

Observer Classifieds sell! Call (800) 579-SELL

'Survivor' star recalls days growing up in Farmington

BY PAUL R. PACE
STAFF WRITER

Michael Skupin, star of television's "Survivor II, the Australian Outback," was the celebrity grand marshal at Saturday's Botsford Parade in downtown Farmington.

Not everyone may know that he's a Farmington boy, born and raised, and that most of his old friends know him as Michael Landley as he took his step-father's last name while he was a child and teenager.

After coming back to Michigan after being on the hit TV series, he said people he knew in his younger days would shout out, "Hey Landley!" He said his parents and other close relatives still live in the Farmington area where he visits often.

He appeared with his wife, Pent and their four children on a Hummer at the parade.

Interviewed at the Ox Roast tent afterward, he said cruising along Grand Avenue on top of the expensive sport utility was interesting in that he got to see what's along the road at a slow speed.



KATY BATSORFF / OBSERVER

'Survivor' star Michael Skupin shows off his healed hands while being interviewed after the parade Saturday. He was the parade's celebrity grand marshal.

"I've driven on this road a million times and never paid attention to what's along it," he

said with a laugh. "All the parks and streams. You never realize what a neat place this is."

Skupin, who was the only contestant to be removed from the series after he accidentally fell into a fire pit and severely burned his hands, showed his recovered paws. He even suggested to feel how smooth his palms were.

He recounted how as a child he used to sled and ice skate along Shiawassee Hill, where sliding into the road was part of the fun.

And being part of the parade was a highlight he said as he's witnessed it himself as a bystander for years.

"It's great that this tradition continues," he said.

So far his life has been just as busy as ever.

In fact, the star said he will be part of a Survivor charity golf outing Aug. 14 where 20 past contestants of the series will meet in White Lake Township.

For more information, check out Skupin's Web site at www.MikeSkupin.com

pp3ae2oe homecomm.net | (248) 477-5450

OPEN
7 DAYS A WEEK
10 AM-10 PM

FROM CINCINNATI TO THE HEART OF MICHIGAN!

Grand Opening Cincinnati Chili.

A NEW TASTE OF CHILI- You'll Love It!

Come on in and taste our unique recipe of selective spices and you will agree that our tasty chili is worth trying!

CHILI IS OUR SPECIALTY, BUT WE HAVE MUCH, MUCH MORE...

- BURGERS •FRIES •CONEYS
- NACHOS •CHICKEN
- CHILI/SPAGHETTI

Try our Cincinnati-style of chili. It's new, unique and famous, and you can have it any way you choose!

*All chili menu items can be served with vegetarian chili.

3-WAY
Cincinnati's favorite dish of chili, served over spaghetti and topped with cheddar cheese.

TRY A 3-WAY
(Cincinnati's favorite dish of chili)

AND GET A FREE CONEY!
WITH THIS AD ONLY! EXPIRES 8-12-02

27847 ORCHARD LAKE ROAD
(AT 12 MILE • IN THE ORCHARD PLAZA)
FARMINGTON HILLS
MICHIGAN
248.653.0002
FAX 248.653.0004

Thanks for your past patronage, we enjoyed serving you...
After 16+ years, we have finally decided to retire.

GOING OUT OF BUSINESS SALE

Every Item is on Sale including the Store Fixtures
15-50% Off

Hurry for the best selection now. All sales are final.

Veena's
CARDS & COLLECTIBLES

37508 W. 12 Mile Road (at Halsted & 12 Mile)
Farmington Hills, MI 48331 • 248.869.4060
Summer Store Hours: M-F 10:30-6:00
Sat. 10:30-5:00 • Sunday Closed

We Accept All Major Credit Cards

"Earning trust takes time. Good thing we've been around long enough to have done that."
-Dave Lennox

When we install a Lennox heating and cooling system in your home we want you to be as comfortable with us as you will be with our new system. Rest assured when you call us you'll get the best products and customer service from us.

AMERICAN DISCOUNT HEATING & COOLING
FARMINGTON HILLS, MI 48226
1.800.281.3160

Call us today to ask about:

No Interest and No Payments for 6 Months*

- FREE Programmable Thermostat**
- FREE Interruptible Service**

With purchase of select Lennox Products. Offer expires 8/15/02

Licensed & Insured

A better place™ **LENNOX**
HOME COMFORT SYSTEMS