

**NORTH COUNTY**

**FLAT ROCK**

## Saturday festival puts focus on children

The Flat Rock Community Center will host Kidfest from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at Community Park.

All-day events include a Safety Town exhibit, face painting, inflatables, a fire department demonstration, tennis lessons, Smart Start soccer, crafts and an open house at the historical museum.

Special events include Jack the Balloon Man at 11 a.m. and a trackless train from 1 to 3 p.m. Child identification cards will be given out from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the police and fire department booth. The cost is \$3.

Concessions offering ice cream, hot dogs, pizza, popcorn, cotton candy and beverages will be available all day.

For more information, call 379-1450.

**ROCKWOOD**

### Rock-A-Thon fundraiser set for Saturday at school

St. Mary Catholic Church will host a Rock-A-Thon fundraiser from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in the hall at St. Mary Catholic School, 32447 Church St.

Proceeds will benefit the Father Sauter Scholarship Fund, which provides tuition assistance to families wishing to send students to St. Mary Catholic School.

The event also will include prizes, lunch, a movie and prayer.

For more information, contact the church office at 379-9248.

**CARLETON**

### Airport graduate named new JV volleyball coach

Gail Cousino, an Airport High School graduate, is the new girls junior varsity volleyball coach for the 2009-10 school year.

The Airport Community Schools Board of Education approved of her appointment last month.

**HURON TOWNSHIP**

### Huron board names trustee to firefighters' safety panel

Huron Township Trustee Ted Pappas is the newest member of the safety committee for Local 4257, Huron Firefighters.

The township board recently named Mr. Pappas to the panel by a 4-2 vote. He replaces Larry O'Kelley, who served on the committee until November.

The panel, which is required by the firefighters' contract with the township, consists of members of the full-time fire department and paid on-call firefighters. It meets only when there is a safety issue.

Prior to the vote on Mr. Pappas, the board rejected 3-3 a motion to appoint Jamie Hinojosa to the panel. Any votes that end in a tie are defeated.

**ROCKWOOD**

### Rockwood tavern raises \$1,100 for church food bank

Volunteers at Double D's in Rockwood raised a total of \$1,100 during a Memorial Day fundraiser for the community food bank at St. Mary Catholic Church, Rockwood.

A check for the proceeds was delivered to the church on Wednesday, said Landy May, one of the organizers and promotions director for the tavern. More than 100 people attended.

"It was extremely successful," Ms. May said about a karaoke and prize drawings held during the day. "We may make this an annual occurrence."

**MONROE COUNTY**



— Courtesy photo

April Corie, chairman of the Monroe County Substance Abuse Coalition, accepts medications during the first-ever Medication Drop-Off Saturday at Monroe County Health Department.

## First pill collection a success

More than 70,000 pills were collected in the first-ever Medication Drop-Off held Saturday at the Monroe County Health Department.

According to April Corie, chairman of the Monroe County Substance Abuse Coalition, more than 100 people dropped off prescription and over-the-counter medication that had expired or they no longer were using.

In total, nearly 14,000

bottles with 70,000 pills were collected — including 500 oxycodone and 1,000 vicodin pills.

The pills were destroyed on site, Ms. Corie said. The sponsors were the substance abuse coalition, health department, Michigan State Police and Monroe County Prosecutor's Office.

The next drop-off is set for Oct. 10 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church in Temperance.



— Photo courtesy of Melissa Thomas

Forty Monroe County residents participated in the American Heart Association's Start! Heart Walk May 16 in Southfield, including Sharon Bowman, Terri Moore, Mike Moore, Staci Compher, Steve Vitale, Jennifer Emery, Susan Martinez, Cherrie VerWoert, Melissa Thomas and Dr. Steven Bell.

## Residents raise \$1,000 in walk

Forty Monroe County residents were among thousands who took part in the American Heart Association Start! Heart Walk on May 16 in Southfield.

The event, a walk and five-kilometer run, included local residents who have graduated from Great Lakes Weight and Wellness, a Monroe-based weight-loss program owned by Dr. Stephen Bell. Each has lost at least 80 pounds or more since joining the program.

The event also brought awareness to cardiovascular disease.

Staci Compher of Newport took part in the event not only for her own physical health but in memory of her husband, who died nearly two years ago of dilated cardiomyopathy. To date, Mrs. Compher has lost 140 pounds.

Area residents participating in the event raised \$1,000 for the American Heart Association.

## Scout rain gutter regatta winners named

Three winners were named during the recent Tiger Cub rain gutter regatta, which featured Scout-made boats that raced on wind power.

The first place winner was Luke Bilan of Cub Scout Pack 547, sponsored by St. Michael Catholic Church. The sec-



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ond-place finisher was J.T. Terroy of Cub Scout Pack 579, sponsored by Monroe Rod and Gun Club. Taking third place was Jarrett Brancheau of Cub Scout Pack 547.

**MONROE AREA**

**RAISINVILLE TOWNSHIP**

## School parking to be upgraded

The deteriorated parking lot at Raisinville Elementary School will be upgraded soon.

At its May 26 meeting, the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education agreed to construct a new parking lot that is safer for children and more convenient for vehicles and school buses.

According to the board, the bus loop configuration needs to be changed so children no longer are running in between buses. The parking facilities also are not big enough to hold a large number of vehicles, especially during school events.

The existing parking area south of the school will be replaced with a new asphalt lot with the capacity to hold 74 vehicles. Currently, it can hold only 30. Also, a separate bus loop for student drop-off and pickup will be installed.

A new chain-link fence will be built to separate the parking area from play areas. New lighting also will be installed.

The construction project was awarded to Salenbein Trucking and Excavating of Dundee for \$188,000.

**MONROE**

### MHS students recognized for work on Habitat house

An award ceremony was held Friday to recognize Monroe High School students who built a home for Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County.

Students in the construction technology program worked on constructing the

house at 1738 Oak St. since September. A mother and her three children will live there.

It is the fourth home built for the local Habitat as part of the Youth Educational Construction Program.

**MONROE**

### Skateboard camp offered this month at skate park

The deadline to register for a youth skateboard camp is Friday.

The three-day camp will be offered from 9 a.m. to noon June 23-25 at the skate park at the Monroe Multi-Sports Complex, 333 N. Dixie Hwy. The cost is \$60.

The camp will be run by Bill Danforth and will cover basic skateboard instruction, equipment maintenance and safety. Helmets are required.

The sessions are for children 7-17. All skill levels are welcome.

To register, call the Monroe Parks and Recreation Department at 384-9156.

**RAISINVILLE TOWNSHIP**

### Car, motorcycle show to be held at church

The Summer Stop 2009 Car and Motorcycle Show will be held from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday at Raisinville Baptist Church, 1675 Stewart Rd.

Registration will be held from 10 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$12 a person. Proceeds will go to New Cre-

ation Car Club, community ministries and Monroe Center Cancer Connection.

Awards will be given out. Food, refreshments, oldies music and live music will be available. A pig roast and live music will be offered after the event.

For more information, call 243-0177.

**FRENCHTOWN TOWNSHIP**

### Frenchtown to dedicate field in man's memory

The Frenchtown Township Recreation Department will dedicate the Little League baseball field behind the township hall Monday in memory of Richard E. Gratoski II, an unsung hero to hundreds of township youths and senior citizens who died Nov. 21.

A short ceremony to unveil a sign with Mr. Gratoski's name on it is planned at 5:45 p.m. just before the first youth ball game that night, said Larry Chinavare, the township's recreation director. Mr. Gratoski's family is expected to attend.

Mr. Gratoski served as a coach, groundskeeper, umpire chief and other roles for the township for about 15 years. He took care of all the ball fields and parks in the township, which runs a youth baseball and softball program for about 500 youths ages 7-18. Games are played Mondays through Fridays at the Jefferson Schools complex and behind the township hall.

**SOUTH COUNTY**

**WHITEFORD TOWNSHIP**

## Golf club, school create partnership

Whiteford Valley Golf Club and Central Catholic High School, Toledo, have formed a revenue-sharing partnership.

The school is providing volunteers for daily operation of the West Course, while the golf club will donate proceeds from the course to the Central Catholic tuition assistance fund.

Through June 30 at the West Course, the public can play 18 holes of golf with a cart for \$20 on weekdays or \$25 on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. The course is located at 8440 Memorial Hwy. in Ottawa Lake.

To volunteer, or for more information, call 854-7713.

**WHITEFORD TOWNSHIP**

### St. Anthony students' art to be on display

Students in kindergarten through eighth grade at St. Anthony Catholic School in Temperance will hold their annual art festival from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Kenna Hall, 4635 St. Anthony Rd.

The event is free and open to the public.

**WHITEFORD TOWNSHIP**

### Township trying to sell two emergency vehicles

Need a 1974 fire truck? How about a used rescue vehicle approaching 300,000 miles?

The Whiteford Township Board decided recently to

seek bids on the two items, which have been used by the Whiteford Center volunteer fire station. The 1974 fire truck was replaced by a new truck that has been put into operation.

Township officials said if the vehicles are not sold, they will investigate the possible donation of the vehicles.

**LUNA PIER**

### Monthly food distribution scheduled for June 10

Luna Pier Baptist Church, 4265 Luna Pier Rd., will host a food distribution at 11 a.m. June 10.

The church hosts a food drive the second Wednesday of each month. This is not the MCOP distribution, which is done on a quarterly basis.

For more information, call the Rev. Kenneth Stefes at 848-4611.

**ERIE TOWNSHIP**

### Mason parents honored for help with playground

About a dozen parents were recognized by the Mason Consolidated Schools Board of Education last month for assisting with the playground at Central Elementary School.

Feted by the board were Greg Baker, John Saul, Tim Whipple, Joe Baccarella, Jerry Yanak, Toby and Jill Kominek, Craig and Shelly Groesbeck and Shaun and Heather LaPointe.

**WEST COUNTY**

**MILAN**

## Milan Fair to begin this week

The 56th annual Milan Community Fair will be held Wednesday through Saturday in Wilson Park.

The event will kick off with a parade on Wednesday. The fair includes carnival rides, games, food vendors, a merchant tent and a variety of entertainment.

At 5 p.m. Friday, the Milan Rotary Club will host a chicken barbecue. On Friday night, a fireworks display will be held.

For a complete schedule, visit [www.milanfair.com](http://www.milanfair.com).

**SUMMERFIELD TOWNSHIP**

### Register for summer animation program

Summerfield-Petersburg Branch Library will host a summer animation program beginning June 15.

Summerfield alumna Erin Greener will teach a three-week animation program to help students learn to create and record their own animations.

The program will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. June 15, 22 and 29.

Participants will learn stop-motion pixilation, sand animation and paper-cut animation.

The program is open to children 12-18. Registration is required.

To register for the program, call the library at 279-1025.