

Cable TV excels as education tool, too



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CABLE CONNECTION

All too often, we hear about the negative effects TV has on our children...the violence, the sex, etc. Here's some positive advice on how to use TV actively with your children (from the ages of middle school to high school).

These tips are brought to you by Cable in the Classroom, a public service initiative of the cable television industry that provides schools with free basic cable service and commercial-free educational programming.

The suggestions are:

- Use TV to capture your children's curiosity. Encourage them to go to the library to learn more about issues or ideas raised by programs they like.

■ When sensitive topics are raised on TV, seize the opportunity to open the discussion. Ask how your kids feel about it; explain how you feel.

■ Look for connections to books. A movie may be based on a book; a plotline in a sitcom or cartoon may have come from a story; or your kids may become

interested in a subject that's covered in a book. Either way, encourage them to read more about it, and then compare what they've read to what they've seen. Were characters or scenes from the book left out? Why?

■ Learn geography from TV. Weather reports, news reports, documentaries, even sports all take place somewhere. Keep an atlas or globe near the TV set, and see where those places really are. Make a game of it by putting pins in every location you've "seen" on TV.

■ Discuss point of view. Who's telling this story, whether it's a news report, a documentary, or a movie? How would it have been different if someone else—a different character, or the subject of the news story instead of the reporter—had told it?

■ Turn the sound off and add your own narration or sound effects. What kind of music do you think is being played to go with the picture? What kind of music would be totally wrong?

Remember, there's a silver lining to every cloud. Parents should follow these tips to harness the power of TV in a positive manner.

Mary Linda Calderone is the community outreach coordinator for SWOCC.

HARRY W. KUTSCHKE

Harry W. Kutschke, 79, died Aug. 23 at his home in Lakeland, Fla.

Born in Detroit on Aug. 28, 1917, Mr. Kutschke moved to Lakeland, Fla. from Farmington Hills in 1984. He was a railroad inspector and an Air Force veteran.

He is survived by sons, Michael of Farmington Hills and David of Novi; daughter, Karen Issett of Royal Oak; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens Chapel in Novi.

Memorial contributions can be sent to the American Heart Association.

ALLAN K. BROWN

Allan K. Brown, 84, died Aug. 30 at Providence Hospital in Southfield.

Born in Canada, Mr. Brown was a resident of Southfield for 34 years.

He is survived by wife, Lorena; daughter, Diana Churgay of Farmington Hills; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sept. 2 at Haley Funeral Home with the Rev. William Sinatra officiating.

JOANNE H. RICKENBECK

Joanne H. Rickenbeck, 60,

died Aug. 28 at Providence Hospital in Southfield.

A resident of Farmington for 26 years, Mrs. Rickenbeck worked as a secretary for Michigan Bell and was a member of St. Gerald Catholic Church.

She is survived by daughter, Amy (Brian) Smola of Canton; sister, Jayne (John) Lindsey of Oskosh, Wis.; nieces, Dr. Karen Lindsey, Holly and Joy Lindsey; and special friend, Florence Mikolasek.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, at St. Gerald Catholic Church in Farmington. Arrangements made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Gerald McEnhill officiating.

Memorial contributions can be sent to the Karmanos Cancer Institute, 14935 W. 12 Mile Road, Novi 48377.

MICHAEL H. WALLACE

Michael H. Wallace, 63, died Aug. 28 at Hospice Home in Farmington Hills.

A longtime resident of Farmington Hills, Mr. Wallace worked as a clerk/teller for Ladbroke D.R.C., Northville and Hazel Park race tracks. He also served in the Army during the Korean Conflict.

He is survived by sons, Michael, John, David and Thomas; daughter, Deborah Smith; and several grandchildren.

Funeral services were private. Arrangements made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions can be sent to Hospice Home, 25911 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills, 48336.

FRANKLIN J. KOONTZ, SR.

Franklin J. Koontz Sr., 90, died Aug. 30 at Hospice Home in Farmington Hills.

A resident of Farmington for 20 years, Mr. Koontz was a construction supervisor for the Detroit Board of Education and a member of the Farmington Elks Club. He served in the Army Air Corps during WWII and was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

He is survived by sons, Frank Jr. (Judy) of Indiana and John of New Hudson; daughter, Catherine (Robert) Shollack of Plymouth; sister Alice Schoppman of Ft. Wayne Ind.; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sept. 3 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. John Meyer officiating.

Memorial contributions can be sent to Hospice Home, 25911 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills, 48336.

NANCY MARCELLA MCCARTHY

Nancy Marcella McCarthy, 86, died Aug. 30 at her home in Farmington Hills.

She is survived by sons, Gerald and James (Kathy); daughter, Mary Lou (Daniel) Colborn; sister, Marie Sullivan; grandchildren, Dennis, Thomas, Kelly, Kevin, Lori, Lisa, Sean and Ryan; and great-grandchildren, Patrick, Trevor, and Adam.

Funeral services were held Sept. 2 at St. Gerald Catholic Church in Farmington with the Rev. Gerald McEnhill officiating. Arrangements made by Heepney-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

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Elizabeth Ajluni of Farmington Hills graduated from Specs Howard School of Broadcasting and has launched her career in communications. She is working as a reporter at CDTV in Dearborn.

ENTERPRISE TRAINEE

Noah Downs, a student of Walsh College of Business

recently attended Operation Enterprise in Hamilton, New York for an intensive 10-day training experience.

Noah was chosen for the experience by being one of 350 outstanding students from around the world.

SOCIETY ROSTER

The Management Honor Society at GMI Engineering & Man-

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Sujay is the son of Carol Dave

of Farmington Hills. His co-employer is General Motors Powertrain Warren Transmission in Warren.

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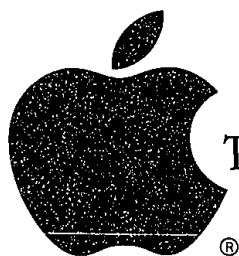
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