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## today's hot line

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## bulletin

### Youth, 20, Found Dead In Woods

Farmington Township police are probing the unexplained death of a 20-year-old youth found Friday around noon at the north end of Watt St., in Section 25 of the township.

Marty Lee Cecora, of 23765 W. Newell Circle, was found in a wooded plot of land north of Grayfield, east of Canfield and south of Newell Circle.

The township detective bureau listed the cause of death as unknown late Friday afternoon, pending the report from an autopsy, to be conducted by the county medical examiner. Police were still investigating the death late Friday, and declined to speculate on cause.

### Fund Rally Nets \$2,400

The fund to save Farmington's extra curricular activities netted \$2,400 in cash and about \$700 in pledges at a special rally at North Farmington High School Thursday night. The meeting, chaired by Bud Gow, was one of several being planned by the Farmington Junior Football Association (FJFA) school fund — a group of Farmington residents trying to raise \$50,000 to save the school activities program.

The group had about \$7,000 in cash and more than \$15,000 in pledges before the meeting Thursday.

A question about how the funds were being handled was answered Friday by Dick Crudele, one of the signers of a \$24,000 guarantee given to the school so they could start football. Crudele said all funds go to a trust fund at the Detroit Bank and Trust branch at Grand River and Middle Belt, and the money can only be transferred out by the schools. Contributors should check to see that their checks are made out to the FJFA school fund and canceled by the DBT branch.

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Observer  
employees will  
celebrate  
the Labor Day  
holiday with  
their families.

The Observer central offices and switchboard will close the evening of Friday, September 3. We will resume business as usual Tuesday, September 7, at 8:30 a.m. Due to the shortened business week, your Wednesday Observer will be published Thursday, September 9. Deadlines for this post holiday edition are:

CLASSIFIED WANT ADS	11:30 a.m. Wednesday
CLASSIFIED DISPLAY ADS	5 p.m. Tuesday
DISPLAY ADVERTISING	5 p.m. Tuesday
CHURCH-WOMEN'S NEWS	12 noon Tuesday
ALL OTHER NEWS	6 p.m. Tuesday

The Observer circulation staff will be available for calls concerning delivery of your hometown newspaper from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday, September 4.  
261-3800

**LABOR DAY**



DEATH SITE — Police kept onlookers away from the site where a young Farmington Township youth was found Friday about 11:30. The body was discovered several hundred feet beyond this point, which is the end of Watt St., in the southeastern corner of Farmington. (Observer photo by Fran Evert)

### Boy's Basement Project Is 'Spooky,' Kids Say

"What an exciting treat to end the summer for the children," said one of the mothers who brought her children to see the "Spook house" created by Brian Belanger, 12, 28262 Quail Hollow, Farmington.

Over 100 children visited "What Happens at Night" built in the basement of Brian's home.

It took Brian several months to construct the maze, which featured a bridge over crocodiles, lighting and sound effects, three dimensional figures, and an effective night gallery.

His assistants, playing various parts in the maze they learned to walk so well in the dark, were Anne Belanger, Cindy Howell, Sue Olcott, Pat and John Sherman.

The spook house was held four days last week. Being a carrier for the Farmington Enterprise and Observer,

Brian was up early Saturday to deliver his papers, to be back in time to open his spook house for his young visitors, many waiting as long as two hours to get in.

Linda Love of Thorney Brae claimed it was better than the ones seen locally and well worth the wait.

This was not the first time for Brian Belanger in constructing a project.

Two years ago after a visit to Disneyland, he constructed "A Journey to the Moon," which featured a suspended gondola ride, along with an anti-gravity walk.

Brian's mother wonders what is in store for next year.

She knows it will be something creative and will encourage him. "Creative hands are better than destructive hands," she said.

## They Want Howard Rd. Named A Scenic Drive

Howard Rd. in Farmington Township may be preserved as a "natural beauty road" under provisions of a little known state act passed in 1970. A group of Howard Rd. residents, headed by Robert Shulkins and Edward K. Benda, have submitted a petition to the Oakland County Road Commission asking that the short stretch of Howard Rd. be set aside as a natural beauty road, and thus protected.

THE SECTION of road is between Drake and Halstead Roads, between 11 Mile and 12

Mile Rd. Located a few hundred yards south of the I-696 freeway, the unpaved road twists and bends along a small creek, a branch of the Rouge River.

Wednesday, Farmington Township supervisor Earl Teepley affixed the last needed signature (the 25th) on the petition, then agreed to take it to the road commission himself.

Shulkins and his wife recalled the history of the stretch of road as best they could:

"The Howard family had a land grant from President

John Quincy Adams (1825-29) and owned a lot of land along here. So the road was named to honor them."

"At one time it was Old Mill Road, because there were two gristmills located on it."

ONE mill belonged to Mrs. Shulkins' mother and was known as Pernambuco Mill. The name Pernambuco Hollow is still used by natives of the area to designate one of the areas along Howard Rd.

The second mill was located near the Drake Rd. end of Howard and was owned by the family of Frazier Waden-

storer. Wadenstorer still lives on the family homestead.

The idea to keep the scenic road as it is came from Benda, who lives at 36490 Howard Rd. A real newcomer to the area, he enlisted Shulkins to help. Shulkins lives at the west end of the road, at 36875 Howard Rd.

AT ONE TIME the trail was the road to Lansing, before Grand River became famous. "It's just an effort to save it as it is," the two men say.

The guidelines of the Natural Beauty Road Act (P.A. 150, passed August 1970) state "the goals ... are to identify and preserve in a natural, essentially undisturbed condition, certain county-local roads having unusual or outstanding beauty by virtue of native vegetation or other natural features within ... the right-of-way."

The state law outlines further rules about how the county may grade and maintain the roads. Herbicides may not be used under any circumstances.

Tree cutting, moving and other roadside maintenance procedures must be kept at a minimum.

The road must remain unpaved, and a low speed limit must be maintained. The county has six months in which to hold a public hearing on the request.

THE PROJECT — to clean up the Rouge within the city limits — is being sponsored by the local branch of the National Bank of Detroit and the City of Farmington Beautification Committee, with help from the schools and chamber of commerce.

The group agreed to seek opinions from county health officials before completing plans for the project. But by mid-week, Coleman, who is director of environmental health for Oakland County, and Dr. Albert Shannon of the Detroit Metropolitan Water Department, had given their approval of the project.

"Obviously, no one should drink the water in the river, and volunteers should exercise good personal hygiene in cleaning up at the end of the day," Coleman said. Coleman said he recommended these health measures:

• Volunteers should insure that their tetanus shots are up to date (taken in the last ten years).

• Volunteers in direct contact with the river should wear protective clothing, like boots and gloves.

• Volunteers should avoid prolonged exposure to the river water.

• Volunteers should have available qualified medical and first aid help.

"I would also suggest that a booster tetanus shot be taken by anyone who gets a skin break during the cleanup."

PROJECT COORDINATOR Mrs. Joan Barbrick, of the beautification committee, said all the ideas from Coleman would be adopted. "Two medical organizations have already volunteered their services — the Army Reserve, 323 General Hospital, and the local Red Cross.

Lou Hollow, manager of the NBD branch involved in the

effort, said the group is trying to drum up community-wide interest for the project.

"First, we want to attack visual pollution," he said. "Then maybe the interest this project stirs in the community will lead to other programs dealing with the condition of the river in the greater Farmington area."

The cleanup committee has pinpointed 57 areas that require attention along the 2½ miles of the river that runs through the city.

Committee members are approaching property owners along the river to get their support.

Volunteers — of any kind — may call James Pogue, manpower chairman.

### Center To Sponsor Trip To Marshall

The Farmington Community Center, in cooperation with the Farmington Historical Society, is sponsoring a bus trip to Marshall on Saturday, Sept. 11, to attend the eighth annual Marshall historic home tour.

The bus will leave the Community Center at 8 a.m. and return at 6 p.m. Visitors will see century-old homes that have made

Marshall one of the centers of midwest 19th century architecture. The houses are located along tree-shaded streets.

Eight homes are featured, five of them private. Activities at Marshall will be the individual's choice. A schedule of homes and related activities is available at the Community Center.

The cost of the tour is \$3.50.

### Offices Closed For Holiday

Observer Newspapers offices will be closed all day Saturday and Monday, Sept. 4 and 5, for the Labor Day holiday weekend.

The next edition of your hometown paper will be published Thursday, Sept. 9, instead of on Wednesday.

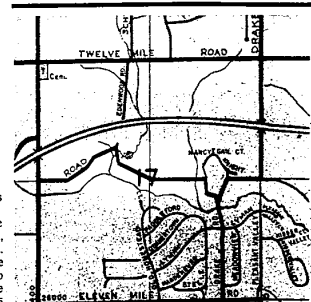
All deadlines will be pushed

back one full day for this Thursday's edition only. Deadlines are:

Amusements, women's and church pages — Tuesday noon.

General news — Tuesday, close of business.

Classified ads — Wednesday at 11 a.m.



A MAP shows the location of the portion of Howard Rd. involved in the petition.



PETITION SIGNING completed, Robert Shulkins (left) and Ed Benda (right) thank Supervisor Earl Teepley for his help in getting Howard Rd. set aside as a "natural beauty road." (Photo by Fran Evert)



OLD MILL Rd. later became Howard Rd. This was the mill at the east entrance of the road near Drake. That's Frazier Wadenstorer's mother on the bridge.