

■ Essay Winners

The following Warner and Power Middle School students were winners in the America & Me Essay Contest sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance:

- Power Middle School - Andrew Lantz, first place; Joe Liwak, second place; and Samantha Kramer, third place.
- Warner Middle School - Joey Leboeuf, first place; Lauren Davies, second place; and Rachel Leboeuf, third place.
- First place winners Lantz and Leboeuf will now advance to the state competition, from which the top 10 essays in

Michigan will be selected.

■ Community Award

Nadia Bazy, a senior at Mercy High School, was named one of the top runners-up in the 2003 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards in Michigan.

This award is a nationwide program which honors young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism.

Bazy helped found the "Young Muslim Association," an organization dedicated to promoting understanding and respect for American Muslims

by educating others about the faith of Islam.

■ St. Mary's Honor Roll

The following Farmington/Farmington Hills residents were named to the honor roll for the third card marking at St. Mary's Prep School in Orchard Lake:

Johnathan Cartine, Charles Andette, George Gopalan, Jacob Gumiuk, Christopher Jones, Ryan Larson, Ted Lawrence, Kyle Miller, Matthew Rejc and Thomas Whiting.

■ DECA Conference

Fifteen North Farmington High School Marketing students won honors at the recent District 6 DECA Conference and will advance to the state conference next month.

DECA is a co-curricular marketing club for high school students enrolled in marketing-related classes. NFHS was represented by 34 students at the district conference held at Birmingham Groves High School.

The 14 finalists who won their division events are: Whitney Chadwick, Joshua

Feinberg, Steven Garelik, Jordan Goodwin, Chris Lederbach, Adam McPherson, Felicia Peala, Eliza Rennik, Brian Rosenbaum, Marisa Rubel, Brad Stumberg, Valerie Warner, Zack Yost, and Irina Yudovich.

Andrea Van Hoek won a medal in her event.

These students will compete against other district winners at the state conference March 7-9 at the Dearborn Hyatt.

■ William Grace Poets

The following William Grace Thomas.

Elementary School students from Heather Harrington's first, second grade class were selected to have their original action word, beding poems published in the 2003 edition of the Anthology of Poetry by Young Americans.

Zachary Brendel, Alexandria

Card, Sarah Caley, Wyatt Dineen, Georgia Freeman, Ryan Jacobs, Morgan Kew, Michael Kindred, Alia Kishmish, Kalyd Manville, Angela Nikaj, Cheyenne Phipps-Mason, Zee Rice, Christian Robson and Sharon

OBITUARIES

Marcella L. Balderas

Marcella Leona Balderas, 93, of West Bloomfield, died March 3, 2003, at Sunrise Assisted Living in Farmington Hills.

Mrs. Balderas was born Feb.

12, 1910.

She is survived by her sons, Jack and James (Louise); daughter, Judith Hamel; son-in-law, Louis Altred; 13 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, Joseph; daughter, Shirley Alfred; son-in-law, Arnold Hamel; and grandsons, Ronald Cornilaud and Louis Balderas.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 409 Mack Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201.

Arrangements made by Heaney-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

Phil A. Lasky

Services for Phil Aloysius Lasky, 82, of Farmington, were held March 5 at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Farmington, with Monsignor Walter Hurley officiating. Burial followed at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mr. Lasky was born March 29, 1920, in Detroit and died March 2, 2003, at Ingham Regional Medical Center in Lansing. He was a decorated veteran of World War II, serving as a member of "Big Red One" and a recipient of the Bronze Star. He owned and operated Guaranteed Sales and Service, a gasoline pump service company, for over 40 years in Detroit.

He is survived by his sons, Phil and Charles (Terry); daughter, Jerry (Joseph) Reid; brother, John Larkins; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife, Marian.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Lansing.

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Robert A. Wilson

Services for Robert Atkinson Wilson, 76, of Farmington Hills, were held March 4 at Heaney-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Steve McClure officiating.

Mr. Wilson was born Oct. 22, 1926, in Highland Park and died Feb. 27, 2003, at Reed City Hospital in Reed City, Mich. He worked as a design engineer for Ford Motor Company.

He is survived by his wife, Patsy "Pat"; sons, Robert (Yolanda) and Frederick (Rosann); daughter, Linda (Scott) Berlin; and son-in-law, Benny Bunker. He is preceded in death by his daughter, Madeline Bunker.

Memorial contributions may be made to the McCarty Cancer Foundation.

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