisa, to Michael Crumley of Birmingham. He is the son of Robert Crumley of Memphis, Tenn., and Barbara Martini of Birmingham.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Mercy High School and Michigan State University. She is currently attending Wayne State University for a master's degree in secondary education and is working as a substitute teacher for Farmington Public Schools.

The groom is a graduate of Brother Rice High School and will graduate from Michigan State University in May with a bachelor's degree in building construction management.

Following graduation, he will be employed by Barton Malow in Southfield.

A September 2001 wedding is planned at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Farmington.

SENATORE-ROSEBERRY

Bill and Gwen Senatore, formerly of Farmington Hills, announce the engagement of their daughter, Deanna, to Michael Roseberry, the son of Paulino Martinez of Hillville, Va., and the late E.V. "Mike" Roseberry.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Mercy High School and Michigan State University.

She is employed as a financial consultant for Salomon, Smith, Barney in Farmington Hills.

The groom is a graduate of Radford University and is a sales representative at Graybar. A May wedding is planned.

WW headquarters opens fitness center

In keeping with Weight Watchers' recommendation that members incorporate 20 minutes of physical activity into their schedules every day, the Farmington Hills-based corporation is partnering with Synergy Fitness of Northville to offer a local exercise studio.

On Monday, Feb. 14, Synergy Fitness will open its new, customized training studio inside the corporate offices of Weight Watchers, located at 28555 Orchard Lake Road.

The new studio will feature a tailored fitness program, complete with new Reebok equipment and certified professional trainers on site.

Tailor-made workouts

Trainers will offer tailor-made workouts to meet specific fitness goals. Whether your goal is to

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"We wanted to make it fun and easy for people to get in their daily dose of fitness," said Florine Mark, CEO and president of the WW Group Inc.

"It's close, it has new, advanced equipment and most importantly, it's not overcrowded, so you can get in and out."

"We've left people virtually no excuse for not working out."

The new facility is open to Weight Watchers staff and members and the general public. Anyone interested may attend an open house planned Tuesday, Feb. 29.

For times and more information, call 349-6010 and ask for Chris.

Chili cook-off March 5

The Miss Farmington/Oakland County scholarship pageant along with Children Youth and Family Services will host the 5th annual Chili Cook Off fundraiser Sunday, March 5, at Pages Food and Spirits in downtown Farmington.

Proceeds of the afternoon event, which runs 4 p.m., will benefit the Governor Warner mansion and historical museum.

A panel of celebrity judges will taste and judge the entries. Entertainment and a raffle are planned. Miss Michigan Audrie Chernauckas, also a former Miss Farmington, and founder of the

chili cook off, will be a guest. Miss Farmington Leslie Reinbold will also be on hand.

Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door. The ticket entitles you to vote for the People's Choice awards, a free raffle ticket and a complimentary soft drink. Children under 5 are admitted free.

Chili cook off applications are available at the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce during regular business hours or at Pages Food and Spirits and the Pasta Stop, both on Farmington Road at Grand River.

Celebrating 100th birthday

Alta Beatrice Davis celebrated her 100th birthday with a party at the Baptist Manor in Farmington Hills on Saturday, Feb. 5.

She was born Feb. 7, 1900 in Syracuse, N.Y. She was the fourth of eight children of William and Elizabeth Adams and came to Michigan with her family in 1915.

She first worked at Studebaker and later at Michigan Bell. While at Bell, she met Clarence Davis through a friend. The couple were married on Oct. 22, 1919, at St. Paul's Cathedral in Detroit. The groom was two years her senior and hailed from Fort Huron. He first worked at Ford Motor Co. but later received an electrician's license and began his own business in Detroit in 1936. Alta worked in the office at Davis Electric until they both retired in 1964.

Their first daughter, Jeanne, was born in 1924. Jeanne Keidel and her husband, Jack, now live in Spring Hill, Fla. Son Richard was born in 1931. He's now retired and lives in Tucson, Ariz., with his wife, Violet.

The couple's only grandchild, Jenno, was born in 1944. She is married to Richard McIntyre and they divide their time

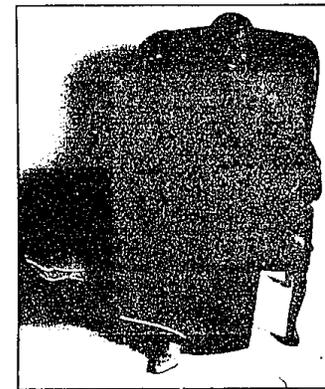
between Bloomfield Hills and Naples, Fla. Great-granddaughter Diane McIntyre Greyerberich lives in Commerce with her husband, Scott, and son, Dalton. Another great-grandchild, Richard McIntyre, passed away in 1990.

During the 1950s, Alta was busy with Eastern Star, where she was a Worthy Matron in 1964, after the couple retired, they sold their Detroit home and moved to Orchard Beach on Lake Huron.

Clarence passed away in 1978 and since that time, Alta lived in Port Huron and for the past 16 years has lived at Detroit Baptist Manor in Farmington Hills.

Alta clearly recalls many firsts in her lifetime: indoor plumbing, central heat, automobile rides to name a few. Her first plane trip was in the 1940s to visit her daughter who was living in Georgia at the time. For their 50th wedding anniversary, Alta and Clarence went to Hawaii.

Alta possesses a positive outlook, sense of humor, is religious, lives in the present and is helpful to others. The family, which now spans five generations, will gather in Michigan for her birthday celebration.



Junior Miss:
Angel Todd, a student at Harrison High School, will compete in the state competition for the title of Michigan's Junior Miss on Feb. 26.

Harrison student heads to state junior pageant

Angel Nicole Todd, 16-year-old daughter of Tyrone and Veronica Todd, recently won the title of Miss Junior America of Farmington Hills and will compete for the state title on Feb. 26.

The winner of Miss Michigan Junior America will travel to New York to compete for the national title of Miss Junior America.

Angel attends Harrison High School and is involved in many extracurricular activities. She participates in varsity track and field, is the varsity boys basketball trainer and is part of Teen Summit. Sponsoring Angel in

the state pageant is her mother and The Nail Source in Farmington.

The Miss Junior America pageant has been in existence for 16 years. Many previous pageant winners, like Tiffany Amber Thieszen of "Beverly Hills 90210," among others, have been discovered in the Miss Junior America pageant by well respected agents, managers and casting directors who judge the competitions.

For more information on the Junior Miss America pageant, call 1-800-785-1115.

Women of North Farmington plan tour, lunch on Feb. 15

The Women of North Farmington will tour the Michigan Opera House at 10 a.m. followed by lunch at the historic, elegant Whitney restaurant in Detroit on Tuesday, Feb. 15.

Lunch will consist of cream of

asparagus soup, Caesar salad, dessert and coffee or tea. The cost is \$40 per person.

For more information on this outing, call Ann at 324-1630.

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