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Radio Station Helps Promote Foster Care

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has more than 700 children in the foster care system.

"People who are interested in getting involved can call us at 586-469-5834," Warfield said. "We need people who are willing to get involved in the foster care system. We really want the community to be aware. This is our first event for this month."

Warfield said that Oakland and Wayne counties had already held similar events.

A special Father's Day event will be held June 16 at C.J. Barrymore's on M-59 in Clinton Township. This function is also meant to bring foster care to the attention of the public.

"Those who are interested in participating in the foster care system first attend an orientation," Warfield said. "They learn what is expected of them and we provide an overview of the whole foster care process."

If people are still interested and wish to participate, they then must attend nine training sessions, where they are taught what they need to know to take care of children in the system.

Warfield said that all adult household members in a potential foster home must go through a background check. Any criminal charges will be assessed by the licensing department.

It takes between three and nine months to complete the licensing process, Warfield said.

She urged interested people to learn more about the process.

Guiding Air Helps 2014 Sierra's Fuel Efficiency

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how air pushes on a vehicle as it moves down the road.

The result: added noise and increased fuel consumption.

A long-disputed topic among truck owners is whether a tailgate raised or lowered is better for aerodynamics, but Bloch says a tailgate in the up position is more aerodynamically efficient. As air flows over the truck, it falls over the cab and pushes forward on the rear of the truck. With the tailgate down, the benefits of that airflow are diminished.

"Replacing the tailgate with an aftermarket net is worse than having no tailgate at all," Bloch said. "Imagine dragging a solid object and a fishing net through water. The net is going to require more muscle."

So what accessories can truck owners add to help aerodynamics?

Tonneau covers for the bed help smooth air flow over the truck, and Bloch said soft covers are more beneficial than hard covers because they form to how the air wants to flow.

Rotary Club, City Split \$46,000 Raised at Annual Carnival

by Jim Stickford

The Rotary Club of Warren's annual Carnival Days raised \$46,000 this year.

Club secretary Frank Mallon said, "We split the profits from the carnival with the Warren Parks and Recreation Department, which also helps put on the event."

The carnival ran May 9-19 and was located at the Warren City Hall on Van Dyke.

Mallon said the Rotary Club's portion of "the money raised at the carnival goes to the various organizations that we support."

"The groups are chosen by members who fill out forms indicating where we should spend our money and we approve or

disapprove the choices."

This year, the club is supporting a special project that provides student dictionaries to all third-grade students in Warren public schools, Mallon said. That particular effort costs \$5,000.

The club will also donate funds to the "Winning Futures" scholarship fund, as well as the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, the Capuchin Food Kitchen and the Salvation Army.

"The carnival is our big fundraiser for the year," Mallon said. "We started putting it on about 10 years ago. For a long time, it was at the mall on Dequindre and 12 Mile."

The carnival consists of a ferris wheel, other rides, refreshments and games.

Boy Scouts' Car Show Held Each Year At Warren City Hall After Mother's Day

by Jim Stickford

The Scoutmasters of Boy Scout Troop 390 held a car show and fundraiser for the group on May 19. The event was held in front of the Warren City Hall – the same time the Rotary Club of Warren was holding its annual fair.

Ed Jablonski, a committee member of the troop, said they have been holding a car show the weekend after Mother's Day for the past three years, making this show their fourth annual.

His son Steven is a member of the troop and they have a couple of cars – a 1938 Chevrolet "Master Deluxe Sedan" and a 1966 AC Cobra – that they bring to the troop's car show.

"We took over this show from a couple of other clubs," Jablonski said. "We did so to make money for the troop. This show has always been at the Warren City Hall and goes back at least 20 years or so."

Jablonski said he's particularly pleased that the show they took over is always held at the City Hall because it's right across the street from the General Motors Tech Center.

"I am an ex-GM employee," Jablonski said. "I worked at Chevrolet Gear & Axle until they sold out in 1994, and I am pleased to hold the show near the Tech Center."

Troop Scoutmaster Ken Kriikku said Troop 390 is a special scout troop. All of its members are special needs. Their ages range from 30 to 65.

"We have 23 Scouts," Kriikku said. "They are all special needs and the money raised at this show goes toward helping send them to summer camp. A lot of our scouts are in group homes, or on disability. They themselves only have to pay \$50 to go to camp."

"We pay the remaining \$285. The money comes from this event and our spaghetti fundraiser we hold every year."

Kriikku's son David is also a member of the troop. Their car is a 1950 "Special Deluxe" Plymouth.

Jablonski said there were approximately 75 cars entered into this year's show. That's down from last year when they had about 125 vehicles.

"We would like to have more cars entered into our show," Jablonski said. "But every year, it seems like there are more car shows and we have to compete to get people to enter their cars here. This is 'our weekend,' but a couple of other shows have sprung up and are held at this time."

Jablonski said they get entries by spreading the word and handing out leaflets at other car shows held earlier in the year. One thing about people who enter their vehicles in car shows,

Mallon said the Rotary Club helped with security, keeping people from parking in inappropriate places at a nearby bank. The club also paid half the expenses and provided the insurance through Rotary International Insurance.

"We plan on doing this next year," Mallon said. "This is our major fundraiser, after all, and I heard that this was a really good year in terms of attendance. That's pretty good when you consider that the weather wasn't great six of the 10 days the carnival was going on."

Henry Bowman, director of Warren's Parks & Recreation Department, said they will use most of their \$23,000 cut of the profits from the carnival for the upcoming

ing Birthday Bash, which will be held Aug. 22-25 at the City Square.

Bowman said this year's city birthday celebration promises to be exciting, with music acts, as well as racing pigs and a petting zoo. The military historical group Arsenal of Democracy also will have a display there, Bowman said, as well as a classic car show and a classic motorcycle show.

"This year's carnival was one of the best ever," Bowman said. "Warren residents came out and had a good time."

"We have a great partnership with the local Rotary club – and the Birthday Bash also promises to be a lot of fun for residents as well."



Boy Scout Troop 390 recently held a car show at the Warren City Hall.

many enjoy another chance to show the world what they've done with their vehicles.

People who place a vehicle in the show pay a \$20 entry fee. Those viewing the cars pay a \$2 donation.

Kriikku said trophies are given out to entries and door prizes to those who visited the show to

view the vehicles on display. "All the money raised at the show goes to the scouts," Kriikku said. "People are very generous with their time and with making donations of door prizes."

Kriikku said that the troop is already planning for next year's car show, which will again be held the weekend after Mother's Day.

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