

Hills friend recalls crash victim

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Courtney Reed

Courtney Reed overcame his troubled youth in Detroit to the point that Stevenson High principal Dale Collier called the 18-year-old Stevenson senior a "wonderful gentleman."

Reed surmounted an eye disability, excelled athletically and was recently named co-captain of the Stevenson High varsity football team.

The chip on Reed's shoulder when he came to Stevenson three years ago had disappeared, replaced by a quietness, politeness and seriousness that attracted friends and made him a good fit for the Stevenson student body.

All his dreams ended Aug. 28 when Reed was killed in a fiery auto accident in Novi. But life before 11:50 p.m. that day had never been better for him.

A defensive end, he had just been named co-captain of the Stevenson football team. It was the biggest honor of his life, said Patrick Falcusan of Farmington Hills.

Reed had spent the summer living with Falcusan, a longtime

teacher and mentor. Falcusan put a roof over Reed's head during a time when he was having trouble with his own relatives.

Reed had worked all summer in a Farmington Hills restaurant, saving his money. Just three weeks ago he bought the dream of every teen-ager, a car.

Reed's dream was a 10-year-old Lincoln Mark VII. He drove it to Wixom Wednesday to take pizza to a friend he thought wasn't eating right.

Reed was heading home with another friend, Garrett Zubok, 19, of Livonia, driving down the entrance ramp from the Wixom exit onto eastbound I-96.

He had only three weeks of driving under his belt.

"He had not had much experience driving," Falcusan said. "He simply lost control showing off his new car to someone. He was going too fast for the curve."

According to a Michigan State Police spokesman from the Metro North Post, Reed lost control on the ramp and struck a truck which was eastbound on I-96. The truck dragged the car, which caught on fire and burst into flames.

Reed was trapped inside and pronounced dead at the scene by the Oakland County Medical Examiner.

Zubok was taken to Huron Valley Hospital in Oakland County. His injuries were "not life-threatening," the police spokesman said.

Survivors include: his mother Juanita Reed of Detroit; sister Aletha Foster of Detroit; brother DeAngelo Foster of Livonia; aunt Lois Wimberly of Livonia; and uncle Danny Clark of Livonia.

Survivors lists don't typically include friends. If they did, topping the list would be Falcusan and Collier.

Years ago, as a Detroit teacher, Falcusan taught Reed in Detroit elementary schools.

When Reed had relative troubles last spring, he one day walked from Stevenson to Grand River Baptist Church next door and looked up his old friend, Falcusan, who he knew attended church there.

Reed had nowhere else to go. Falcusan took him in, giving him a place to come back to at night.

"I knew him for years, he was a super, super kid," Falcusan said. "I taught school for 25 years and he was the best kid I ever had. He lived with me for five months and I never had a problem with him."

Last year, Reed told Collier that his biggest goal was to finish his high school career at Stevenson.

Student, 15, nabbed for drinking

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The back to school itinerary for several Farmington High School students Tuesday apparently included downing shots of Southern Comfort.

As a result, a 15-year-old sophomore was temporarily held at the Farmington Public Safety Department, after tests showed a blood alcohol count of 0.046. Public Safety Deputy Director Mike Wiggins said a

minor registering .020 is considered legally intoxicated.

A citation was issued for breaking the "zero tolerance" rule pertaining to students and alcohol. The student was later turned over to his mother, and awaits an appearance in Oakland County Probate Court.

According to public safety reports, high school liaison Officer Christine Schutz and assistant principal Catherine Cost

were approached about 1:46-2 p.m. by a teacher, who smelled alcohol on the breath of another 16-year-old student.

That student said he had been drinking shots of Southern Comfort at another student's home late Tuesday morning, before going to the high school. He and a 16-year-old student passed their blood-alcohol tests.

High school administrators could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

In school

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Repeated offenses could wind up in after-school detention, telephone calls home and even lunch with teachers.

"And I'm not a very good lunch date," she told the students.

The start of the school year also provided Longacre Elementary School Principal Bill Smith

with a chance to tell students what is expected of them during 1997-98.

"One of the expectations, and the best rule for you all to keep in mind," said Smith, during an assembly in the media center, "is you need to be good listeners. Being a good listener will help you throughout life."

Students should also try to act the way they are treated by faculty and other staff.

"We try very hard to be soft-spoken, to be polite, to be courteous to you," Smith said. "And we expect you to do the same for us."

"We try not to be a mean school, but you have to pay attention to the rules."

Borders

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lot of shoppers are in the area."

Lauff said he also said his confident the national chain bookstore won't force smaller independents to close up shop. A downtown Farmington fixture is Books Abound, located a couple doors down from the Civic Theatre.

The name Borders will draw more people into the area who want to buy books," Lauff said. "There might be a spinoff (of customers) to other bookstores in the city."

That Borders chose Farmington

is viewed by Lauff as a feather in the city's cap. "It means you're doing something right."

Lauff said Farmington continues to strive to have a mix of big-name retailers and smaller independents. "Successful small towns have a blend of bigger stores and unique, one-of-a-kind stores. Farmington has had that."

Borders might not be the only big-name newcomer. "Others are looking very seriously at downtown," Lauff said.

Vote

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said before... let's do away with open spaces on less than 20 acres. Let's be realistic about it."

"They all talk about density, roads and development, but they don't do anything about it."

Kurzeja was appointed to a brief term on council to fill the spot vacated after Vagnozzi was elected mayor.

"They all have a record to run on," she said, "and I have a tiny one."

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