



Digging away: OCC students Stephan Jablinsky and Cathy Grinn work in the garden of a retired Detroit woman. The flowers were donated by area nurseries.

OCC grad plants her thanks

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"Blessed" is the word Cathy Grinn uses to describe herself and her life right now.

The 28-year-old Farmington Hills resident recently graduated from Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge campus, and she's looking forward to entering Livonia's Madonna College to study journalism and public relations.

She also has a good marriage to an advertising executive and a 7-year-old son named Joey.

"Things are going really well for me right now," Grinn said. "I am blessed."

But things weren't always so smooth for Grinn, a Monroe native. She was divorced and endured the financial hardships of many single mothers. It's taken her 10 years of on-again, off-again study to earn the community college degree.

So, with graduation a goal attained, she said she was looking for a way to "give back" some of her good fortune. One of her OCC instructors, Bill

McNaughton, provided a way.

Grinn was a student in McNaughton's Man and the Environment class at OCC, and an out-of-class project was required.

Grinn and fellow student Stefan Jablinsky of Hamtramck decided to plant flowers in the yard of an elderly Detroit woman.

"I do a lot of volunteer work and so does Stefan," Grinn said. "The community has done a lot for me — I got a scholarship, for example — and I just decided that I wanted to give something back some way."

Last week Grinn and Jablinsky planted more than 150 flowers — vinca, lobelia, alyssum, begonia, dianthus, impatiens, marigolds and others — in the back yard of the house on Steel in north-west Detroit.

Mary Lore, owner of McFarland's Florist and Greenhouse in Farmington Hills, donated some of the flowers and even came up with a design for the flower beds.

OBITUARIES

LUCILLE H. ARMSTRONG

Mrs. Armstrong, 96, of Farmington Hills, died June 21 in Providence Hospital, Southfield.

Born in Kansas, Mrs. Armstrong was a homemaker.

Survivors include son, Clifford Jr. (Lydia) of Birmingham, Michigan; daughter Betty Betts of Farmington Hills; 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by husband Clifford Sr. and by one daughter, Hazel Marfuta.

Services were June 23 at Hibernian-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington, with the Rev. Charles H. Beynon officiating at First United Methodist Church of Birmingham. Burial was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

ARTHUR M. BERTHAUME

Mr. Berthaume, 86 of Novi, and formerly of Royal Oak and Birmingham, died June 22 at Bethesda Hospital in Farmington Hills.

Born in Coles, N.Y., Berthaume retired from Chrysler in 1972, after 33 years as an automotive engineer.

Survivors include: sons, Robert, Larry G., David and Joseph, all of Michigan; daughters, Virginia M. Berthaume, of Boston, Mass., Mary Wheeler, Ypsilanti and Theresa L. Berthaume; five grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Services were June 24 at Spaulding & Curtin Funeral Home with the Rev. George Spencer officiating, First United Methodist Church. Burial was in Evergreen Crematory.

Vets to meet

Michigan Unit 32, the Navy women's veterans organization, is looking for new members.

For more information, contact Julia Barrett, membership chairwoman, 22483 Chester Court, Farmington Hills 48335. The phone number is 471-7477.

Wednesdays at Eight concerts start at park

The Music and Fine Arts Committee of Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills will sponsor a series of nine free concerts in its "Wednesdays at Eight" program.

The series begins at 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 30, with a performance by the Bellissima Handbell Choir of Pontiac at Nardin Park, 29887 W. 11 Mile, west of Middlebelt.

Other concerts, all at 8 p.m. at Nardin Park, are:

- July 7 — Richard V. Cucchi, organist at St. Hugo of the Hills in Bloomfield Hills.
- July 14 — James Spirup, organist at Trinity United Presbyterian Church in Boise, Idaho.
- July 21 — Melody Meadows,

organist and choirmaster for Trinity United Episcopal Church in Toledo, Ohio.

■ July 28 — Joan C. Haggard, organist for the First Methodist Church of Farmington.

■ Aug. 4 — Stephen W. Hoelter, organist and minister of music at Faith Lutheran Church in Livonia, and Paul Beck, baritone of Nardin Park.

■ Aug. 11 — Mark Wickens, organist at the First Presbyterian Church in Brighton.

■ Aug. 18 — David Temple, classical guitarist, Seino Hsu, pianist, of Philadelphia, Pa.

■ Aug. 25 — John Mark Zadnick, pianist at Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church in Flat Rock, and Heidi Marie Waggoner, soprano.

Show boosts kids' esteem

The Farmington Downtown Development Authority's summer program for youngsters continues on Wednesday, June 30, under the tent on Grand River, east of Farmington Road.

Marc Thomas and Max the Moose will present a participatory concert of music and humor designed to help kids feel good about themselves. Shows begin at 10:30 a.m., 11:45 a.m. and 1 p.m.

On the next Wednesday, July 7, a kids' swap meet to trade or sell things like books and games is

planned. Sellers must be 15 or younger. Pre-registration (473-7276) is required.

Children's matinees will be shown at the Civic Theater on Grand River in downtown Farmington most Wednesdays. Cost is \$1 and shows begin at 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Call the DDA (473-7276) or the Civic (474-1951) for more information.

For adults, sidewalk sales are held most Wednesdays at some stores downtown.

Parents-kids alcohol dialogue urged

Talk with your kids about alcohol... before someone else does.

That's the advice of Farmington Families in Action, the local anti-substance-abuse group that is sponsoring a summer course for parents on that subject.

Called TWYKAA (Talking With Your Kids About Alcohol), the 10-hour course is designed to teach parents what to say to their youngsters about drinking.

Classes are scheduled for July 13, 15, 20 and 22 in the Farmington Alternative Academy, 33000 Thomas, Farmington. There are morning (9:30 a.m. to noon) and evening (7:30-10 p.m.) classes. Cost is \$10 per family.

For more information or to register, call instructor Linda Eberger at 476-2303 or Farmington Families in Action at 851-8565 before July 7.

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