

POSTHUMUS

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are too many other things to focus on right now."
Asked about the difference between him and Granholm, Posthumus said he plans to keep the promises of the property tax reforms created by Proposal A.
"We differ on how we approach welfare reform," he said. "I support drug tests for those on welfare to stop the addiction."
He also believes taking over control of Detroit public schools was a wise choice.
"Whenever I see corruption or mismanagement I'll stand up (fighting it)."

FARMINGTON VISIT

"Hello, Governor," said Farmington Public Safety Director Gary Goss late Tuesday afternoon.
Most of the city employees had gone home when Posthumus arrived with state representative candidate Valerie Knol.
A small group, including some public safety officers, gathered as Goss took the guests on a tour of the police and fire facilities.
Though Goss' 22-man department, which has both police and fire duties is smaller than the Hills, Goss stressed the cooperation between the departments.
As homeland security measures develop, Posthumus wants to direct efforts to local municipalities so there's total communication from county to county.
Goss talked about the benefits and cooperation of mutual aid. "They just keep coming and coming," he said.
Farmington officers are high-

ly trained and educated, Goss pointed out.
"Most of our people have bachelor's degrees," he said.

WORKING FAMILIES

Posthumus' next stop was Drakeshire Lanes, a bowling alley.
"As governor I want to represent working families, so I go where working families go," he said.
A Republican, he comes from a blue collar family. His father, Earl, was a farmer who worked in a grain elevator. His mother, Lois, was a union member in the AFL-CIO, and worked for Keebler.
"My kids, when they were first growing up, thought she was an elf. She went to work, became an elf, and when she came out became a Grandma again," he said.
Posthumus never moved off the Alto family farm.
He said wherever he goes, people repeatedly tell him they want property taxes to stay low and want somebody who will fight for jobs.

Farmington Clerk/Treasurer Patsy Cantrell brought up the touchy subject of the governor's veto of revenue sharing, which local officials protested and state lawmakers over-ruled.
"I understand why the governor felt he had to do it," Posthumus said. "I'll protect revenue sharing. When you have tight times, everybody has to bear part of the burden but nobody should have to bear all of the burden."
"Revenue sharing is 20 percent of the budget and it is not easily replaced," Cantrell said.
Local governments, like state government, feel the brunt of economic downturn, she said.

dozen stings and quickly loaded up the family in his truck and took them home.
Lapinski's wife, Terry Serence, an office worker in the nursing department at Botsford Hospital, encouraged McRae to take her kids to the emergency room for inspection just to be safe.
McRae said the children are on medications to relieve the swelling and pain. All had nightmares that night, she said.
The mom said she and her children, Lindsay, 8, Courtney, 6, and Ryan, 4 were walking around the block on Westmeath around 5:30 p.m. when the kids walked into a creek not far off the road and accidentally stepped on the hive.
"They came out and covered us from head to toe," McRae said of the angry yellow jackets.
She said Lindsay was stung more than a dozen places, Courtney in three places and Ryan had more than 20 stings.



Musical opens Sept. 12

"Footloose," the 8th annual Farmington School District/Community Musical, features a lot of fancy dancing performed by hoofers Kristen Wolff, Kristina Reese, Shara Cherniak (front row), Chris Cobb, Stephen Simowski, Alex Springer and Jeff Bouschet (back row). It plays Sept. 12-15 in the Hunt Auditorium at North Farmington High; for ticket information, call (248) 426-4740.

BEEES

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She praised Lapinski for helping them get out of the swarm and for driving them home, even throwing the kids' bicycles in the back of his truck.
"He's a hero," McRae said.
"he grabbed (Courtney) out."
It hadn't been for Lapinski helping. "It could have been a lot worse," said the mom. "It would have been much more serious."

Not only did Lapinski help, but he called police and zapped the nest with spray and put tape around the area along with a sign warning to keep away.
The nearby elementary school was also notified by the families on Tuesday to let students know not to walk by the nest.
Lapinski shakes off any hero talk, however.
"I was just doing my neighborly duty," he said. "I knew I had to get them away from that area."
Joe Derek, Farmington Hills city naturalist, said the nest was likely made up of yellow jackets and at this time of year they are very aggressive while they hunt for food to prepare for hiberna-

tion.
Dr. Sanford Viedler, who works in the emergency room at Botsford, said any child with more than three insect stings should be taken to the emergency room to make sure there isn't a serious medical reaction to the insect's venom.
Serious reactions would include sweating, nausea, a

rash over the body and difficulty swallowing or breathing, the doctor said.
For one or two stings, he said it's best to use ice on the sting to relieve pain and swelling and to take an antihistamine to combat the histamine injected in the body by the insect sting.
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"I came here to ask if there would be some consideration of change," said Fusilier, who's participated for five years.
The farmers plight gained a sympathetic ear from Beeky Burns, co-owner of Farmington Bakery on Grand River, who, in turn, talked to Farmington City Councilwoman JoAnne McShane.
"Customers expect them to be there," McShane said. "You

want to keep up the continuity."
McShane learned about the situation from Burns Tuesday. "She was concerned and offered her help," McShane said.
Fusilier will contact farmers from Armada and Romeo who weekly truck their produce to Farmington about the location change.
"We will take care of the signage and make sure everything happens," said Judy Downey, Farmington Downtown Development Authority director.
"Customers expect them to be there," McShane said. "You

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