Still time to sign up for Memorial parade

Farmington will host its annual Memorial Day parade Monday with a representation from the oldest veterant to the youngest Cub Scott.

The parade begins at 10 a.m. at the Grives-Walker American Legion Post #346. 31775 Grand River and proceeds west to Veterans Memorial Park at Oakland and Grand River.

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A memorial service at 11:15 a.m. will be followed by an open house for veterans at the post, with presentation of swards and committee plans for future projects.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion Posts #346 and #100 will again honor those mean and women who have given their most precious gift to their country — their lives, said Wally Christensen, parade chairman.

"It will always be the duty of these who have served to honor all who havp made this supreme servifice."

Christensen, a Korean Warveteran, has been parade

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chairman for 25 years and a participant for 40 years. "This year's parade will honor all of the Korean-era yeterans on the 51st "This year's parade will honor all of the Korean-ora veterans on the 51st Anniversary of the Korean War, a three-year commemoration along with Vietnam-ora veterans on their 26th Anniversary, he said. "A special tribute to our young veterans from Desert Storm who will be colebrating their 10th Anniversary will also be held."

Christensen was finalizing speakers for the service this week. Farmington Mayor William Hartseck and Farmington Hills Mayor Nancy Bates will participate.

Farmington High School is the lead band this year. Farmington, North Farmington and Harrison bands rotate the position annually. It's also not to late to sign up for the parade, Christensen said. He's particularly interested in anyone with antique cars and convertibles, but any group may apply right up to the first drum beat.

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a mile away from the Players Barn and used to wonder about it as they drove by. After con-tacting a troupe member, they attended their first play — The Reluctant Debutante by William Douglas Home — and signed up.

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"You get in front of a live audience, get a little applause and you get hooked," Bill said.
That was also the case for the Salisbury's daughter, Lisa Muscio, Her stage credits could actually be counted before she was born, because Jan was involved with a show while she was pregnant.

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Now Lisa's a director, tackling
a production of "Once Upon a
Mattress" in the Players' 20012002 season. A graduate o
North Farmington High and
theater minor in college, she is a
full-time mom and owns
Reunions Made Easy, a compayt that thelps people organize
class reunions. She believes her
love of the theater and desire to
direct came from being raised in
an acting family.

"I've been in a lot of past
musicals. It was a chance to put
my experience into a show. It's
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Lisa's daughter, Lauryn, extends the family tradition to three generations. The nine-year-old Forest Elementary student may have a hard time putting her feelings into works, but she loves to act and enjoys working with others on stage. "It's cool," she said, with a bright smile.

Acting Troupe: Three generation thespians Lisa Mus-cio, her daughter Lauryn Muscio and Grandmother Jan Salisbury gathered to watch the barn razing. Lisa, who will direct a production this spring, literally grew up at the Player's Barn.

The Salisbury and Muscio families watched with mixed emotions as a demolition team from North American Dismanting tore into the barn, careful to preserve siding, which will be recycled. But at least one Barn veteran wasn't really sad to see it so.

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Toesn't bother me a bit," said Don Briggs, a member since 1983. "That's progress."

Briggs' wife Perle, who died last summer, was among the pioneers who organized the Players, with financing from the Association of University Women, he said. They started out in a red barn located closer to a two-lane gravel road that is now 12 Mile then rented the big, white barn.

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Don spent most of his time backstage building sets but also appeared on stage. His first role was that of a policeman in "The Red-Haired Man." Perle directed the troupe's first performance in the Barn, "The Grass Harp," an adaptation of a novel by Truman Capete.

After two years of using the stage at Parmington High, members donated \$1,000 each to buy the harn property. They spent another two years ranevating the inside of the building. The flooring was tricky, Briggs said: "They had to put in a floor, and that took some work, because there was an 18-inch slope," he said. "That took care of the waste from the cattle."

While Griggs has been very involved with the Players, he had to spend time at home taking care of Perle while the new facility, which has had a strong hand in the organization and looks forward to seeing the new facility, which has been designed with an early 20th century barn exterior though the interior will be handicapped-accessible and contain modern production resources. "I felt all along sooner or later we'd have to do something if we were going to grow," Griggs said. After the demolition debris is cleared, sewer, water and storm drains will be installed. Barn project director Phil Hadley said site engineering approvals are expected soon. In the meantine, the 2010-202 season will be hoosted again by Barnes & Noble bookstore on Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield.

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Hadley, who met his wife through the Players, stood with about 20 or 30 on lookers who saw the first big bite come out of

the barn.
"Everybody was standing here with their mouths open," he said. "There were tears, smiles, even some cheers. It was bitter-



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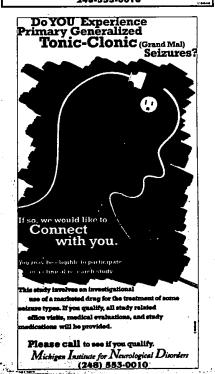
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Lottery winners rake in a million

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The six members of an anonymous lottery club from Farmington Hills are a little richer after winning a top prize in the Michigan Lottery's "Viva Las Vegas' Instant Came.

A representative for the lottery club said she was "shocked and surprised" to learn the instant ticket they held was worth \$1 million.

"I about had a heart attack when I scratched the ticket off," the club's representative said. "I called the other members to tell them the good news. Everyone was happy," She added that all of the lottery club members work about 70 hours a week.

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The winning lottery ticket was purchased at Van Horn Market, Inc., in Woodhaven.