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Lifesavers

Daughter to donate kidney to dad



Dawn Lukomaki, who grew up in Farmington Hills, may have the gift of life for her father Luke, whose kidneys are failing.

BY LARRY O'CONNOR
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When Luke Lukomaki's kidneys began to deteriorate, his daughter told him not to worry. She'd be his donor.

Dawn Lukomaki was only 15 at the time. Now, nearly 15 years later, she's not about to hedge on a promise made to a father from a loving daughter.

The 1983 Harrison High graduate

is scheduled to undergo organ transplant surgery March 15 with her dad, who only has 8 percent use of his kidneys.

Lukomaki left Friday for Boca Raton, Fla., where her father lives. She has to go through three days of testing, though doctors believe her kidneys are a suitable match.

Surgery will take place at the University of Miami Hospital.

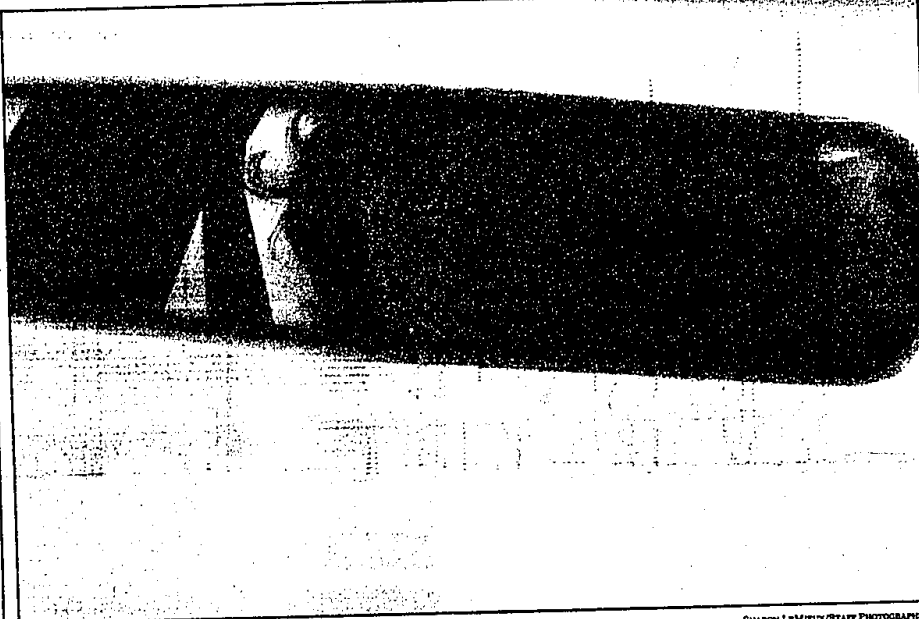
"For me, I knew it's the right thing to do," Dawn Lukomaki said.

"I feel very confident . . . I wanted to return something to my parents, to give them something back for all they're giving me."

Said her father: "She's always been telling me, 'If you need a kidney, I'm rough and tough. I'll certainly give you one.'"

Luke Lukomaki, 63, had begun preparations for dialysis. He wanted to be placed on a kidney donor list.

See DAUGHTER, 2A



SHARON LAMMIEUX/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Looking sharp: The eyes of Kathy Hasse-Horner are showing in her rear-view mirror. Luckily, she checked her mirror recently and saw a man who needed her help.

Heart attack victim tests woman's CPR skills

BY BILL COUTANT
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For years, Kathy Hasse-Horner worried that she would have to use her cardiopulmonary resuscitation training. She wondered if she would do it well.

She now has living proof that she knows what she's doing.

Hasse-Horner, a graduate of Mercy High School, had just picked up

her mother, Priscilla Gravenstrater, at her Farmington home on a late January Sunday afternoon.

They were headed for Hasse-Horner's Plymouth home for dinner when she saw the car in front of her seemingly skid on a patch of ice on Nine Mile west of Drake.

"I thought he had just skidded until the ditch stopped him," she said. "But when I passed and looked

into the rear-view mirror, I saw that his head was leaning back like he had had a heart attack."

That's what had happened to Paul Riley, 83. The Hills resident had been on his way to pick up some takeout chicken for himself and his wife, who suffers from osteoporosis and is for the most part confined to their apartment.

After making a U-turn, the dental

hygienist went to Riley's car to offer help.

"But he was unconscious and the doors were locked, the windows were up and the car was running," she said.

Tire Iron needed

After unsuccessfully trying to

See CPR, 2A

Kids, officials give teen center idea thumbs up

BY LARRY O'CONNOR
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Absorbed in a fast-paced action video game, Jesse Bork, 13, hesitates for only a second to ponder if a teen center for kids his age would be a good idea.

"Yeah," said the East Middle School student whose eyes don't move from the video screen at the Magic Planet in Farmington.

Members of the Farmington Board of Education, Farmington City Council and Farmington Hills City Council

agree, except they spent a great deal more time discussing the concept before endorsing it in a joint session at the Farmington Training Center Feb. 28.

Hills officials and YMCA staff researched the project. They want to create an atmosphere that is inviting for teens ages 11-15, who would have a place to go after school 3-6 p.m.

There, they could play games, shoot baskets, or read in an informal environment. The afternoon time is key, officials say, since some kids go

unsupervised when parents are still at work.

The YMCA building — scheduled to open in April 1996 — would serve as a base. Existing activities centers, stand-alone buildings, church facilities and vacant storefronts could be used as "satellite centers."

Money to pay for the program would come from a variety of sources, including \$200,000 in the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation millage. Hills' Commission on Children, Youth and Families is applying for

grants through the Michigan Department of Social Services, officials said.

Officials stressed a teen center program is more an idea than a reality at this point.

"I think it is realistically achievable," Hills City Manager Bill Coe said. ". . . I don't think we're talking pie in the sky here."

Transportation and how the program could be structured were discussed by council and school board

See TEEN, 4A

Good idea — bad weather

Is anyone old enough to remember the Burma Shave advertisements that used to line U.S. highways? Judy Downey, Farmington Downtown Development Authority, is and does.

And she's using that ad technique — signs along a road with an ongoing message in rhyme and broken up into several placards — to promote the DDA's Winter Fun Series in downtown Farmington.

Downey placed Farmington's signs with a Valentine's Day theme in plaster barrels on both sides of Grand River, east of Farmington Road. Winter winds, however, blew away some of the placards.

"We're trying again," she said. "This time, they (the signs) will be attached to pieces of plywood."

FARMINGTON FOCUS

Let's all read

Come on, everybody, let's read! That's what staff and students at Farmington's Beechview Elementary are asking.

Beechview folks want everyone to read for 20 minutes — from 8:10-8:30 p.m. — on Friday, March 17, to help celebrate the school's All Community Read.

"Read at work, read at home, read to others, read anywhere, but READ!" says a message from the school. "And most importantly — ENJOY and reap the benefits!"

Memory Lane

From the March 3, 1955, edition of the Farmington Observer:

■ Total assessment of real property in the city of Farmington was set at \$4,581,410, City Manager James Tennant said.

■ Bob Dussseau Inc., a new Lincoln/Mercury dealership, was opened for business at 33015 Grand River, Farmington.

■ The Blue Star Mothers were to meet at the home of Mrs. A.C. Kahri, 33516 State Street.

■ Short item: "Gal in California is bearing up nicely with the monicker of Phyllis Lilla Willis McGillie, while Miss Truly Dooley lives in Rhode Island."