

Troop 179 has 2 more Eagle Scouts

Two members of Troop 179 have been awarded the rank of Eagle Scout.

Jason Fournier, son of Jerry and Jeanne Fournier of Farmington Hills, and Michael Merenda, son of John and Gloria Merenda of West Bloomfield, were the 43rd and 44th members of the troop to achieve Scouting's highest rank.

Jason is a student at Dunckel Middle School. In addition to holding a 3.5 grade point average, he also takes part in basketball, tennis, swimming, baseball and golf. He has participated in the Odyssey of the Mind program at school, and is active with his church, St. Fabian's in Farmington Hills.

AS A member of Troop 179 for three years, Jason has advanced through the ranks rapidly, while consistently holding important leadership positions, including Troop Librarian and Quartermaster.

Under his guidance, the troop conceived and developed a Quartermaster Corps, in which Jason led a group of seven Scouts in the handling, care, and maintenance of \$20,000 in camping equipment.

Jason's Eagle project involved the planning and execution of a fund-raiser for his church. He spent 120 hours from conception to completion of the event, which was billed as "Breakfast with Santa."

In order to complete this undertaking successfully, he had to use all of his leadership and organization skills to promote it, and recruit volunteer workers from the church men's club, Troop 179 and Cub Scout Pack 235. Together they served 500 people and raised in excess of \$1,100 to help finance the church's charity outreach programs.

Jason plans to attend North Farmington High School and to graduate with honors. From there he would like to go on to Michigan State University to pursue a course of study in



Jason Fournier



Michael Merenda

the sciences, leading to career opportunities in medicine, biochemistry or possibly computer engineering.

MIKE ATTENDED Warner Middle School, where he maintained the highest of academic standards, and achieved a perfect score in the Michigan Educational Assessment Program for Science. He also participated in basketball, track and cross country.

Mike is an accomplished musician. He has won recognition for the clarinet and violin, in both solo and ensemble music, while a member of the Warner band.

Outside of school, he performs regularly for his church, and has had the distinction of playing at both forts at the Straits of Mackinac. He has also received recognition for his musical composition skills from Farmington CPTA through its Reflection contest.

Mike has a longstanding commitment to both Scouting and Troop

179. He progressed through the ranks of Cub Scouting to reach the level of Webelo, and earned the Arrow of Light Award. As a member of the troop he has served as a Patrol Quartermaster, Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader and Troop Guide.

Mike is currently serving as the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader in charge of the Troop Guide program. He has received three medals for hiking, and is part of the Troop 179 Philmont Scout Summer Camp contingent for 1991.

THE EAGLE service project that Mike selected involved the creation of a bird sanctuary on the grounds of his church.

He planned and developed the entire project and enlisted the assistance of 21 volunteers, to research and study the activity and habits of many different types of birds. His goal was to discover the types of accommodations that most attracted certain birds, and then to build bird-

houses that met with their preferences.

Mike was assisted by the Webelos of Pack 116 in the construction of the bird houses. In order to finance this project he personally raised the necessary money through his own efforts, such as mowing lawns and selling extra Christmas wreaths during the annual Troop 179 wreath sale.

Whatever formal career Mike chooses, he sees his future as one that involves a high degree of interaction with people. He would like to continue his studies in music, and share his knowledge and experiences with others.

THE FOLLOWING members of Troop 179 were also recognized for advancement in rank. They are:

Scout: Andrew Cassar, C.J. Sinar, Matt St. Charles, Frances Valchine, Daniel Shea, Nicholas Ackley, Andrew Campbell, Bradley Cox, James Crisp, Jason McQuinn, Jeremy McQuinn, Guy Mieu, Scott Morell, Max Nikodin and Adam Parker.

Tenderfoot: Steve Merenda, Kris Petrovich, Joey Disconstanza, Glynna Noore, Rocco Marras and Kurt Hatcher.

Second Class: Joey Disconstanza, Jeff Kotiba and Shaun Godwin.

First Class: Dave Dillard, Dion Scripture, Jared Fitzpatrick, Jeff Kohler, Jim Bosker, John Weessies, Kevin Oliverio, Shawn Enberg, Todd Afferbaugh and Matt Zimmer.

Star: Keith Sudheimer, Ken Kopl and Nick Oliverio.

Life: David Kanuja.

Troop 179 is led by Scoutmaster Chuck Williams and is sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington. The troop meets every Tuesday from September through June in the church fellowship hall at the corner of Farmington Road and 11 Mile.

Couple mark 50 years

Anthony and Dorothy Kolodziejczak of Farmington Hills were the guests of honor at a 50th wedding anniversary celebration recently.

The Kolodziejczaks exchanged vows on May 31, 1941, in Bowling Green, O. They have seven married children — Anthony Jr. and Sharon of Redford, George and Ramona Barum of Livonia, Tom and Jean of South Lyon, Chuck and Donna of Livonia, Dan and Betty Unkefer of Weberville, Pat and Alison of Livonia and Mike and Cheri of Livonia.

The celebration had a sweethearts theme and featured a family tree decorated in gold-trimmed hearts that represented their children and their spouses, 19 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. The tree was the work of their daughter Betty.

Joining the golden jubilarians were their original maid of honor and best man, Nick and Grace Campbell, as well as more than 200 friends and relatives.

Active in St. Alexander Catholic



Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Kolodziejczak

Church in Farmington Hills, the couple renewed their wedding vows as part of the celebration.

Van Dorpes wed 50 years

Farmington residents Betty Jean and Roger Van Dorpe celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with the attendants they had on their wedding day, Aug. 2, 1941, their relatives and friends.

He was born in Belgium, worked for J. L. Hudson Company for 46 years and served with Michigan National Guard. The couple met through the Detroit News Hikers.

The couple have traveled extensively in the U.S., Canada, Mexico and Europe. They enjoy boating, fishing, golfing, bowling, swimming, singing, bingo, and they belong to seven card clubs.

They have one son, Paul, a resident of Iowa City, and two grandsons.



Betty Jean and Roger Van Dorpe



Thanks badges awarded

Janel Burt and Carol Whiting, both of Farmington Hills, have been given the most distinguished award an adult can receive in Girl Scouts, the Thanks badge. Burt has been a volunteer for 22 years and Whiting for 20 years. Each has served in many roles throughout those years and given service significantly above and beyond any expectations. Burt and Whiting are two of only 11 in the metro area honored this year with Thanks badge.

Hills man wins \$5,000

Robert Baer of Farmington Hills was the big winner of \$5,000 in the Jewish Ensemble Theatre's "Go for the Gold" raffle, which raises money for the professional theater company. Tickets were sold throughout June, enabling the Jewish Ensemble Theatre (JET) to net \$11,000.

Baer's winning ticket was bought for him by his wife, Patricia, as a Father's Day gift.

It turned out to be a much bigger gift than I ever hoped for," Baer said. "I've never won anything before."

Used vehicles are wanted

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan seeks used vehicles for its "Drive Against Kidney Disease. Donors will receive a tax deduction when they donate their used boat, car, truck or motorcycle.

For specific information, call Jennifer Sorrentino, 1-800-482-1455.

JET, performing in the Aaron DeRoff Theatre at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield, has completed two successful seasons and has won awards for excellence in local theater competitions.

Its third season opens Sept. 15 with the production "Crossing Delancey." Season subscriptions are now being offered; for information call 788-2900.

JET is non-profit, affiliated with Actors Equity and committed to performing works that broaden and enrich understanding and appreciation of Jewish culture and values.

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