

## OBITUARIES

## JOSEPH JOHN GREGORICH

Mr. Gregorich, a resident of Farmington Hills since 1993, died Jan. 16, at William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak.

Born in Ahmeek, Mich. in 1922, Mr. Gregorich moved to Detroit after World War II. He was a U.S. Postal Service worker for more than 20 years. He was also a maintenance supervisor at the Apostolic Lutheran Church in Southfield for 10 years. He was an avid bowler.

Survivors include two brothers, Raymond of Detroit and Earl of Laurium, Mich.; and sisters, Earline Takala of Farmington, Catherine Kubik of Illinois, Betty Parkinson of Indiana, and Dora Hensley of Calumet, Mich.

Services were Jan. 18, at the Thayer Rock Funeral Home, Farmington. Burial was at the Lakeview Cemetery in Calumet. Memorials may be made to the charity of choice.

## WILLIAM R. ANDERSON

Mr. Anderson, of Fairfield, Ohio, formerly of Farmington Hills, died Jan. 13. He was 96.

He is survived by wife, Helen G. Neegration; daughter, Joanne Wilson, both of Fairfield, Ohio; son, William R. Anderson Jr., of Cape Coral Fla.; five grandchildren; and one great grandson.

A funeral Mass was held Jan. 18 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Springfield Township, Ohio. Burial took place at the Oak Hill Cemetery, Cincinnati.

## STANLEY CHARLES BRAUZE SR.

Mr. Brauze, a resident of Farmington Hills, died Jan. 16.

Born in 1909 in East Vandergrift, Pa., Mr. Brauze worked at a Commercial Steel Treating plant as a controller.

Survivors include son, Stanley Jr.; daughter, Doris Jean Wik; sisters, Helen Kaweck and Jessie Ladach; brother, Walter Brauze; seven grandchildren and one great grandson.

Services were Saturday at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Farmington, the Rev. Loren O'Dea officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

## MICHAEL THOMAS UREEL

Mr. Ureel, 29, of Farmington Hills, died following a Jan. 16 automobile accident in Farmington Hills. He was born in Royal Oak.

Survivors include wife, Amy Lynn Ureel; son, Michael E. Ureel; mother, Anna Ureel; grand-

father, Vinnie Steinbauer; and sisters, Amy, Paula McKinney, and Sandra Peterson.

Services were Jan. 20 at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Catholic Church, Birmingham. Memorials may be made to the Michael E. Ureel Education Fund, c Amy Ureel, 6884 Woodmont, Detroit 48228.

## SAMMY J. WARDRIIP

Mr. Wardrip, of White Lake Township, died Jan. 15. He was a former 10-year resident of Farmington Hills.

Born in Dermott, Ark. in 1955, he attended the Bosco School of Automotive Design. He also raced motorcycles and was the 1993 Grand Prix Champion for the Western-Eastern Road Racing Association.

He is survived by mother Sandra Thron of Farmington Hills; father Robert Wardrip; step-brothers, Jim and Tim Thron of California; and step-sister, Wendy Whitten of California.

Survivor was at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, the Rev. Larry Austin officiating. Burial was at the Oakwood Cemetery, Farmington. Memorials may be made to the Sam Wardrip Memorial Fund, c Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 63603 Grand River, Farmington 48335.

## Cable from page 1A

the regulatory body for the cable franchise — has received an average of 15 calls a day from customers. Seven disgruntled ones have filed complaints.

SWOCC has no jurisdiction over expanded basic rates, which include channels such as ESPN and MTV. SWOCC is filing Form 329 complaint with the FCC, though.

Otherwise SWOCC is asking residents to call Time Warner

offices, said Executive Director Caren Collins.

Farmington and Farmington Hills were scheduled to be wired for fiber optics as part of transfer agreement reached in May. Time Warner absorbed MetroVision as part of a merger last year.

"We were going to get fiber optics without the social contract," Collins said.

Time Warner's social contract with the FCC was initiated

as a response to the Cable Act of 1992, McCann said.

The contract, which was adopted Nov. 30, allowed a waiver for the 30-day notice to required to customers. SWOCC found out Dec. 19.

Customers learned about the hike when they opened their January cable bill.

"It teed me off," said Farmington Hills resident Lawrence Rogers.

## The voice of public education

## Values—We All Teach Them

In the span of little more than a single generation, our society has seen some of the most staggering technological and scientific transformations in history, ranging from genetic engineering to the sometimes baffling and chaotic world of the Internet. The boundaries of the "real world" are no longer as stable as they were just a few years ago.

Yet, in spite of all the changes and challenges we are facing, some things remain constant. Our public schools are still relied on by parents to transmit traditional American values to their sons and daughters.

Teachers have always taught values and always will. In fact, Michigan teachers reflect Michigan society. They are Sunday school teachers, scout leaders, community volunteers and parents. Hard work, responsibility, respect for law and order, citizenship, honesty, fairness, respect, perseverance—these are the kinds of values that they emphasize in public school classrooms every day. They are the positive values that shape our work ethic, our national character and our personal lives.

And Americans agree with this principle—according to the 1994 Public Agenda poll, 71 percent of Americans say it is even more important for schools to teach values than to teach academic subjects. Moreover, 76 percent of Americans say the values of teachers are close to their own.

Good teachers in classrooms across the state teach the values that Michigan parents not only want them to teach directly, but also expect them to reinforce by example. Teachers teach values when they let their students know what behavior is acceptable in the classroom. Children are graded for their work habits, initiative and self-reliance. Teachers also teach values when they insist students treat each other with respect and compassion, regardless of their racial or ethnic background.

Equally valuable is the influence of education support staff. On a daily basis, students see school bus drivers, cafeteria workers, maintenance personnel, security staff, secretaries, aides and many others demonstrating important values like teamwork, effort, common sense and problem solving.

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foundation, the steel beams upon which the successful future of every child is built.

But, no matter how good they are, teachers can't do this job alone. Most children spend less than 10 percent of their lives before age 18 in a classroom. The other 90 percent of the time, family and friends are their teachers, and home and community are their classrooms. Families have the power to make enormous differences in the lives of children; by involving ourselves with our children's education—even outside the school setting—we show that education matters and the child matters. A massive body of research now confirms what was once only suspected: The difference between good schools and great schools is parental involvement.

We believe that parents are the primary source of values education for children. But each of us—parents, schools, churches and public officials—has a responsibility to help develop and maintain good values in America's young people.

Values education is not about left or right political agendas. It is about right and wrong. And it is about teaching core values that virtually every American recognizes as legitimate, good, even self-evident. Good schools, strong families, and caring communities working together will preserve the fundamental American values that we all treasure.

NOTE: Even though the challenges we face as parents and teachers can seem daunting, there are resources that offer help, ideas and sometimes even a little inspiration. One of these is the book, *MegaSkills* by Dorothy Rich, hailed nationally by educators, administrators and business leaders. Another source is the Internet, with a wealth of education sites—for children as well as adults—including the Teacher Information Network, AOL Families, The National Education Association, Kids Only, The American Federation of Teachers, and much more.



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