

Awarding

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women runners and a coach at Michigan State University, and Cindy Barber, former winner of the Detroit Free Press International Marathon and frequent Olympic Trials qualifier.

A debilitating knee injury that still bothers her sidelined Crippen Piasecki for the majority of her collegiate career.

THE CRIPPEN AWARD, a huge plaque now displayed in Salem's trophy case, reads, "In honor of Joanne Crippen, who was a distance runner in the mid-1970s. Through her running and leadership, she defined such words as dedication, desire, discipline, effort, pride in self, pride in school and persistence that are to this day standards for other athletes."

In presenting the award to Harris, Kracchak said, "Joanne has taken these and applied them to your school and life. Because of that, she has been successful as a runner, on her teams and as an individual."

"Dave Piasecki is a very smart man," Kracchak added, with a smile. "He was intelligent enough to marry Joanne."

Crippen Piasecki, a Michigan Bell engineer, said she was at work when Kracchak called her to inform her about the award a few weeks ago. "I was crying at my desk when he told me," she said. "I was really touched."

Now 32 and a veteran marathoner, Crippen Piasecki still is exercising her infectious brand of leadership.

One of 14 women runners on Bell's corporate sports team, Crippen Piasecki competes in races throughout Michigan. The last two years, Michigan Bell has qualified for national competition.

This year, Crippen Piasecki was unable to compete. But last year, at Hilton Head, S.C., she ran a 5K personal best of 20:14 — on the beach, no less.

On a hard surface, she easily would have broken 20 minutes.

Close to home, Crippen Piasecki competes in Corporate Challenge races — where her mom, dad, husband, 2-year-old daughter Katie and other family fans cheer her on. At the Corporate Sports Battle in Detroit, when her baby was just 5 months old, Crippen Piasecki nursed her in between swimming and running events. She placed third overall. For Katie, being on the move is no big deal. Her mom ran through seven months of pregnancy.

Crippen Piasecki was among the women who suggested Michigan Bell make a locker room available for female employees, a benefit just male employees enjoyed previously. The facility made it possible for Bell's female team members to train on their lunch hour, which they do downtown, four days a week.

KRACCHAK WAS about to give Harris her award, but before he could, Crippen Piasecki asked for some floor time.

"I have a few words to say," she said.

"Back when I was in high school, my dad didn't like me to run. He was afraid he'd see me in pain, and he was afraid I'd get hurt. Coach wanted us to run until it hurt. No pain, no gain — right, girls?" The Salem squad nodded.

"What we didn't know was that what we'd gain wasn't speed. The gain was in our hearts."

"I'm still friends with the people I ran with in high school. And that pain has helped me through any pain I've had to deal with in my life."

"As parents you want to protect your girls from pain, I know," said Crippen Piasecki. "But running can do that. It really can."

She and Harris embraced, and there wasn't a dry eye in the place.



Farmington Hills resident Joanne Crippen Piasecki has run herself toward immortality, sort of. An award established in her name will honor Salem High School's best female harrier.

JIM JAGDELD/Staff Photographer

Criticism surfaces at league swim meet

By Brad Emons
staff writer

Plymouth Salem coach Chuck Olson said criticism about the way the 12-team Western Lakes Activities Association girls swim meet was run on Nov. 10 is unfounded.

Olson, whose school hosted the meet, defended the new format, which allowed 15 places to be scored instead of 10.

Northville coach Bill Dicks, who could not be reached on Monday, reportedly is upset about the new format, which tends to favor schools with larger-sized teams. "A majority of the coaches wanted to go 18 places because of the size of the conference," Olson said. "The whole idea was to get more kids to participate. With 12 teams it makes sense to go to 18 (per event)."

"Doug Buckler (the Livonia Stevenson boys coach) came up with the idea and I have to admit I was one who really liked it. It was in effect for the boys meet last year and it worked well."

"If just he (Dicks) would worry more about his own team than worrying about people picking on him, it makes sense to go to 18 (per event)."

THE OBSERVER also learned that errors were made in point-totals for the final team standings.

Olson, however, said all schools have been notified about the corrections, which moves Northville into second place with 357 points behind league champion North Farmington with 438. Fifth-place finisher Livonia Stevenson was also shorted 24 points.

Original totals for the top five teams, as reported in the Nov. 13 Observer, read: North (438), Plymouth Canton (358), Plymouth Salem (348), Northville (340) and Livonia Stevenson (293).

The new standings should read: North (348), Northville (337), Canton (355), Salem (348) and Stevenson (317).

"It was an honest mistake that we caught after everybody was gone from the meet," Olson said.

"We told Northville and Stevenson the Monday following the meet. It was no big deal, North was still the league champion."

"We wanted to run double-check on scores for each team, but we didn't do that. That's our fault, but we'll try to avoid that happening in the future. But without question we have the best (scoring) table around."

OTHER COMPLAINTS centered around the length of the meet, which started at 6 p.m. and did not finish until after 10 p.m. Under the new format, 30 races were run instead of previous total of 20.

Others complained that the diving competition, which featured 18 competitors, doing three dives apiece, prolonged the meet by almost 25 minutes.

Olson also took issue with those complaints.

"The whole idea was not to cheat anybody out of anything," said the Salem coach. "You can still enter only four (individuals) per event, but you're only really only talking about 20 minutes longer to accommodate 54 more kids."

"Places 13 through 18 wouldn't have scored before, but now the kids are more excited about the meet after we added the six places. It gives them a shot. There were some great races in the third heat. You saw some great swimming."

"We had an eighth place finisher in this meet (Cheri Vincent of Salem) qualify for the state in the 200-yard individual medley. There are a lot of good swimmers who never make the top six (championship heat) in this meet."

Olson went on to say, "Our championship champ is not just a few individuals, it's a whole team."

"This format is going to continue for years to come because most of the coaches like it," he said.

Other league meets run by the W.L.A.A., including track and tennis, have come under fire in the past. Coaches have also complained about scheduling and standings formats in the 12-school, two-division conference.

sports shorts

• SUCCESSFUL HUNT

Art Kannisto of Farmington Hills shot an eight-point, 178-pound buck in the Upper Peninsula's Alger County on the first day of the firearm deer season.

• GYMNASTICS MEET

The Michigan Academy of Gymnastics will have its 11th Annual Christmas Classic on Dec. 8-10 at Warner Gymnasium on the campus of Eastern Michigan University.

More than 300 gymnasts from Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana and Pennsylvania will compete on compulsory and optional teams at Level 5 through Elite. Competition begins at 6:30 p.m. Friday, 10:15 a.m. Saturday and 9:30 a.m. Sunday. The finals start at 1:15 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children. For information call the Michigan Academy of Gymnastics at 721-4001.

• SOCCER CHAMPS

Farmington won the Western Suburban Soccer League boys under-10 championship with an 11-0 record this fall, outscoring its opponents 59-2.

Team members were Scott Morell, Tim Zajoras, Kachi Inou, Pat Faloon, Ryan Zajdel, Marty Herak, Jason Temerowski, Bryan Seloske, Zachary Dubs, Jacob Rieple, Alex Vukonich, Bret Ulrich, Justin Cello, Shawn Hammond, James Gabriel, Daniel Gabriel and Joey Ghannom. The team was coached by Tim Zajoras and Dave Morell.

• PLAYERS NEEDED

The Northville '78 Sting, an under-12 Little Caesars Premier soccer team, looking for players for the spring '90 season. Interested players should call Dave Mashini at 435-0066.

• USED EQUIPMENT

The Farmington Hills Recreation

Department will sponsor a used winter sports equipment sale 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, in the East Middle School cafeteria.

Items to be sold will be accepted at the school 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1. East Middle is on Middlebelt Road between 10 and 11 Mile.

All sales are final and there will be a 20-percent service charge on all items sold. For information, call the recreation division office at 473-9570.

• COACHES NEEDED

Farmington Hills Mercy needs a freshman volleyball coach. Applicants should call 476-2836 during business hours or 255-0545 after 9 p.m.

Clarenceville High School needs a head boys swimming coach and assistants in wrestling and volleyball. Applicants should call athletic director Leo Kinsella at 473-8926.

Walled Lake Western High School needs a boys swimming

coach. Applicants should send resumes to Bob Atkins, director of athletics, 615 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake 48088, or call 624-6604 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

• WINTER BASEBALL CAMP

Eastern Michigan University will stage a baseball clinic (ages 8-16), featuring speakers from the pro ranks, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 9 and 10, at Bowen Field House in Ypsilanti.

Please Help A Neighbor's Child In Need!

In Third World countries, hundreds of thousands of children are in desperate need of food, clothing, medical care — the basics of life. These girls and boys are even denied the opportunity to attend school.

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1-800-228-3393
(Toll Free)

ATTENTION: ALL DOG OWNERS
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS

1990 Dog Licenses are available December 1, 1989 through May 31, 1990 at the Farmington Hills City Hall of 31555 W 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48018

Oakland County fees are
 \$ 5.00 for Unsexed Animal License
 \$ 8.50 for Male or Female
 \$20.00 for Delinquent Licenses, as of June 1, 1990

Itahes and unsexed animal certificates, signed by an accredited veterinarian must be presented when applying for a license. The certificate must show vaccine as being effective through the date of application. A copy of a receipt from the veterinarian is NOT acceptable.

Note: Dog license can also be purchased through the mail. Please send proof of rabies titered or spayed and check or money order for the correct amount to the above address.

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CITY OF FARMINGTON
1989 WINTER TAX
PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Farmington tax statements are payable December 1, 1989 through February 14, 1990. A 3% penalty will be added on February 15, 1990.

As of March 1, 1990 all 1989 taxes must be paid to C. Hugh Dohany, Oakland County Treasurer.

City hall offices will be open for payment of taxes 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday except for the following:

Monday, December 25, 1989
 Tuesday, December 26, 1989
 Monday, January 1, 1990
 Tuesday, January 2, 1990

For your convenience, a depositary is located in the city hall lobby.

PATSY CANTRELL
Treasurer

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
1989 - 1990 LOCAL STORM DRAIN IMPROVEMENTS

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan at the Clerk's Office at 31555 Eleven Mile Road until 10:00 p.m., Monday, December 11, 1989, at which time and place, all proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud.

This project includes four individual drain improvements, but will be as one contract. The site locations include Parkhill north of 12 Mile Road, Hunter's Row north of Quaker Valley, Grayfield east of Middlebelt and Greening Street Roadside Ditching.

The approximate quantities of major items of work are as follows:

12" - 24" Storm Sewer	1,176 Linear Feet
48" Storm Sewer	1,313 Linear Feet
Galvan. Mattress	40 Linear Feet
Plus, all miscellaneous items necessary for a completed project.	25 Square Yards

Plans, specifications, and proposal forms may be obtained at the City Clerk's Office at the above address on or after Monday, December 4, 1989, upon deposit of \$20.00, which is non-refundable. Proposals must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the City of Farmington Hills. Each proposal shall be accompanied by five percent (5%) of the bid, payable to the City of Farmington Hills, as security for acceptance of the Contract.

The City reserves the right to waive any or all proposals, to waive irregularities and/or informality, and to make the award, that in the opinion of the City Council is in the best interest, and to the advantage of the City of Farmington Hills.

KATHRYN A. DORNAN,
City Clerk

Public December 4, 1989

BERGSTROM'S

HOLIDAY SALE

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<p>Instant Hot Water InSinkerator The Hot One \$79⁹⁵ Reg. \$109.95</p>	<p>Kohler Kitchen Sinks Lakefield K5877 \$199⁹⁵ Reg. \$248.95</p>	<p>Callite SCRATCH & DENT SPECIAL 50,000 BTU GAS FURNACE INSTALLED FOR AS LOW AS \$729⁹⁵ SIMILAR SAVINGS ON OTHER CARRIER FURNACES SAVE UP TO \$700!!</p>	<p>Deluxe Steaming Hot H770 \$124⁹⁵ Reg. \$164.95</p>
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<p>Delta RP1000 \$16⁹⁵ Reg. \$23.40</p>	<p>Elkay Stainless Steel Kitchen Sink PSMR3322 \$179⁹⁵ Reg. \$226.95</p>	<p>Callite Sot Back Thermostat 1F72 \$59⁹⁵ Reg. \$79.95</p>	<p>Thermostat for the Visually Impaired by Honeywell T87340 \$49⁹⁵ Reg. \$59.95</p>
<p>Moan Lav Faucet 7533 \$49⁹⁵ Reg. \$72.25</p>	<p>Kohler Toilet Wellington White K315ED \$289⁹⁵ Reg. \$362.00</p>	<p>Electronic Air Cleaner Carrier WATER HEATING A.C. Smith 40 Galton \$129⁹⁵ Reg. \$179.95</p>	<p>Media Air Cleaner FGD \$129⁹⁵ Reg. \$179.95</p>
<p>Moan Lav Faucet 4924 \$54⁹⁵ Reg. \$77.25</p>	<p>Shower Massage Alsons 410A \$37⁹⁵ Reg. \$50.20</p>	<p>Water Heater A.C. Smith 40 Galton \$169⁹⁵ Reg. \$219.95</p>	<p>Power Humidifiers RWVU \$99⁹⁵ Reg. \$129.95</p>