

Video classes boost equity in district



CABLE CONNECTION
Last week I wrote about how our students in the Farmington, Novi and Clarenceville School District are plugged into learning. Via cable, that is. The director of media services at the Farmington School District enlight-

ened me on the many ways cable is used in the classroom. Last week's article covered "Cable in the Classroom" and electronic field trips.

"Cable in the Classroom" is a \$420 million dollar public service effort supported by 38 national cable networks and over 8,500 local cable companies. These networks and cable companies act as partners in learning with teachers by providing free cable connections and more than 540 hours per month of commercial-free programming to schools across the country.

Cable has brought the world to the classroom by the application of electronic field trips as well. Live scientists doing real world scientific research come into the classroom via cable from places like the Costa Rican Rain Forest and the Mayan Expedition Sites. Students actually participate in helping provide data that their teachers and they have gathered.

But wait, there's more! Distance learning is yet another way cable comes into play. This is the ability to teach students in geographically distant places at the same time using an teacher and video technology. German and Japanese are taught among the three high schools in the Farmington District in this manner.

Peggy Schmidt sees the benefits of the "electronic classroom" as twofold. "With this means of teaching, there is equity of access to curriculum for stu-

dents in all three high schools," she said. "The second advantage lies in the fact that students don't lose time riding the buses to take a class at another school."

All 28 schools in Oakland County are hooked up to Oakland Schools Television Network through INET (Institutional Network for Educational Programming). This closed circuit network provides an additional outlet for educational programming, teleconferences, and staff development opportunities.

"Because Oakland County has already licensed these programs, our school districts have the permission to tape them," says Schmidt. "And to use them as often as we like. This enriches our resources for staff to deliver instruction in a timely way at reduced cost."

Satellite programming can also be shown over cable. One such instance was when the Farmington School District licensed and purchased a satellite teleconference on teaching staff on how to deal with ADD children. The programs were taped and shown to teachers on cable to help them better understand how to work with these children.

Last, but not least, our students have their own educational access TV channel. Farmington, Novi and Clarenceville Schools share Channel 10. Tune into TV 10 and see the fine programs they produce. Producing quality video encourages students to brainstorm, organize, problem solve and learn the importance of teamwork. All these traits certainly come in handy in college and in the workplace — not to mention how much we use video in our daily lives. With all these great opportunities available, our students will surely have the skills to succeed in the 21st century.

Mary Linda Calderone is the Media Relations Coordinator for the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission.

MARION E. SHARETTE
Marion E. Sharrette, 90, of Farmington died Feb. 23 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington.

Mrs. Sharrette was a talented musician and singer who entertained with her only son, Roland James, and his family as "The Sharrette Family" throughout the state and the Midwest during the 1970s. She also worked on the clerical staff of the Detroit Public Library.

Born in Chicago in 1907, she moved at an early age with her family to Detroit. She was a graduate of Redford High School in 1925 and married chiropractor Dr. H. Roland Sharrette in 1934.

Mrs. Sharrette sang and played piano and organ in many churches, at weddings and for the Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star. She was also active in the Farmington Hills chapter of Sweet Adelines.

From 1958 through 1972, Mrs. Sharrette worked at the Detroit Public Library, including as head of the page pool, municipal reference, library service and senior clerk in the business office.

"Mom always said her favorite library job was taking care of the page pool, the group of boys who tended the stacks and returned books to their correct locations," said Roland. "Having been a library page myself a few years earlier, I could imagine her dealing well with those guys and all their teenage problems."

Mrs. Sharrette is survived by

her sister, Vivian Beckman of Pellston, Mich.; brothers, Sumner C. Brown of San Diego, Calif., and David A. Brown of Kingman, Ariz.; son, Roland (Beverly) of Boulder, Colo.; three grandchildren, Ric, David and Denise; 17 great grandchildren.

Cremation was handled by Heeneys-Sundquist and, at her request, no formal funeral arrangements were made. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Interlochen Center for the Arts, P.O. Box 119, Interlochen, Mich. 49643.

MARY ELIZABETH TEEHAN
Mary Elizabeth Teehan, 80, died Feb. 24 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills.

Mrs. Teehan worked as a secretary for Tishken Products in Oak Park for 30 years. She is survived by sisters, Rosemary Pitt of New York, Jeanne Monse of Florida, Pat Hauke of northern Michigan and Norleen Kliffel of Harbor Springs; and 21 nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were Feb. 27 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Leonard Partensky officiating.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Karmanos Cancer Institute, 41935 W. 12 Mile Road, Novi 48377.

MICHAEL LUCARELLI
Michael Lucarelli, 63, died Feb. 24 at his home in Farmington Hills.

Mr. Lucarelli began his career at age 17 with McLife Insurance Co. and transferred to Detroit to manage General Motors' disability program. He served in the U.S. Army from 1953-55 in Germany. He also enjoyed cooking for his family

and friends. He is survived by wife, Judy; children, Diane Ault, Michelle Whitely and Frank and Kathleen Forster; mother, Clara Lucarelli; one brother, one sister; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Feb. 26 at St. Fabian Catholic Church in Farmington Hills. Arrangements were made by McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills.

PATRICIA O. MCCULLOUGH
Patricia O. McCulloch was a "loving and caring" wife, mother and caregiver, said her daughter, Karyn McCulloch-Lucero.

Mrs. McCulloch, who resided in Farmington Hills, died Feb. 18 in Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. She was 66.

"We'd like people to know how devoted she was to her family, even though she was battling emphysema herself," said Debra McCulloch, Mrs. McCulloch's other daughter.

Born in Detroit, Mrs. McCulloch graduated from Immaculate Catholic High School.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 21 at St. Colette Catholic Church in Livonia.

Memorials may be sent to Bon Secours Hospital, Pulmonary Rehabilitation, 468 Cndieux, Grosse Pointe 48226.

MARGARET ANN BUNKER
Margaret Ann Bunker, 56, of Farmington Hills died Feb. 25 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia.

Mrs. Bunker worked for Michigan National Bank, enjoyed golf and motor home travel. She is survived by husband, Jack; mother, Marie Parent; sister, Lillian Ferris; brother, Harry Parent; brother-in-law, James Bunker; and mother-in-

law, Helen Bunker. Funeral services were held Feb. 28 at St. Fabian Catholic Church in Farmington Hills. Arrangements made by McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

JOSEPH BARR
Joseph Barr, 91, of Farmington Hills died Feb. 24.

He is survived by his wife, Isabella; daughters, Barbara (Dennis) Smith and Patricia (Leo) Zacharski; sister, Marie Bircumshaw; three grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Funeral services will be March 2 at Heeneys-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Brian Wingerth and Rev. William Bact officiating.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Arbor Hospice.

GEORGE ALBERT RETELLE
George Albert Retelle, 81, died Feb. 25 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

Mr. Retelle was a retired U.S. Army colonel who served in World War II.

He is survived by daughter, Mary Beth Retelle; sons, Robert (Lynn) and Richard; brother, John; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Feb. 28 at St. Gerald Catholic Church in Farmington with the Rev. Gerald McEnhill officiating. Arrangements made by Heeneys-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

Memorial contributions can be sent to the American Diabetes Association or the Detroit Zoological Society.

Arthritis Today
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IF YOU HAVE ARTHRITIS, AVOID AN HOSPITAL ADMISSION
No one likes to go to a hospital because if you have rheumatoid arthritis, you should take extra care to avoid admission. The reason? It is because a hospital room is a place with too many devices crammed into too small a space. Standard beds and equipment for a hospital room includes monitors, each with its own electric cords and multiple thin wires, IV poles with long, curling lines, and a call switch tethered in a position, hard to see, and almost impossible to reach. Worst of all is the hospital bed. It is too small to allow you to turn without putting strain on your shoulders, arms, and hands. The side rails are difficult to manipulate. The bed requires using a hand held switch to align its head and foot to your contours, and comes with call buttons that will not accommodate to your form. In addition, you face the hazard of attendants lifting you by your shoulders or arms, or of food set on tables too high for you, served with silverware that is barren for your grip, and an IV cradled in your better hand, rendering it of little use for practical use. If you must be hospitalized you have incurred in two ways. First, defend yourself. Tell the hospital staff you have arthritis, and explain your needs. Second, ask your doctor to request an Occupational Therapy referral. Occupational therapists understand arthritis patients, and can provide splints and aids to ease your way through the hospital technology that otherwise binds you.

Dentistry in the 90s
by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S. & Martha P. Zinderman, R.N., D.D.S.
READY TO BE CROWNED

A crown is a dental restoration used to replace the structure lost from the crown of the tooth due to wear, attrition, abrasion, or breakage. While crowns are usually constructed of porcelain over metal, they can be made of different materials, including: gold alloys, porcelain, semiprecious, or nonprecious alloys, porcelain and composite resin. All-metal and porcelain-fused crowns are usually reserved for back teeth (which exert strong chewing forces), and all porcelain crowns are usually reserved for front teeth. A crown may cover either an entire crown of the tooth or a portion of it. Depending on what portion of the tooth it does cover, a crown may be referred to as a partial or quarter, half, three-quarter, or seven-eighths crown.

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"I CAN COPE"
Cancer Patient Program
St. Mary Hospital, Livonia presents the American Cancer Society's "I Can Cope" program for cancer patients, their family and friends as follows:
Tuesdays, March 17 - April 21 (6 weeks)
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
St. Mary Hospital
West Addition Conference Room B
(Please join us, South Livonia, on Livonia Road)

"I Can Cope" is a free program for cancer patients, their family and friends. The course is designed to help newly diagnosed patients learn how to take an active role in their treatment and recovery. If you would like to learn more about cancer, its causes, prevention, diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation, management of side effects, adjustment to changes in body image, exercise and proper nutrition, community resources and new potentials as a person with cancer, then "I Can Cope" is for you.

Presentations will be made by a team of health care professionals, including an oncologist, radiation oncologist, nurse, social worker, dietitian and pharmacist as well as other community resource professionals.

There is no charge for the program. Registration is required by March 10. For more information or to register, please call (734) 655-2922 or 1-800-494-1650.

St. Mary Hospital
South Livonia
Livonia, Michigan 48154
(734) 644-4000
St. Mary Hospital is affiliated with William Beaumont Hospital

CAMPUS PIPELINE
If you have news from a college, university or other campus of higher education — and there's a Farmington area connection — we'd like to hear from you. Send items to: Campus Pipeline, 33411 Grand River, Farmington, 48335.

TO THE POINT
Leah Larseheid, a 1997 graduate of Farmington High School has a grade point average of 4.0 as a freshman at Michigan State University. She is studying pre-veterinary medicine. Leah is also a member of the MSU color guard.

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN (248) 473-9543
PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING (COUNCIL CHAMBERS)
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM 1998/99 THRU 2003/2004
DATE: MARCH 10, 1998
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
PLACE: Farmington Hills City Hall
31555 Eleven Mile Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48338

The Planning Commission of the City of Farmington Hills will hold a public hearing to review and approve the 1998/99 thru 2003/2004 Capital Improvements Program.

Any person who is interested is invited to attend and participate in the public hearing discussion. Copies of the proposed program will be available for review in the Planning Office beginning March 12, 1998, Monday through Friday, 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

DALE A. COUNTEGAN, Director
Planning, Community & Economic Development
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
Publish: March 1, 1998

CITY OF FARMINGTON BOARD OF REVIEW
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL PERSONS THAT An Assessment Roll of all property in the City of Farmington subject to taxation has been prepared by the City Assessor, and said roll will be subject to inspection at the Office of the City Assessor in the Municipal Building, 23660 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan.

The Board of Review will be in session as follows:
Monday, March 9, 1998: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 11, 1998: 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Upon request of any person who is assessed on the roll, or his/her agent, and upon sufficient cause being shown, the Board of Review can adjust the assessment on such property in such a manner as will in their judgment provide an equitable assessment. Such Assessment Roll reviewed by said Board of Review shall be the Assessment Roll of the City of Farmington for the year 1998.

Appointments for a hearing before the Board of Review can be made after March 1st by calling the Assessor's Office (474-5500 ext. 230) between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. It is advisable that anyone planning an appeal of the 1998 assessment contact the City Assessor prior to the Board of Review meetings to discuss the matter.

PATSY K. CANTRELLI,
City Clerk/Treasurer
Publish: March 1, 1998

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