

Carrier of the month



Matt Stefanski

Matthew Stefanski, 13, a student at East Middle School is the Farmington Observer's Carrier of the Month.

Matthew, an eighth-grader, maintains an A-grade average and started delivering the Observer in August 1999. His favorite subjects are history and band. Matthew won a second place award for his trumpet playing, and he is vice president of the Student Council at East. In his spare time, Matthew enjoys playing video games, computers, bike riding, playing keyboards and trumpet and singing in chorus. He said his paper route has taught him how to manage money and how to take responsibility for delivering his papers on time.

Mercy names principal

Sister Regina Marie Ducler, RSM, the President of Mercy High School announced the appointment the new high school principal.

Carolyn Witte was appointed to the post on April 12, 2001.

Witte is a graduate of Mercy High School and has been an English teacher for 28 years. She was English department chair for 10 years.

She was named principal after a five month search.

Witte holds a Master of Arts degree from Michigan State University, and has served in a variety of administrative and roles during her career at Mercy. She was recently voted Mercy's teacher of the year.



Appointed: Carolyn Witte has been named principal at Mercy High School

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Community Access television comes in three varieties: Education, Government and Public. And each one gives you a window in to these worlds in your own community.

Your local public school district brings educational access to you. If you live in Farmington you can view the Farmington School district and if you live in Novi, you can see the Novi school district on channel 10. But if you live in one of the cities and attend another school district, like: Clarenceville, Walled

Lake or Northville, just switch over to channel 20. Soon, you'll be able to see your own school district on this channel. The schools bring you taped coverage of special events, performances and sporting events as well as programs produced by and for students. And you can get all sorts of information on the "bulletin board" like the school lunch schedule and upcoming events.

Did you know a survey that SWOCC conducted several years ago showed that more than half those who were surveyed watch community access television at least once a week? And that the most watched access program is your city council?

Farmington brings you programming on channel 16. Farm-

ington Hills on channel 8 and Novi on channel 13. Each city keeps residents up-to-date with listings of events and activities as well as special programming. You can also catch city council meetings and other board meetings live, as they are happening.

You can see Public Access on channel 12 in Farmington, Farmington Hills and Novi. A myriad of community programming runs on this channel ranging from cultural events and concerts to public meetings and parades. But you can also see programming that others produce...others who are just like you. They are not professional videographers or producers, but they are residents of the community who have something to say.

Some hosts bring in guests to talk about all sorts of topics. Others bring in pets, local talent or people who make things happen. And still other producers take their camcorders out to cover special events or everyday happenings. The beauty of public access is that the content is coming straight to you from your neighbors. Tapes are not pre-screened or censored. And the other beauty is that anyone can do public access...even you.

If you are interested in finding out more about public access you can attend one of our free orientations. Call 473-7286 ext. 14 for more information.

Caren Collins is the executive director of the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission.

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Michigan Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners, "to promote the responsible, legal ownership & usage of firearms thru education & legislative action," presents

Guest Speaker: Massad F. Ayoob

MCRGO is proud to call Mr. Ayoob a distinguished member and invites all interested citizens to attend his presentation at:

Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road

(between 9 and 10 mile roads, just west of 10 mile)

In the McDowell Center Building • Room M1-500

Monday, April 23rd • 7-9 p.m.

World famous Massad Ayoob has been a sworn police officer for 26 years, serving the last ten as a captain and prosecutor in northern New England. You may have read some of his many articles published in our national firearms magazines where he is called upon to evaluate new products and techniques.

He was named the Outstanding American Hand Gunner in 1998 and is the holder of combat handgun championship titles. Ayoob developed the StressFire combat shooting system adopted by the U.S. Army and the LFI-1 course for citizen self-defense.

There will be time for questions from the floor regarding CCW. Come early, seating is limited. For more info call:

Richard Dillard at 313-268-6855 or Gary Sklmin at 313-248-9979 or visit our website at: WWW.MCRGO.ORG

OBITUARIES

THOMAS T. CONROY

Services for Thomas Thaddeus Conroy, 83, of Farmington will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, April 16, at Our Lady of Sorrows in Farmington with Monsignor Walter A. Hurley officiating.

Burial is to follow at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi. Mr. Conroy was born Nov. 14, 1917, in Buffalo, N. Y., and died April 10 at his home in Farmington.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Virginia; a son, Thomas R. Conroy; sisters Marie Smit, Rose Bryant and Helen Conroy, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Lorraine Albrecht and Ann Shelton.

Special prayers were held with family and friends on Saturday. Visitation is scheduled for Sunday, April 15, from 2-8 p.m.

Arrangements made by Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

Memorials may be directed to Angela Hospice.

MARGARET L. PRUCHA

Services for Margaret L. Prucha were held April 11 at McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills.

Ms. Prucha was born in Gold Hill, N.C., and died April 8, 2001, in Farmington Hills. She

was a resident of Farmington Hills for 45 years and was one of Westbrook Manor's original residents. A loyal subscriber to the Farmington

Observer for many years, Ms. Prucha was featured several times in articles and contributed letters on a variety of topics. She ran a home day care through which she touched the lives of many area children. All six of her children are North Farmington High graduates.

She is survived by sons, James, Francis (Karen), Donald (Suzanne) and Thomas (Debra); daughters, Patricia Dennis and Penny Mitchell; 21 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



Margaret Prucha

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