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fought in the Army 29th Infantry Division that made the assault at Omaha Beach when the Allies invaded France in World War II.

After the war, Burke and his family settled in Floral Park. Armed with the GI Bill, he bought a house in the Farmington subdivision for \$4,000 with a 4-percent mortgage.

As a father of four, including three sons, Burke started the Boy Scout troop at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, which remains one of the longest active.

He, along with former Detroit Lions general manager Russ Titmans, launched Pop Warner football in the area.

Burke set up a retirees' group at Blue Cross/Blue Shield, where he worked as a national accounts manager. The group

has grown to 1,100 members strong.

To relate to his generation in the audience at the Costick Center, Burke recalled an airplane hangar in what is Kendallwood subdivision. He told how his late wife Rita and other women plan to go there to watch for Russian planes in the period soon after World War II.

He subsequently witnessed the children of the postwar period grow and themselves become community leaders.

Farmington Councilman Bill Hartsock met Burke at Our Lady of Sorrows Church where Burke serves as usher and lector.

Hartsock also went to Our Lady of Sorrows High School with Burke's son Kelly, who was a news reporter for WXYZ-TV.

"Bill is a very kind and caring

person," Hartsock said. "He's always upbeat and he always has a smile."

His knowledge and history of the area is invaluable on the Farmington Planning Commission when it comes to zoning issues, said City Manager Frank Lauffoff. Burke is in his 37th year on the commission.

"That's why it is important for people who are dedicated and qualified to stay involved in government. It's their history to be able to look at things and how they affect the community that makes them so valuable," Lauffoff said.

In accepting the award, Burke said he was humbled by the multitude of people honored with him at the reception. Without them, many things would go unfulfilled, he said.

"Volunteer work, no matter how trite it might seem, is personally fulfilling," Burke said.

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The \$460,000 could be pulled out of the fund equity, a reserve usually for one-time expenditures, or it could be among the projects tackled with some of the \$9.5 million Durant lawsuit windfall - if the board agrees to them. But it is not to be completed in time for next season.

"I regret that (the lights) won't be ready for the kids this fall," said school board Secretary Priscilla Brouillette. "For next year's seniors, I feel sorry for them. But we'll have a much better overall project if we go slower."

Tuesday night's budget public hearing could shed more light on which direction the board finally takes. The 7 p.m. public hearing will take place at the Lewis Schulman Administration Center, 32500 Shinawasse.

School board Treasurer Joseph Svoke agreed that it appears that the tradition of Saturday afternoon football in Farmington is safe for at least a little while longer.

With the heavy construction season in full swing, district officials felt rushing into the project and scrambling to get it completed by the end of summer would only drive up the cost. They also worried that a rush might hamper the quality of design work.

Work to do

"Because of the construction efforts and laying out the plans," Svoke said, "and until everything is put in appropriate order, that plan would not take effect until a year from this coming September. And a fair amount of

engineering work is involved."

Cheryl Cannon, administrator for business and finance, concurred that "There just wasn't time to get the project designed and bid" to enable the project to be completed in time for next season.

Meanwhile, Cannon said the much-discussed \$9.5 million one-time windfall from the state in the settlement of the so-called Durant case was placed into a special capital funds account, waiting for the board to decide: whether to return all or some of it to residents; and what to do with the money if it decides to go with a "mix and match" scenario.

"It's sitting there because the board is still discussing use of those funds. We haven't presumed anything yet," she said.

About the budget itself, which is still being tweaked, Svoke described it as "reflective of some of the demands the board has put on the administration, although (it is) conservative."

Some programs and staffing had to be reduced, Cannon said and the fund equity will have to be tapped into by about \$2 million, in order to balance the budget.

Staff retirements

Also factored into the budget are 30 staff retirements (of top-earning employees) and the loss of another 10 certified staff positions "through attrition," Cannon said.

"Costs are going up and revenues are the same," she explained. "So we had to make some cuts."

One reason revenues are stagnant is that the state foundation grant for next year will stay at \$9,029. The grant is the per-pupil amount paid to districts.

Besides money for athletic field lights, some of the fund equity money, Cannon said, would be used to supplement bond issue building projects.

About \$1 million is being earmarked to begin implementation of the elementary school study, including collaboration time for staff members.

Also included is money for several new support council pilot proposals, including a bilingual summer school; "Bridges" technology class at Harrison; a bilingual education data base at Wood Creek Elementary School; and integrated thematic instruction at Warner Middle School.

Brouillette said she "struggled" with the budget because of those cuts required to "make room for the elementary study." But, she stressed that the study is important to get going on, because of its hoped-for long-term positive impact on children.

Murder from page A1

Police recovered the victim's 1998 mass green Jeep Cherokee, which Summerville was driving when stopped near downtown Minneapolis shortly after 1 p.m. Thursday.

Summerville, 28, is being held in Hennepin County Jail. His last known address is an apartment on Dequindre in Warren.

On Friday, Hills police detectives flew to Minneapolis to interview Summerville while trying extradite him on a war-

rant of first-degree and felony murder.

If Summerville doesn't contest being extradited, he could be flown back and arraigned this weekend, Dwyer said. Otherwise, he might not be charged until later in the week.

Investigators are still interviewing people on the case.

Previously, Dwyer had said police believed the murder was "a crime of passion," due to the number of stab wounds in both

the chest and back and the fact the attacker broke one knife in the victim and then used a second knife.

"There had been a falling out between the two and there had been a relationship," Dwyer said. "This is typical when there is a falling out in these types of relationships where a homicide is committed."

"There is total rage."

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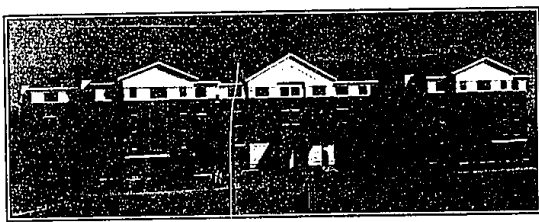
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