North DECA students earn top international honors

Two North Farmington High School seniors, Valerie Warner and Irina Yudovich, earned first place awards at the International DECA Competition held April 26-29 in Orlando, Florida.

These two students are the first ever at NFHS to win the top honor at the international level marketing conference.

Warner and Yudovich earned this highest honor in the area of Travel & Tourism, a Management Team Decision Making Event. This is the third year they have qualified for International Competition and the experience certainly paid off this year. Their contest consists of a 100 question multiple choice test and a case study involving the travel and tourism industry to be solved and then presented to a judge.

Warner plans to attend Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., and Yudovich will attend the University of Michigan.

Eight other juniors and seniors from North qualified first at the district level and then the state level to compete at the international career development conference April 26 - 29. They are: Josh Koch, Steve Kahn, Adam Tapper, Aaron Lesniak, Mimi Jiange, Marina Rubel, Lindsey Scher, and Zach Yost.

DECA, an association of over 150,000 marketing students, affords members opportunities to pursue specific interests in entrepreneurship and marketing. Only six percent of these members qualify for international competition each year.

DECA provides students the opportunity to pursue a specific area of interest in the field of marketing and entrepreneurship. There are leadership opportunities as well as competitive challenges and philanthropic activities through membership. Corporate sponsorship and support play a key role in DECA's success with many competitive events having corporate sponsors and scholarship rewards.

All three Farmington high schools have active DECA Chapters. All students who are enrolled in Marketing Education are encouraged to join. Besides the competitive events, each year State and National DECA organize field trips which include such locations as New York, Chicago, Disney and Universal Studios Orlando, exposing students to occupational opportunities in Fashion, Finance, Sports and Entertainment Marketing and Advertising.

DECA also has many Collegiate Chapters as well as an Alumni Association. For more information, log on to mideca.org or deca.org.

OBITUARIES

Evelyn R. MaGee

Services for Evelyn Rosalie MaGee, 58, of Roscommon, were held May 19 at Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. James Wright officiating. Burial followed at Milford Memorial Cemetery in Milford.

Mrs. MaGee was born Jan. 8, 1945 in Charlevoix and died May 15, 2003 at Hurley Medical Center in Flint.

She is survived by her children, Jamie (Toby) Way, David MaGee, Jason MaGee and Randy (Rose) MaGee; brothers, Randy and James Guthrie; sisters, Cherry Wentz, Rebecca Guthrie and Kim Troop; companion, Gary Jackson; and six grandchildren.

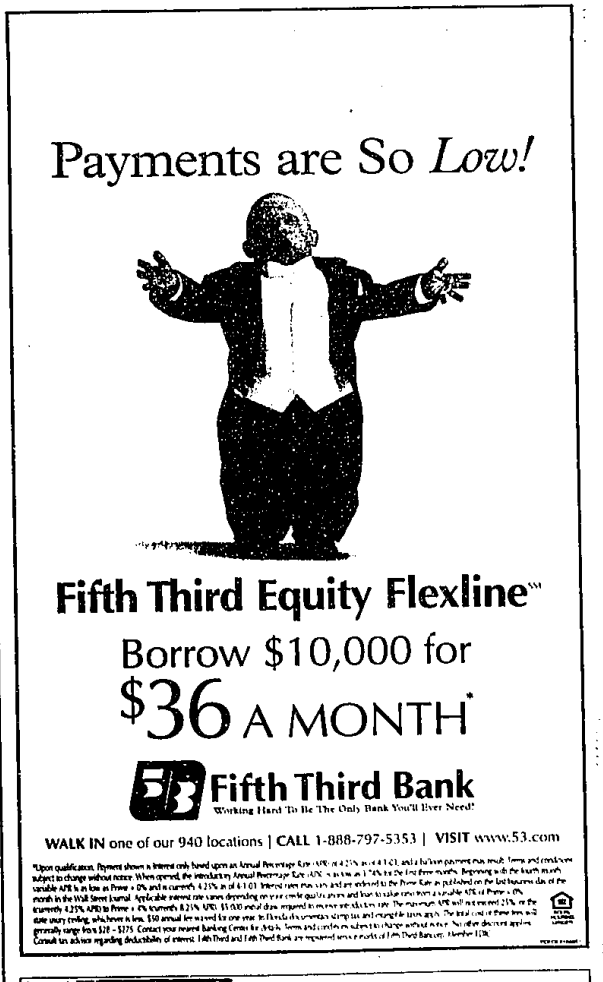
James P. McLuskie

Services for James P. McLuskie, 80, were held May 21 at First Baptist Church of Novi with burial at Oakland Hills Cemetery in Novi.

Mr. McLuskie was born Jan. 22, 1923 and died May 18, 2003 at Huron Valley Hospital. He was a 50-year member of B.A.C. Local 1 Professional Scottish Tenor and performed at venues all around the Metro Detroit area. He was also a member of St. Andrews Society, the White Heather Club and the First Baptist Church of Novi.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia "Ginger"; children, Norma (Craig) Gladden, Jeffrey Partin and Kathryn McLuskie; grandchild, Dakota Partin; and great-grandchildren, Jordan and Destiny. He is preceded in death by his granddaughter, Jessica.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church of Novi. Arrangements were by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi.



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