

Student helps Rotary develop Web site

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Jeffrey Lewis tried to find out about the Farmington Rotary Club through the Web, but came up with zero matches when he searched more than a year ago.

He did find the group's international Web site, which eventually led him to contact the local group. He soon joined.

Therein lay the problem, Lewis said.

"It struck me, we needed a Web site," said the one-year member. "I talked to the board about it and I said it would be great that if we had an article written about us, we could refer people to it on the site and explain the things we're doing."

Who would handle the job of creating the site was the next question, though.

Lewis' son, Gareth, a senior at North Farmington High

School, was asked by his dad if he would be interested in taking on the job.

"We give scholarships to the local schools," the senior Lewis, explaining the idea of having a student tackle the project.

Gareth agreed to take on the job and now the Farmington Rotary finally has its own site at farmingtonrotary.com.

Gareth said it took him a couple days to design the site using the Microsoft Word program, after getting input from Rotary members.

He said he's designed a couple of sites in the past, but nothing too serious. "It turned out really well," said his dad.

"We're trying to expand our membership, and I think a Web site will help us do that," he said.

Lewis said if members are pursuing a target group, offering those people a link to a



North Farmington High student Gareth Lewis has designed a Web site for the local Rotary club, of which his father is a member.

Web site "is an excellent way of doing things."

While the site is still under construction, it does offer details about the group, when and where it meets and its mission statement.

Soon more pictures from past events and listings of future activities will be featured, Lewis said.

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FIREFIGHTER

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In 1978, he was given a citation for a search and rescue, having pulled two victims out of a burning building.

He was part of the first group to be licensed by the state as an emergency medical technician and has scores of appreciation letters from those he has helped.

Cusac and his wife, Donna, have two adult daughters, Amanda and Stephanie.

The firefighter said helping

people and having a challenging job is why he's glad he chose his profession.

"My wife supported me in everything I did," he said.

Cusac has also been a captain and a district chief with the department.

He has received three life-saving awards, eight unit citations, a chain of survival award, a certificate of merit, a certificate of appreciation and 27 letters of appreciation.

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FIREFIGHTER AWARDS

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Corey Bartsch

Chain of Survival Awards

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Unit Citation

Lee Panoushek, David Feichtner, Lynn McDaniel, Robert Crawford, Kathryn Gauthier, Brian Baker, Timothy Siegrist, Brian Holzheimer, Jason Jennings, Linda Counsell, Raymond Pudlik, Donald Schinske, Kelly Buckner, Corey Bartsch, Gerard Antonietti, Stanley Barnes, William Dougherty, Jason Olszewski, Susan Radze, Dennis Atkins, Kathryn Baker, Todd Hemmi, Frederick Klotzer, Christopher Engel, James Donovan, Ricky Naugle, Stephen Hume, Stephen Biebel, Larry Henderson, Michael Kish and Gary Dely.

Life Saving Awards

John Wells, Dennis Hughes, James Neufeld, Paul Cusac, David Jones, Andrius Radze, Matthew Parsons, Damian Woodmore, David Kemp, James Etrin, Larry Gauthier and Stanley Barnes.

Civilian Citation

Laura Cheyne

Meritorious Service Award

Thomas Shurtliff

Certificate of

Appreciation

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Farmington Observer wins SNA awards

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers have won 20 awards in the Suburban Newspapers of America 2002 Editorial Contest. The annual contest covers the period Oct. 1, 2001, through Sept. 30, 2002, and is open to community newspapers throughout the United States and Canada.

Each category is divided into different classes based on newspaper's circulation.

"To be honored with so many awards from Suburban Newspapers of America is a credit to the hard work and dedication of staff members," said Susan Rosiek, executive editor of The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

"We strive to publish the best community newspapers in the country and I'm honored and grateful that these SNA awards recognize our excellence in local journalism."

The awards do more, however, than recognize what we've accomplished. They serve to energize our entire organiza-

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tion to continue on our mission to provide the best in local news, features and sports in 2003.

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Joni Hubred, editor of The Farmington Observer, won first place for Best Editorial Writing and took a second place for Best Column Writing.

The Javonia Observer shared first-place with The Troy Eccentric Best Local Election Coverage.

The papers were recognized for their coverage of the 2001 local elections.

Observer photographer Tom

Hawley won first place for Best Feature Photograph for "Cheerleaders Puddle" in The Livonia Observer and third place for Best Photojournalism for "The Shaw Brothers" which appeared in the Observer Community Life Section.

Brad Emons, sports editor of The Livonia and Westland Observers, won first place for Best Sports Writing for "No Shocker: Baseball Coach Ambushed."

Garden City Observer reporter Leanne Rogers and Westland-Garden City Observer editor Sue Mason won second place for Best Breaking News Story for their report on meningitis in the schools.

Other O&E awards were: First place Southfield Eccentric for Best In-Depth Reporting.

First place Clarkston Eccentric for Best News Photo. Second place Clarkston Eccentric for Best Special Section.

Third place Clarkston Eccentric for Best Entertainment Lifestyle Section.

Second place Clarkston Eccentric for Best Editorial Page.

First place Rochester Eccentric for Best Sports Writing.

Second place Wayne Feal, editor of The Rochester Observer, for column writing.

Second place Troy Eccentric for Best In-Depth Reporting.

Third place Troy Eccentric for Best Editorial Page.

Third place Oxford Eccentric for Best Sports Photo.

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