

Students garner kudos for avid interest in history

Quakertown Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution has presented "Excellence in American History" medals to four area high school seniors. The students were chosen for the award by the number of classes in American History that they had taken, their grades and their interest in American history.

Medal winners are Brian Davis from Farmington High School, John D. Mitchell from North Farmington High School, Karuna Mantona from Farmington Mercy and Stacy Schwandt from Novi High School.

Davis is the son of William and Rosella Davis of Farmington Hills. He graduated with a 3.76 grade point average. He was a member of Spanish Club, Physics Club and SADD.

Davis earned a varsity letter in tennis and served in the school newspaper and literary magazine. He plans to attend the University of Michigan in the College of Literature, Science and Arts. He is considering a career in science, law or business.

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John Mitchell

Mitchell is the son of John and Diane Mitchell of Farmington Hills. He elected to take 11 semesters of history, with most of the courses in American history. He is especially interested in 20th century American development. He will

be attending the University of Michigan in the Interflex Medical program. He plans to become a physician.

Mantona is the daughter of Dr. Suryanarayana and Anasuya



Stacy Schwandt

Mantona of Farmington Hills. She was active in the Model United Nations, the Human Relations Council, National Honor Society, Amnesty International and the French Honor Society. She was a member of the tennis team for three years.



Karuna Mantona

She graduated Phi Beta Kappa and Magna Cum Laude and won many academic awards. She will be attending the London (England) School of Economics and Political Science with a major in International Relations.



Brian Davis

Schwandt is the daughter of Richard and Candice Schwandt of Northville. She will be attending Kalamazoo College with a major in English and French. She hopes to become a university professor and writer.

C'ville braces for changes in state aid

BY MARIE CHESTNEY
STAFF WRITER

Clarencville School District will pay only a small amount — about \$10,000 — in employee Social Security costs about the 1992-93 school aid bill passed last week by Michigan lawmakers.

Clarencville's hit is a lot smaller than that suffered by the much larger Livonia Public Schools, \$1.7 million.

But the small FICA impact this year doesn't make the school aid bill less onerous to David Kamish, superintendent of Clarencville, which includes northern Livonia, northwest Redford and southeast Farmington Hills.

"The state aid bill is worse than I expected. I never thought the legislature would allow the state to go back on its word and take FICA. Now, they've got both feet in the door and we have to see what they'll do next year."

"In-formula districts won't be paying FICA, but sooner or later, they'll go after in-formulas

too. We're talking about something that could ultimately cost Clarencville \$585,000."

The new school aid bill requires 66 Michigan out-of-formula districts, including Clarencville and Livonia, to pay a portion of employee Social Security costs. In the past, that cost had been borne fully by the state.

Next year, the new bill will have a far greater impact on adult career training classes held at Clarencville High School. The state changed its formula and will no longer automatically fund certain "slot funded" classes run under the program.

Kamish estimated the change could cost the district \$200,000. But he also said he expected the loss will come in much lower because Clarencville will change the way it runs its adult education program.

"We'll be looking hard to find ways to recoup this loss. It doesn't affect our regular adult program, just the adult career training program. To make up some of the loss, we'll increase our ef-

forts in the regular adult ed program."

Clarencville ended the 1991-92 school year with \$370,000 in its rainy day fund. The district might have to dip into the fund, Kamish said, to resolve the one big question left hanging over the district now that the school aid bill has been settled.

Over the summer, school officials will negotiate contracts with two unions, one representing general employees and the other teachers.

Kamish said Clarencville can't ignore the 6.41 percent pay increase given in 1992-93 and 1993-94 to Livonia Public Schools teachers.

"We have to pay attention to that figure, but we can't spend more money than we have."

Clarencville recently recalled all 6.6 teachers laid off earlier this year.

The school aid bill passed the House last week despite heavy opposition from legislators in Wayne and Oakland counties. It is now awaiting the governor's signature.

POLICE/FIRE CALLS

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week.

THEFTS REPORTED

A car phone and small color television valued at \$500 were stolen from a car parked in an open garage on Cortland, June 28-29.

A \$50 bicycle was reported stolen from a back yard on Floral Street, June 27-29. In an unrelated incident, a mountain bike

valued at \$280 was stolen from in front of Bel-Aire Drugs, 24089 Orchard Lake Road, June 29.

Tools valued at \$1,840 were taken from a vehicle parked at Michigan Barbecue, 32800 W. Eight Mile, June 26-30.

A \$200 microwave oven was reported stolen from an apartment model at Chatham Hills Apartments on Grand River, Farmington, June 30-July 1.

A 24-inch necklace valued at \$2,000 was reported stolen July 1 from a home on Appleblossom Lane. There was no sign of forced entry.

ON THE AGENDA

Below are highlights from the agendas of government meetings this week. All meetings are open to the public.

Downtown Development Authority

Farmington City Hall
23600 Liberty
9 a.m., Tuesday, July 7

The regular meeting of the DDA board is scheduled. No agenda information was available.

Medicine show cures ills with laughter

Come one, come all, come cure all your ills. From the wizardry of his magic to the laughter inspired by his comedy, Doc Robin Steele's Old Time Medicine Show will be entertaining audiences of all ages at the Downtown Farmington "Summer Fun Series" on Wednesday, July 15.

The nationally renowned production incorporates magic, ventrilo-

quism, and comedy into a variety show that brings to its audiences a taste of "the good old days." It pokes fun at the outlandish claims of pitchmen who sold their cure-all patent medicines in small towns throughout the country at the turn of the century.

Doc Steele, alias John Osbourne,

has entertained in 27 states and five Canadian provinces. His credits include two appearances at North America's largest exhibition, the Canadian National Exhibition, the Calgary Stampede, Edmonton's "Klondike Days," the Iowa State Fair, and many others.

The show is fifth in the 10-week

program of the Farmington "Summer Fun Series." Shows will be at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

The series, held every Wednesday throughout the summer, is a program of events including a variety of performances and interactive experiences for families.

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OBITUARIES

PATRICIA K. CELINSKE (DAHLGREN)

Mrs. Celinske, 40, of Farmington Hills died June 30.

Born in Highland Park Mrs. Celinske was an associate coordinator of logistics department at General Motors Phoenix Center in Pontiac since 1977. She was a graduate of Oakland Community College and St. Mary College.

Survivors include her mother, Josephine; brothers, Joe Ciccerello, Jim Ciccerello and Gene Dahlgren; sisters, Skip Lemon and Nancy Frantz.

Services were July 2 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Alfred Gould of Ward Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial was in Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi.

Memorials may be made to Cranbrook Hospice Center, 2555 Crooks Road, Ste. 101, Troy 48064.

JAMES TROY MONTGOMERY

Mr. Montgomery, 55, of Farmington Hills died July 1 in Grace Hospital, Detroit.

Born in Omar, W.Va., Mr. Montgomery was an electrician for Hydro-Matic (General Motors). He served with the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

Survivors include his wife, Sue; daughters, Matilda and Jamie; stepson, James Bache; stepdaughters, Rebecca, Kathryn and Sandra Bache; mother, Laurene Lafferty.

Services were July 3 at the McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills. Memorials may be made to the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

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