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Missing resident is found

The last chapter in the mystery surrounding the disappearance of Margaret Hollyer ended Monday morning as the 68-year-old Farmington Hills woman was buried in Woodawn Cemetery.

Services were conducted at 11 a.m. Monday at McCabe Funeral Home, 1870 West Grand River, Detroit. Rev. Z. William Colson, a friend of Mrs. Hollyer's son-in-law, conducted the services.

Mrs. Hollyer's family and friends began to look for her when she failed to return from a visit to her daughter's home in Charlotte, Oct. 11. Her daughter, Mrs. Julie Walton, filed a missing person's report on Oct. 20 when neighbors called to ask if her mother had stayed in Charlotte.

Twelve days later, Mrs. Hollyer's body was found in her car which had run off U.S. 27 in Diamond Lake and into a cornfield. An autopsy performed at Lansing Sparrow Hospital showed that Mrs. Hollyer had suffered a fatal heart attack while driving back to her Farmington Hills apartment.

Her metallic green 1978 Chevrolet Nova was discovered by farmer James Putney as he drove his tractor through the cornfield, according to Michigan State Police Sgt. Larry Knapp.

PUTNEY TOLD State Police at the Lansing post that he stood on his tractor and saw the car in the field.

Although passers-by had noticed the car in the corn field they thought it was caused by a farmer harvesting his crop, according to Knapp. The car was found about 110 yards from the road.

"It was so far off the road, the vehicle wasn't visible to traffic," said Knapp.

Neighbors described Mrs. Hollyer as a quiet woman who was known as a "creature of habit."

She rarely went out at night, preferring to stay home to read a book or crochet, according to neighbors in her Fairwood Apartment complex.

Her only daughter remembered her mother's enthusiasm for life and independence.

"She was very consistent and determined. She was a hard worker," said Mrs. Walton.

"She taught me the value of doing things well," she said.

Mrs. Hollyer worked for General Motors' Chevrolet division for 30 years in their price study department. She retired in 1976 and moved shortly afterward to Farmington Hills.

In addition to her daughter, she is survived by her son-in-law, Rev. Robert Walton of St. John Episcopal Church, Charlotte; grandchildren, Jim Walton, 17, Susan Walton, 13 and John Walton, 9 as well as several nieces and nephews.

HER FAMILY expressed their gratitude to those who helped in the search for Mrs. Hollyer.

"Everyone has been very, very good about helping us and we appreciate it," said Mrs. Walton.



Cheerful Spartans

What better way to spend an autumn afternoon than to lead 50,000 Michigan State University fans in cheers for their football team? Area Spartan cheerleaders Bob Lockwood, Pete Butrus, Mike Stern (from left in back), Lori Agnew and Vikki Wiegand (from left in front) do just that every Saturday during the fall. The Spartans, who upset arch-rival University of Michigan earlier this season, are

ranked by the polls for the first time in recent years and are in the thick of the race for the Big Ten gridiron title. MSU faces Minnesota Nov. 11 at home, then travels to Northwestern Nov. 18. The Spartans will cap their 1978 campaign Nov. 25 against visiting Iowa.

(Staff photo by Mandy Saunders)

Hills collegian joins squad

Spartan chanters spur on fans

By MINDY SAUNDERS

For many, particularly students and alumni, nothing can match the excitement of a Big Ten football game.

But perhaps the most excited participants, short of the football players, are the cheerleaders, and there are a handful of local Michigan State University chanters who wouldn't give up their Spartan cheering chance for the world.

The five—Bob Lockwood of Farmington Hills, Pete Butrus of Birmingham, Mike Stern of Southfield, Vikki

Wiegand of Troy, and Lori Agnew of Plymouth—all say they love what they're doing. Each has had athletic experience, but say they cheer leading because it's so much fun.

Butrus, a senior majoring in accounting, says he finds cheerleading more fun than sports, "especially because you get to play with the girls."

A GRADUATE of Birmingham Brother Rice High School, Butrus was the former hockey captain there. Last year, he joined the other seven men on the 16-member Spartan cheerleading squad. Other Rice grads on the squad got him interested.

He, like Lockwood, a senior finance major from Farmington Hills, and Stern, a senior marketing major and former swimmer at Southfield-Lathrup High School, learned most of his cheerleading in tryouts. The practice and tryouts are six weeks long and Butrus, Lockwood and Stern found the stunts easy to learn.

Strength is needed in picking up the girls during routines and for stunts, that is not a problem.

The girls, on the other hand, have more reason to worry, as they are lifted and tossed about in front of thousands every autumn Saturday afternoon.

But Lori Agnew, an elementary education major and former cheerleader at Plymouth Salem High School, doesn't seem to mind.

"A girl has to do a lot of scary things. But it's so exciting you don't even think about it—you just do it."

This is her second year as a cheerleader.

FOR TROY Athens High School graduate Vikki Wiegand, cheerleading

has almost become a way of life. The sophomore, majoring in clinical dietetics, has been cheering "ever since fifth grade."

"It was for a little league team," she said.

Both she and Ms. Agnew were gymnasts in high school, which, they say, has helped a great deal with stunts and partner work.

With all this experience and activity, it's not hard for the five to muster spirit and enthusiasm—especially when MSU keeps winning.

Stern says the crowd is becoming more responsive—especially the vocal student section in the south end zone at Spartan Stadium.

And they have reason to be spirited. This season the Spartans snaggled their most treasured victory—an upset over the University of Michigan and regained the traveling Paul Bunyan trophy.

Mention of the game brought even bigger smiles to the bubbly cheerleaders. Without a doubt they all agreed the game was the high point of their careers.

"The game was tremendous," said Butrus. "Revenge. People in Ann Arbor now have to look up to us."

Ms. Wiegand said nothing could compare with the Spartan victory over Michigan. "I ended up without a voice after the game, but who cares?"

The cheerleaders' vitality invigorates the crowd and the team and one can see the satisfaction etched on the faces of these hardworking students as victory nears.

As the closing stanza of the Spartan fight song goes:

"See their team is weakening
We're going to win this game
Fight! Fight! Rah! Team, Fight!
Victory for MSU!"

Oakway concert features pianist

Ilse von Alphenheim, concert pianist and wife of the Detroit Symphony's maestro Antal Dorati, will be featured in the opening concert of the Oakway Symphony at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, at Mercy High School, Middlebelt and Eleven Mile, Farmington Hills.

She will play works of Handel, Haydn, Bartok, Barber and Wagner under the baton of Francesco Di Biasi. Four herald trumpeters in costume will appear in the concluding number, Wagner's "Overture to Die Meistersinger."

This is the Oakland Symphony's sixth season. General admission is \$5.00 or \$2.00 for students and senior citizens. Tickets may be purchased at the door, at Hudson's (Northland, Westland and Oakland), Royal Music (Royal Oak), Madonna College and Hemmel Music (Livonia).

Sides picked in recall

By STEVE BARNABY
Farmington editor

While Farmington Hills voters trek to the polls tomorrow to cast their ballots, they also may be approached by petitioners seeking the recall of three city council members.

Mayor Jan Dolan and Councilwomen Joanne Smith and Cathy Jones are the targets of a recall attempt by a group calling itself Citizens United for Recall (CURE).

At issue is the three women's support of mid-rise zoning for senior citizen housing and the low-income housing plan as stipulated in the now-rejected U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant Program.

The Farmington Hills City Council recently unanimously voted to shelve the program.

But residents who support the three women also have organized a group, Committee to Unite Farmington Hills (CUFH). They delivered a letter to the CURE group today asking the recall forces to join them in working toward a local solution "to meet some of the critical problems in the city's southeast area."

"Such a meeting, which could also involve representatives of the clergy and other community organizations, could be asked to lend its support to the ad hoc committee appointed by the city council which has been charged with the task of finding ways and means of financing storm sewers, housing rehabilitation and other programs," read the letter signed by the co-chairman for the group.

Chairing the anti-recall effort are John Forbes, Aldo Vagnozzi and Pat Riley.

The letter was addressed to Massie Kurzeja and Robert Pratt, chairman of the recall campaign.

"We think this would be a better approach to meeting our city's problems than to continue with a divisive recall and counter-recall campaign which could paralyze our community for months to come," continued the letter.

Recall supporters need more than 4,000 signatures before they are able to get a recall election on the ballot. Such a recall would cost \$7,000. Another \$7,000 would be spent on a subsequent election if the recall was successful, according to city officials.

"How much better for the entire community if all the energy and money which will be expended in promoting or opposing the recall were used instead in a joint effort to improve our city," read the letter.

MEANWHILE, the Council of Homeowners Association of Farmington Hills has come out in support of the recall effort. In a meeting last week the group voted to back the CURE movement.

"The support of the recall by the Council of Homeowners is a result of the city council's denial of the citizens' right to a referendum election on the mid-rise apartments and on the city charter amendment," said a statement released by the Council.

The three women have been selected as targets, said the Council, for their "consistent votes against the interest of homeowners and taxpayers with regards to mid-rise apartments, HUD, sewers and road improvement."

"The remaining council members don't represent the same consistent voting bloc," the council had decided.

The Homeowners Association council noted that in 1975 the group had supported Mrs. Smith but since that time it feels she has reneged on her alleged campaign promise that she was against high-rise buildings.

Beautification group moves to Farmington

Keep Michigan Beautiful (KMB) has temporarily moved its state headquarters from Southfield to 22725 Orchard Lake Road. The new telephone number is 477-6947.

"We are grateful to Arthur Primm, president of First Farmington Savings and Loan, for donating part of the basement in this beautiful building for our use," said Shirley Richardson, executive director. "We moved Oct. 21 and will stay here until next March or April when space becomes available to us in Farmington City Hall."

Mrs. Richardson sought the city hall location for state headquarters after she learned that the district court would be moving next year to a new building on Ten Mile. A part of the court space will be rented to KMB.

"Our objective in moving," Ms. Richardson continued, "is to make our headquarters more accessible to Lansing, where we have a field director, and to our many representatives in

organizations we sponsor throughout the state."

KMB was founded in 1962 to promote beautification throughout Michigan by conducting anti-litter projects and encouraging businesses, industries, individuals and schools to upgrade appearances. Its headquarters have been at 22655 Greenfield in Southfield for about 12 years.

Mrs. Richardson, whose home is in Farmington, has been executive director for three years. She is a former board member of KMB; former president of Southeastern Michigan's Beautification Committee, and a volunteer for Keep Farmington Beautiful.

At the state's annual KMB award banquet last week, Farmington's Masonic Temple received the top state award for building renovation. Farmington's Garden Club, Mrs. Richardson said, also received a certificate of appreciation for its many activities in the community.

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Super fan

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