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Mark Bauer, left, of Bauer Power Renewable Energy Systems Affordable & Earth Friendly in Wayland, attaches the blades to a 45-foot-tall wind turbine at Western Michigan University's engineering campus on Parkview Avenue. Helping him is Alan Brani, a design engineer for Solar Night, based in St. Louis.

Professor funds WMU wind turbine

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A Western Michigan University professor interested in the power of wind energy has self-funded the construction of a wind turbine at the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences.

John Patten, the chairman and a professor in the manufacturing engineering department, said the turbine can generate about 2 kilowatts of electricity — enough to help power the average house without air conditioning.

Patten has a personal interest in renewable energy and said the turbine “basically generates clean, green energy, and that’s

what motivates me.”

He noted that Kalamazoo was once called the Windmill City because of the windmill manufacturers here in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

This modern apparatus, which stands 45 feet tall, cost Patten more than \$10,000.

It was erected recently on the western grounds of the engineering campus, a strategic location, Patten said, because next to U.S. 131, there’s nothing to block the wind.

The turbine won’t power any specific device, but the electricity it generates will be “absorbed” into WMU’s overall system. A meter inside the college will show the amount of electricity the turbine is producing.



Western Michigan University professor John Patten, center, attaches blades to a wind turbine, on which he spent more than \$10,000 of his own money, in preparation for its installation at WMU’s College of Engineering and Applied Sciences.

Kalamazoo soldier killed in Afghanistan

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A 21-year-old Kalamazoo husband and father was killed by a makeshift bomb over the weekend in Afghanistan, his mother said.

The family of Army Pfc. Jordan Goode was notified Saturday that he was killed by an improvised explosive device, said his mother, Sheri Goode, of Kalamazoo.

Jordan Goode and his wife, Aubrey, have a 2-year-old daughter, Amirah.

Jordan Goode graduated from Kalamazoo Public Schools’ alternative education program, his mother said, and joined the Army two years ago. He was stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C., as part of the 82nd Airborne Division and had been serving in Afghanistan since January.

Sheri Goode said her family was to meet today with military officials to get more information about her son’s death.

Besides his wife, daughter and mother, Jordan Goode is survived by his father, Tony, and two brothers, Domonique and Kelsey.



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President Bush’s Deputy Chief of Staff Karl Rove, right, plans to leave his job at the end of August.

Grateful Kenyan heading home soon

Life now full of possibilities after series of surgeries here

By Barbara Walters
 Special to the Gazette

The masses of flesh that gripped his face and neck are gone.

Now Michael Okech is free to dream what he will build with the bricks he will make when he returns to his native Kenya.

“Now it is more easy to plan and hope,” he said.

Before a volunteer medical team removed Okech’s large keloids in several surgeries beginning in April in Kalamazoo, the 39-year-old Kenyan’s life was limited by pain and restricted movement from the heavy scar-tissue-like formations that began to form when he was a teenager. It

was difficult to work at his small brick-making operation in his village of Asumbi, Kenya, where he made one brick at a time from a simple mold. He never married but took care of his aging mother.

Now, he says, from the home of Myrna and Ken Shelley in Parchment, where he is recovering, “There are so many things I want to do when I go back.

“One of them is bricks. I will be using a new mold.

“Now I want to make two or three at once,” an inspiration of entrepreneurship he’s gotten from visits to the home of Ken Shelley’s sister and brother-in-law, Jim and Sally Carr, of Scotts.

“I’m going to make a library” from his bricks, he said, “for people to take the books and read.”

He also plans to include in the building a small outpatient clinic run by Healthy Globe, the volunteer medical group that had brought Myrna Shelley to Kenya last year when she first met Okech.

Please see GRATEFUL KENYAN, A2



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At top, Michael Okech is shown before having surgeries here to remove lesions called keloids from his face and neck. At bottom, Okech after the surgeries.

Bush’s ‘architect’ leaving White House

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Karl Rove, President Bush’s close friend and chief political strategist, plans to leave the White House at the end of August, joining a lengthening line of senior officials heading for the exits in the final 1 1/2 years of the administration.

A longtime member of Bush’s inner circle, Rove was nicknamed “the architect” by the president for designing the strategy that twice won him the White House.

A criminal investigation put Rove under scrutiny for months during the investigation into the leak of a CIA operative’s name, but he was never charged with any crime.

Bush was expected to make a statement today with Rove.

“Obviously it’s a big loss to us,” White House deputy press secretary Dana Perino said. “He’s a great colleague, a good friend and a brilliant mind. He will be greatly missed, but we know he wouldn’t be going if he wasn’t sure this was the right time to be giving more to his family, his wife, Darby, and their son. He will continue to be one of the president’s greatest friends.”

ONLINE SPOTLIGHT

James Sanford speaks

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Attending a new school
 The Gull Lake school district will show off its \$29.5 million high school on Sunday.
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No. 1 fans
 Tiger Woods says having his wife and daughter in attendance Sunday made his 13th major win “much more special.”
SPORTS/B1

Monday
Memo
 What’s up in the week ahead

TODAY
 Play ball

Starting today, Kalamazoo will host the best Big League women’s softball players in the world. The Big League Softball World Series at Vanderberg Park, at Cork Street and Lovers Lane in Kalamazoo, runs through Saturday. For details, go to www.littleleague.org/series/2007divisions/blsb/series.htm.



TUESDAY
 Journey through grief
 An arts camp called Seasons of Grief helps families deal with the pain of losing loved ones. Read about it in the Today/HealthLife section.

WEDNESDAY
 Final service for cathedral

A “secularization liturgy” at 6 p.m. will mark the end of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Michigan’s religious use of the Cathedral of Christ the King on Vincent Avenue along I-94.

FRIDAY
 Riverside festival
 Mendon will kick off its three-day Riverfest, which features live music, an arts-and-crafts show, fireworks and a midway. For details, call (269) 496-8037.

SATURDAY
 Fun for families

The Oshtemo Rotary Club Family Fun Day will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Flesher Field on Ninth Street. Admission and parking are free. The event includes A Taste of Oshtemo, featuring treats from area restaurants.

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