His academic star shines

Singer

Benjamin Singer's all-A record from Detroit Country Day and 1570 score on the SAT earned him a clear fourth place among our All-Stars. He will attend the University of Michigan, where is considering biophysics as his field of study.

The Farmington Hills resident is the winner of a $2,000 National Merit Scholarship, the Bausch & Lomb Science Prize, and a nominee for national competition in the United States Chemistry and Physics Olympiads.

At Detroit Country Day, he is on staff of the literary magazine, runs varsity cross country and has been involved in an independent study in mathematics with physics teacher Dr. Harry Fried.

In fact, it is Fried whom Singer selected as the teacher who influenced him most. "He showed me the value of having a sense of wonder in every aspect of our lives. His awed exclamations of 'that's really cool' and his interest in every area of study transmitted his love of learning for learning's sake to me. His willingness to explore any subject with me and his confidence in my ability to understand certainly gave me a faith in myself that I carry on to this day."

Asked what his generation will contribute, Singer said: "My generation has an unprecedented freedom to remake society. While we are certainly faced with staggering social problems, we are not beholden to the same traditions that past generations have been. I expect my generation to contribute a new respect for the voice and ideas of the individual and small groups."

His parents are Dr. Robert Singer and Mrs. Ruthellen Singer of Farmington Hills.

OBITUARIES

DOLORES A. SHAMIE

Dolores A. "Doll" Shamie, 65, died May 2 at Angela Hospice.

Mrs. Shamie worked as a receptionist for St. Gerald Catholic Church in Farmington.

She is survived by daughter, Lisa; sisters, Adele McMahon and Shirley (John) Vivio; and brother, Doug (Karen) McArdle.

Funeral services were held May 6 at St. Gerald Catholic Church in Farmington with the Rev. Gerald McEnhill officiating. Arrangements were made by Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

Memorials may be sent to Angela Hospice in Livonia.

JENNIE MARIA SINKO

Jennie Maria Sinko, 94, of Livonia died May 1.

Ms. Sinko worked as a schoolteacher in Houghton, before coming to Detroit, and as a hospital admitting clerk. She was also a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

She is survived by son, George; daughter, Doris Nikkila; brothers, Carl and Eldon Usitalo; sisters, Irene and Ellen Usitalo; 10 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held May 4 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills with the Rev. Jonathan Bomgren officiating.

Arrangements were made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington. Contributions may be sent to Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills.

SYLVIA J. EVANS

Sylvia J. Evans, 83, of Farmington Hills died May 2 at Botsford Hospital.

Mrs. Evans was a hospital housekeeper and a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. She enjoyed crocheting, gardening and sewing.

She is survived by daughter, Judy (Leonard) Klaft of White Lake; granddaughters, Shari Callahan and Vicki Klaft; and three great-grandsons.

Funeral services were held May 4 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills with the Rev. Jonathan Bomgren officiating. Arrangements were made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills.

ROBERT A. BALLINT

Robert A. Ballint, 80, of Farmington died May 1 in California.

He is survived by wife, Virginia; sons, Stephen and David; daughters, Maureen (Dennis) Dempsey, Nancy (Jerome) Boardman and Mary Ballint-Clark; sister, Irene Cramer; and six grandchildren.

A memorial service will be arranged at a later date. Arrangements were made by Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

LENA F. NIELSON

Lena F. Nielson, 77, formerly of Farmington, died April 28 in Southfield.

Mrs. Nielson was a homemaker.

She is survived by son, John (Audrey) of Detroit; daughter, Sally Nielson of Waterford; brother, Anthony; and three grandchildren.

A private funeral service was held. Arrangements were made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Farmington Goodfellows.

LELAND G. CLIFFORD

Leland G. Clifford, 91, of Farmington died April 28 at Providence Hospital.

Mr. Clifford worked as an auditor for Michigan Bell for 41 years and was a member of First United Methodist Church of Farmington. He was also a member of Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Oakland County, SCORE/Small Business Administration and a previous member of the Farmington school board.

He is survived by sons, Dr. Leland Clifford of Washington, Dr. Loren Clifford of Marquette, James Clifford of Alaska, Daniel Clifford of Royal Oak and David of Farmington; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held May 2 at First United Methodist Church of Farmington with the Rev. Wayne Large officiating. Arrangements were made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.

Memorial contributions may be sent to First United Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River, Farmington 48336.

JEAN MARIE MCKEON

Jean Marie McKeon, 72, died May 3 at Borgess Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo.

She is survived by mother, Gladys Eagen of Farmington; brother, Stephen of Gobles; seven nieces and nephews; and 15 great-nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. *Friday, May 8, at Heeney-Sundquist* Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Arthur Fauser officiating. A Rosary service will be at 7:30 p.m. today, May 7, at the funeral home.

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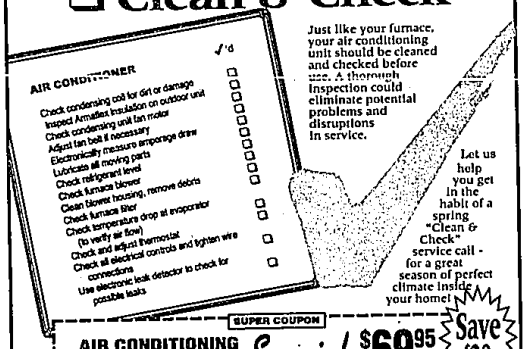

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