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MACOMB AND POINTES BRIEFS

WARREN

City Hall offices being moved to new building

Warren residents are encouraged to avoid City Hall for the next few days while officials move into a new building that will open Oct. 30.

Boxes of city files and belongings are being packaged and will be moved to the new facility at 29500 Van Dyke Ave., north of 12 Mile Road, in the coming days.

City services will be limited to dropping off absentee ballots, tax payments and water payments from Wednesday to Friday.

Full services will be available in the new building Oct. 30. The clerk's office will stay in the current building until it moves to its new office Nov. 16.

Auction to raise money for children's charities

Art Van Furniture will host a silent auction Tuesday featuring Tigers memorabilia that will raise money for children's charities.

The auction, which will be from 6 to 9 p.m., will feature autographed baseballs, shirts and pictures that include the signatures of Tigers players Curtis Granderson, Craig Monroe and Nate Robertson. The event will be held at Art Van, 6500 Fourteen Mile Road.

There also will be some pucks signed by Red Wings Nick Lidstrom and Steve Yzerman, who is expected to be on hand for the event.

Proceeds will benefit Ilitch Charities for Children. Tickets are \$30 per person and space is limited. For tickets, call 248-591-6812. For more information, go to www.ilitchcharitiesforchildren.com.

CLINTON TOWNSHIP

Jon Meacham book to be discussed at free event

The Macomb County Library will hold a discussion on Jon Meacham's book "American Gospel: God, the Founding Fathers and the Making of a Nation" at 7 p.m. Tuesday at 16480 Hall Road.

The free event is open to the public, but registration is required by calling 586-286-6660, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

GROSSE POINTE

St. John Hospice to host Oktoberfest, auction

St. John Hospice will host the fourth annual Hospice Oktoberfest on Friday at the Grosse Pointe Club, 6 Berkshire Place.

The event starts at 6:30 p.m. with a cocktail reception, followed by dinner and a silent auction.

The Oktoberfest benefits the hospice. Tickets are \$75 in advance and \$100 at the door.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. For tickets, call Lorraine Owczarek at 586-582-7507 anytime.

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WAYNE BRIEFS

ALLEN PARK/ DEARBORN

Trivia Night will benefit Dearborn Animal Shelter

Test your brainpower and help the Dearborn Animal Shelter by participating in Trivia Night in Allen Park.

There will be 10 rounds, each with 10 trivia questions. Teams are made up of four people. Teams with fewer than four people will be combined with others. The cost is \$20 per person.

The event will be from 7 to 10 p.m. Nov. 10 at the Allen Park Community Center, 15800 White St.

Check-in begins at 6:30 p.m. Space permitting, there will be last-minute registration at the door.

Bring your brain and pencil and paper. No reference material, calculators or hand-held devices will be allowed.

For more information, call Steve or Cindy at 313-382-2979 or go to www.dearborn-animals.com to download a registration form.

PLYMOUTH

Learn to plan a stress-free wedding

Future brides and grooms can learn how to have a stress-free wedding at a 90-minute workshop in Plymouth. The workshop, which is being

ings with 10 wedding experts.

The event will be at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Meeting House Grand Ballroom, 499 South Main. It's free for those who register by calling 734-416-5100, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday, or 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday and Saturday. Cost is \$10 at the door.

DEARBORN HEIGHTS

Salvation Army band concert set for Nov. 19

The Salvation Army-Dearborn Heights Citadel Band will hold its 86th Annual Thanksgiving Festival of Praise at 6 p.m. Nov. 19 at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave. in Dearborn. Complimentary tickets are available by calling 313-563-4457, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., weekdays.

COUNTY-WIDE

425 properties sold at county auction

Buyers purchased 425 properties at Wednesday's public auction of land taken by the Wayne County Treasurer's Office this year because the prior owner failed to pay their 2003 property taxes.

The Treasurer's Office will hold another auction Monday. Registration begins at 8 a.m. with bidding opening at 9 a.m. The auction takes place on the eighth floor of the International Center Building in down-



WILLIAM ARCHIE/Detroit Free Press

MSU Extension Agent Eileen Haraminac talks to single mothers and their children about cooking nutritious meals during a Cooking and Conversation program. The class is held at the Warren Family YMCA in Warren.

Child cooks help moms prepare healthier meals

By SUSAN SMILEY
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Marcus Noble, 12, and Elizabeth Orlando, 6, look right at home in a kitchen.

The two were helping Macomb County MSU Extension Agent Eileen Haraminac put together a skillet lasagna meal for their Cooking and Communication for Single Moms class at the Greater Warren Family YMCA on Wednesday.

Marcus added the onion and spinach. Elizabeth handled the stirring.

"We do a lot of cooking together as a family," said Marcus' mom, Montrese Winfrey, who also has a daughter, Mae-gan Noble, 8, and Marcus' twin brother, Matthew. "Everyone chips in and does something."

Winfrey's children were part of the first of four 90-minute classes in the Cooking and Communication series de-

signed to give single mothers simple recipes that involve their kids.

The series costs \$10, which mainly covers the cost of the food.

Each class features one recipe — one-pot chicken tetrazzini is on the menu for this week — and a chance to taste the night's results from the kitchen. Similar classes for single dads and couples with kids are scheduled for the future.

Future classes will also cover budgeting food dollars, deciphering food labels, motivating children without yelling and incorporating exercise into family life. Kids also make placemats to use when eating their creations.

"Cooking and eating together as a family is not just physically satisfying," said Haraminac. "It is good for your spirit and your well-being. You're relaxed while you are cooking and

everyone is helping, and it gives everyone a chance to talk about their day. It encourages communication."

Haraminac discusses different types of food and eating habits with the kids and their parent, including what and when children should eat.

Food does not have to be a bone of contention between parents and children, Haraminac says. Chips and cookies are still OK as long as they are balanced with fruit, veggies, cheese and whole grain snacks.

"Parents can decide what to serve and when to serve it but kids will decide what they are going to eat," said Haraminac. "Everybody's body clock is different. Everyone's tastes are different. When kids get hungry, they will eat."

After everyone enjoys a little bit of spinach lasagna, there are apples for dessert.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

HARTLAND

Ghost study results due this week

Soon Hartland residents will learn whether four of their historic buildings are haunted.

The South East Michigan Ghost Hunters Society will present the results of its investigation at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Hartland Community Education Building, 9525 Highland.

Last month, the group used motion detectors and other equipment to check out the Cromaine Library, built in 1927; the 164-year-old Florence B. Dearing Museum; the Hartland Cemetery, dated to 1840, and the Hartland Music Hall, constructed in the mid-19th Century, Carol Taggart, marketing director for the Cromaine Library, said last week.

To register for the free event, call the library at 810-632-5200.

HOWELL

Surprises await little goblins at bash

A haunted hayride, carnival games, crafts and more await youngsters who come to the Boo Bash Halloween Party.

Kids 10 and younger and their parents are invited to the event, which will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Barnard Community Center, 415 N. Barnard. Youngsters are encouraged to wear costumes.

Fowlerville arranges for Wal-Mart supercenter

BY SHARON GITTLEMAN
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Wal-Mart is finalizing plans to build an 184,000-square-foot, 24-hour supercenter at the edge of Fowlerville, just south of I-96.

The Fowlerville Planning Commission gave its nod to a preliminary site plan on Oct. 10, with a final site plan vote for the project set for 7 p.m. Tuesday at the village offices, 213 S. Grand.

Demographics fueled the corporation's decision to build a store in the community, said Nick Infante, Wal-Mart's senior manager of public affairs for Michigan.

"We saw the market growth and the market need for a Wal-Mart in that area," he said last week.

Infante said the store would employ 325 to 350 people when it opens in late 2007 or early 2008.

The supercenter will have a

urge people to stay here and shop here in town."

Fowlerville's population is about 3,100. Planning commissioner Heather Van Amberg said the preliminary site plan passed by a unanimous vote.

"I am torn," she said last week. "I think what they are going to do is really nice. I do think they will bring a lot of good in the community."

But Van Amberg said she didn't want Fowlerville to lose its small-town quality of life.

"There is definitely growth in Fowlerville," she said. "Some of those people are moving because they'd like to have a country atmosphere. But if we bring the city and just plop it down in the country, it would defeat the purpose."

Planning Commission chairman David Kuehn said he worried about how the new development might affect the nearly two dozen businesses in the community.

"I think it has positive and nega-

Data on Poles in U.S. kept in center

By CECIL ANGEL
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Tracking down information about America's more than 9 million Polish Americans and Polish nationals and how they live will be easier now that the Hamtramck-based Piast Institute has been named a U.S. Census Information Center.

"It tells the community who we are in America," said Thaddeus Radzilowski, president of the Piast Institute. "It gives us a sense of who we are. Where we fit in American society."

The Piast Institute, a think tank and data resource center specializing in Polish and Polish-American issues, will receive data and technical support from the U.S. Census Bureau to help it develop statistical information about the Polish-American community.

All kinds of information can be extracted from the census data: If someone wants to know about the voting patterns of Polish-Americans in Los Angeles, the Piast Institute will be able to help. If a business wants to direct mailings mostly toward Polish Americans, the institute can determine where those neighborhoods are all around the country.

Voting patterns and other information previously not available can now be found at the center.

As of the 2005 U.S. Census update, there were 919,007 Polish nationals and Polish Americans in Michigan. The median age for a person of Polish descent in the U.S. is 38.2.

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