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# Local cheerleaders take top prizes

Farmington High School's cheerleading squads won first-place honors recently at a four-day camp sponsored by the Universal Cheerleaders Association at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Varsity cheerleaders took first place in the original pom-pom routine category and earned blue ribbons in the cheer, chants and dance evaluations.

Additionally, the squad won the camp-wide leadership award. Presented to the group that provides the most encouragement and help to other squads, the leadership award is determined by a vote of all the squads represented at the camp.

Junior varsity cheerleaders received the camp champion designation, awarded to the best all-around squad. As a reward, they

have been invited to cheer at the 1996 Citrus Bowl football game.

The Junior Varsity squad also won blue ribbons in the chants and dance evaluations and won a red ribbon in the cheer category.

In addition to the group honors, six cheerleaders were selected as individual camp all-stars.

Beth Comal, Diane Dumas, Jenny Pringle and Jessica Urbell were chosen as all-stars in the

senior division. They have been invited to cheer at a parade in London, England.

For junior varsity, Callie Cerna and Karinne Chatman were elected all-stars and invited to participate in the Philadelphia Thanksgiving Day parade.

The varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders are coached by Jennifer Savage and Chris Gulman.

# Writer wants to win others' approval



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D.M.,  
West Bloomfield

Possibly the most salient trait in this very legible, well-spaced handwriting is a strong need to get along amicably with others. She wants to please people and win their approval. If she doesn't, she tends to feel guilty.

In interpersonal relationships, she is somewhat reserved. Friendships need time to develop. Objectivity has developed at the expense of spontaneity. She practices discretion with regard to what and with whom she shares personal information.

The empathy here cannot be missed. Her caring heart often wants to help others. Some indication, however, suggests she may be a tad unsure about actually doing it.

Her sphere of interest rests mainly in the present time. What is happening right now holds most appeal. She is traditionally oriented and does not wish to break her ties to the past.

Order and system are traits with which she has a good relationship. Her ballistics is probably open for inspection most of the time. The hackneyed cliché, "A place for everything and everything in its place," is meaningful. I believe her appearance would also be neat and tidy.

Seemingly, our writer was

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raised in a home where the female influence was strong and much was expected of her. Some emotional energy is still not finding release.

This young woman is sensitive enough to know how it feels to be hurt. I doubt if she would deliberately hurt another person.

This is a very conscientious person. Her thinking type is methodical and careful. She dislikes being rushed or having to meet pressure deadlines. Her first choice would probably be to undertake these involvements when she is ready to complete. In her work, she strives for perfection and can see and act on the essentials.

People who know her best

perceive her as disciplined and dependable. When she gives her word, she follows through on her promises.

Some of life's finer things appeal to her taste. Hand dexterity and music are areas of enjoyment for her.

If you would like your handwriting analyzed in this newspaper, write to **Lorene C. Green, a certified graphologist, at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.** Please write a few paragraphs about yourself, using a full sheet of white, unlined paper and writing in the first person singular. Age, handedness and signature are all helpful. And objective feedback is welcome.

# Rautbort gathering

## Family reunion has Farmington Hills tie

BY TIM SMITH  
Senior Writer

For West Bloomfield's Dr. Sanford Rautbort, last weekend's first Rautbort Family Reunion wasn't just about getting on a chartered

bus and tracking down Aunt Sylvia's Osborn Lake cottage or those Detroit homes where the Rautborts grew up.

After all, the way things looked in the 1950s is nothing like 1995: Physical sites now are empty slabs of asphalt. Or overgrown fields. Even the cottage on Osborn Lake doesn't look the same, having been remodeled.

But the Sept. 1-4 reunion — organized by Sanford Rautbort and featuring Saturday's day-long bus tour was about rediscovering each other, opening wide the floodgates of memories and emotions. He also wanted the family's Michigan roots to be shared with younger Rautborts.

"The essence of it (the reunion) was, we had never been together as a family and I feel the family, second to health, is the most important life's worth," said Sanford Rautbort, 60, who spent all summer pulling the event together and contacting relatives across the United States. "I'm seeing cousins that I never met. We have a father here (Henry Rautbort) who's never seen three or four of his grandchildren. His sons have never been together at the same time in 18 years."

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It didn't take Sylvia long to counter, "I wasn't a wild woman, I was a sought-after woman. Don't forget, I had four brothers."

The frivolity turned somber, as the bus circled through the parking lot of the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield, including the Holocaust Memorial Center and sculpture.

"This sculpture is of senseless people," Leba Rautbort said. "But by their body language you know what's happening."

But just as quickly the jovial atmosphere returned. An elderly man tried to board the bus outside the Holocaust Center, but was told it was a private bus tour with no room to spare.

Not the same

Eventually, the bus driver found Osborn Lake and the dirt roads surrounding it. But the family cottage was nowhere to be found.

Aunt Sylvia and others jumped out of the bus and began combing the lakefront. They looked from built-up home to built-up home, trying to remember how things used to look, trying to determine which of the homes was the cottage with the tell-tale petrified wood fireplace.

"Go to each house and ask to see the fireplace," Sanford said. "Let's talk about the Rautbort family confusion. . . and lack of memory," said Alan Roth, in joking fashion.

He also changed his name from Rautbort, to Reese, in 1935. "No one could pronounce it, no one could remember it, no one could spell it," Alan said.

Sylvia finally located the cottage. She saw an attached garage door and immediately had a "feeling." That premonition was verified when she and Norma peeked inside.

Unfortunately, the way it looked did not match the way people remembered the cottage, from where Sylvia's husband commuted 35 miles a day to Detroit and which was sold in 1939. "It's very disappointing," Sylvia said. " . . . You'd never know it."

After a lunch stop at the Stage Deli in West Bloomfield, the bus was en route to the old Detroit homes, schools and businesses from the Rautborts' past. While still on the freeway, Leba Rautbort talked about Aunt Sylvia's disappointment.

"What's important about it is it makes you understand your roots and the meaning of what you're here for," she said. "It's the memory of what it was that's important."

Near Woodward and Devon in Highland Park came more proof that things have changed. The bus stopped next to a Rally's restaurant. Sanford told passengers to look out at the caribou milk container on a patch of grass between the parking lot and Manchester Street.

"That's where my dad (Albert Rautbort) sold auto parts and opened up his business (LaBelle

Also making the trek to the reunion was 80-year-old Al Rogers (Al's father, Joseph, changed his name from Rautbort shortly after emigrating from Russia in the early 1900s; the name kept getting mispronounced). Rogers, who missed the bus tour, continues to operate a business even though he is a quadriplegic.

"I was talking to him about a year ago," Sanford said. "He told me he had just attended his wife's family reunion. I said, 'Al, if you can come to your wife's family reunion you can make it to your own family.' He's coming Sunday (Sept. 3), with his ventilator and two male nurses."

Sanford's wife, Leba, recalled what Aunt Sylvia Rautbort Reese, 83, said recently about coming to the reunion — which was based at the Southfield Radisson Hotel. "She said 'I'm a realist. I'm 83 years old and who knows when I'll get to see everyone.'"

More than 60 family members attended the reunion, which Leba Rautbort said was designed to "bring the past into the present and look into the future."

The bus then turned north onto Orchard Lake Road, cruising past West Bloomfield High School and Abbott Middle School, where Sanford and Leba's daughters (Alisa, Leslie, Julie and Andrea) attended.

In between the two schools, Pine Lake emerged on one side of the bus. "That's where I learned my fishing skills, at Shorty's Hooks Bait Shop," Sanford said.

With several miles to go until

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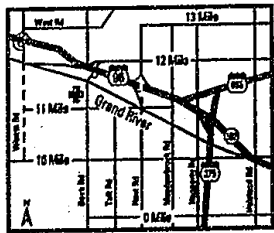
The best vehicle to do that, of course, was the bus tour, narrated by Sanford. More than 80 people

# Building for the future... can sometimes snarl up traffic

The Michigan Department of Transportation recently began reconstruction of the westbound Beck Road exit from I-96 to make it safer and more accessible. Reopening is scheduled for November 1995.

Since that exit is the one many patients and visitors to Providence Medical Center-Providence Park use, the Providence staff would like to suggest the following alternate routes for your convenience.

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