

League of Women Voters present school board hopefuls

The Farmington-West Bloomfield League of Women Voters will present a Candidates Meeting on Wednesday, May 30, at 8 p.m. at East Junior High School.

After being introduced, each candidate for the Farmington Board of Education election to be held June 11 will be asked to give a four-minute opening statement on issues facing the board.

The forum will then open for questions from the audience, with responses limited to two minutes. A table will be provided for candidate's literature.

The League has also received responses from all five candidates running for both one and four year terms to its questionnaire. Each candidate was asked "What do you consider the main issues facing the board of education and how would you resolve them?"

The candidates response, along with a brief biography, follow.

Running for a one-year term:

MICHAEL J. BRECKENRIDGE, of Farmington Hills, is a graduate of Beaver Falls High School and attended classes at Henry Ford Community College. He is an electrician, formerly a banker who served on the Pittsburgh chapter of the American Institute of Bankers.

"The transition from junior high to

middle school system and how it will affect students is a big issue. The board should investigate other middle school systems in Michigan.

"Declining enrollment forcing the closing of elementary schools should be resolved by conferring with the public as to their feelings and closing the most uneconomical facility that would not cause hardship or discontent.

"The increased cost of providing education due to inflation should be resolved by lower energy cost of maintaining buildings by correcting facilities through federal energy grant monies, and more efficient use of personnel within contract obligations.

"The educational system is unable to provide students with capabilities to function productively in the business world. Urge supplemental instruction of courses to correct these deficiencies. Take advantage of the knowledge and experience of local businessmen and relate it to these courses."

WILLIAM R. GRAVUS, of Farmington Hills, is a graduate of Ohio State University. He is a wholesale marketing representative for Marathon Oil and a former four-year member of the board.

"The most important problem facing the Farmington School District is that

of declining enrollment. With the reduction of students, we have encountered financial difficulties. This includes the need to reduce administrative and educational staff and the supportive services. We also must close schools, transfer students and offer the best educational and extra curricular experiences possible.

This situation has existed for a number of years and will continue. I have been a member of the board facing these problems for four years. The previous school boards, administration, and staff have dealt with these problems and have provided the educational opportunities and facilities that our children need and deserve.

"There is no one solution. These problems must be handled directly, objectively, and openly with strong determination for the betterment of our children's education."

JAMES E. MCGILINCY, of Farmington, is a graduate of the University of Michigan and did graduate course work in psychology and public administration at Wayne State and U-M. He is employed as personnel/labor relations director at Wayne County General Hospital and has served on the board for almost one year.

"The main issues and possible solu-

tions are: that declining enrollment and resultant school closings do not produce an atmosphere of declining educational quality for Farmington.

"To encourage and support administrative efforts to keep community involved in the schools, maintain and strengthen curriculum standards in language skills, math, science and high school graduation requirements.

"That conversion to Middle Schools in 1980-81 and four year high school progresses smoothly for students, teachers, and parents.

"To establish monitoring systems for administration and board to review progress. To maintain openness with the community so that the board continues to get feedback in an atmosphere of trust.

"That as new teachers are hired, remaining staff doesn't lose stimulus to acquire new knowledges, skills and maintain motivation.

"To encourage educational opportunities for existing staff and provide turnover incentives.

"That the district's physical plant properties are maintained or disposed in beneficial manner.

"Sale of property surplus to district's future needs may produce sufficient financial resources for plant renovations."

MEGAN SAUNDERS, of Farmington Hills, is a graduate of North Farmington High and is a sophomore at Wayne State University. She is assistant manager of Green's Farm Market and a former member of the round table student group in 1977 that met with the school board.

"The main problems facing the district are declining enrollment and money."

"The only way to deal with declining enrollment is to plan with it in mind. The board's version of this planning was when Warner Junior High opened six years ago and they closed Farmington Junior High three years ago. This is an obvious error that we cannot afford.

"The school district is being hit by inflation just as everyone else. The teachers, whose contracts are to be renewed this year, will want more money. Because of the Headlee Amendment, we face a probable cutback in funds.

"Because of these money problems we must cut our budget. We must, however, maintain high academic standards and provide for a well rounded education. When cuts are made, the people involved the students and parents must be properly informed.

MICHAEL R. SHPIECE, of Farmington Hills, is the only candidate running for a four-year term on the board. He is currently vice president of the board and has served four years. He is a graduate of Wayne State University and is employed as a trainee at the Institute of Gerontology.

"The major issue facing the Farmington School District is declining enrollment. This issue has ramifications into curriculum, finance, building utilization, etc. There is no solution as such, rather the board must respond in a responsible fashion. Most importantly, it must continue to monitor enrollment projections.

"The district must strive to improve education as we move into the 1980s. The Middle School conversion is resulting in a systematic re-examination of much of the district's curriculum. Where possible, the board should act to improve the education of all students — as well as the average child. In addition, we ought to consider increasing graduation requirements.

"The district ought to begin a procedure by systematically reviewing its budget as well as the average child. In addition, we ought to consider increasing graduation requirements.

"The district ought to begin a procedure by systematically reviewing its budget as well as the average child. In addition, we ought to consider increasing graduation requirements.



Looking through the records of an award-winning year are Farmington Area Jaycees; (from left) Tom Duke, Terry Sever, Bob Rock and Jim Mitchell. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

Jaycees nab state honors

They're tops in the state — and on their way to being discovered by the rest of the nation.

That's the feeling shared by members of the Farmington Area Jaycees after recently sweeping through the organization state awards.

Those victories qualify the group to compete in the national awards competition in mid June.

After coming in as runners-up for the Individual Development Award, the chapter took first place in the Outstanding Progress category and in the Management Programming category.

With these trophies in the pocket, the chapter went on to nab the Henry Glessner Memorial Trophy and the C. M. "Bill" Otto Award.

The Glessner is named after Henry Glessner, who founded the national organization in 1924. Otto was the founder of the Lansing chapter of the Jaycees.

The Farmington Jaycees credit their success to meticulous planning.

EARLY LAST year, the group ran a survey designed to determine the needs and concerns of the community. This became the basis of part of their program.

Their first priority became smoke detector awareness, which evolved into a program helping residents to buy and install smoke detectors in their homes.

The second priority was eventually pushed on the side. Comprehension of senior citizen housing became too political for the Jaycees, according to president Terry Sever.

"We don't get involved in politics. We won't alienate the community," he said.

Their next priority involved helping buy training equipment for the police and fire departments and aiding drug abuse programs.

Through their Christmas tree sale, the group was able to donate \$3,500 toward the Farmington Area Advisory Council's drug abuse program.

Another \$1,500 was donated to buy exercise equipment for the police department. Altogether, more than \$30,000 was donated to the community by the Jaycees.

Youth and senior activities ranked high on their priority list this year.

A **CHRISTMAS** party for seniors at Oak Hill Nursing Home and a skating party for the children at Sarah Fisher Home were conducted by the group.

As award-winning president Terry Sever passes on the office to president elect Jim Mitchell, the Jaycees are considering their next line of projects.

Among them are plans to install bike racks in major shopping areas; a deputy probation officer program to help youngsters in trouble; a child abuse awareness program before school recesses for the summer; and a drive to teach cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) to all residents.

In addition, Mitchell's debut as the new Jaycee leader will take place on June 16 at the Walk for Farmington. Registration for the walk begins at 8 a.m., in front of Farmington High School on Shawwassee.

There will be a run for Farmington, beginning at 8:45 a.m. The walk begins at 9 a.m. Joining Mitchell this year will be Tom Duke as vice president.

The outgoing vicepresident is Bob Rock. The last time the Farmington group did so well in the awards competition was in 1965-66, when they captured the Otto.

THE INSIDE * ANGLE

NORTH FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL will present an all-sports banquet at 6 p.m., June 4, in the school at 2906 West Thirteen Mile in Farmington Hills. A hot roast beef dinner will be served for \$5. Tickets will be sold at the school in the front office this month. Every varsity team member will be recognized in the auditorium after dinner. The first Booster Positive Mental Attitude Awards will be presented to the senior athlete in each sport chosen by his or her coach. The Raider Cup will be presented to a senior boy and girl and there will be recognition of our state champion girls gymnastic team and state-runner up football team.

FREE PRE-SCHOOL VISION screening is available at Oakland County Health Division, 27724 Greenfield in Southfield. Tests will be given from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. on June 5. No appointment is necessary. For further information call 424-7070. Vision tests will also be given at the same times on May 23.

DAVE SCHEER and Mary Scheer of Farmington High School have been selected to perform with the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association at the 1979 Youth Arts Festival. They will join a group of 100 musicians who were selected by outstanding performance at the recent state solo and ensemble festival.

AFTER MORE THAN A YEAR of planning, the newly formed St. John's Bach Society of Detroit will present its first summer festival June 9-5 at St. John's Episcopal Church on Woodward and the Fisher Freeway in Detroit. The three day festival will feature St. John's music director Huw Lewis, harpsichordist Robert Edward Smith and organist Gilliam Weir. Beginning at 3 p.m., June 9, Lewis will present Handel's "Coronation Anthem," "Zadok the Priest" and Bach's "Gott ist mein Konig." At 7:30 p.m., June 4, the program will consist of Handel's Suite in E and Bach's "Italian Concerto." At 7:30 p.m., June 5, Weir will perform Bach's Sonata no. 5 in C major as well as other selections. Dinner reservations before the Monday and Tuesday concerts can be made by calling the church at 962-7358. Concert tickets are \$4 each or two for \$7 or three concerts for \$10. They are available at Hudson's ticket offices or at the church before performances.

OAKLAND COUNTY HEALTH division will conduct a series of six classes for diabetics and their families from 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings beginning May 31 at the division office on 27725 Greenfield, Southfield. Dietary management, medications and suggestions for coping with everyday problems will be discussed. There isn't any fee for attending the classes but

they are limited in enrollment. To reserve a place call the health department at 858-1394. A written statement from the diabetic physician is required for attending the class.

THINKING ABOUT RETURNING TO COLLEGE? If you're wondering whether it's worth it to you to return to reading, writing and term papers, Oakland County College's Auburn Hills campus, 2900 Featherstone in Auburn Heights is sponsoring a session offering "A Taste of College." Persons can attend the session from 8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. on May 22 or from 8:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. on May 23. The program is free of charge. Those attending will have the opportunity to visit any one of a number of classes that will be in session including accounting, ceramics, algebra and shorthand. They will be given a tour of the Career Information Center, the Learning Lab, the library and will become familiar with the admissions and counseling procedure. The May 23 session will include a panel discussion on "Sharing Ideas About Adult Returning to Education." Persons over 18 years old don't need a high school diploma to attend OCC. For further information or to register call, 852-1000, extension 257.

WILLIAM BEAUMONT HOSPITAL-TROY is sponsoring a free symposium entitled "The Complete Athlete" at 7:30 p.m. May 22 at the Michigan State University Education Center in Troy. Speakers will include: Kent Faib, head trainer of the Detroit Lions; Dr. Benjamin Paolucci, team physician for the Detroit Pistons and Richard Milder, director of rehabilitation, Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine Center. The program will include a Presentation from each of the speakers. Questions from the audience will be answered after the presentation. Advance registration is required. Call 828-5949.

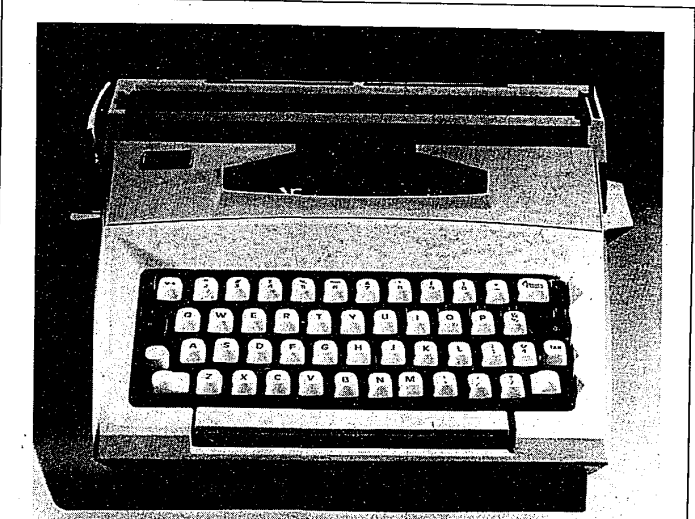
DEADLINE

Material submitted to the Inside Angles, 23352 Farmington Road, Farmington, 48024, should include the name and phone number of the sender. Typewritten notices are appreciated but not required. Items should be received at least one week before publication. Photos can't be used. All materials become the property of the Farmington Observer.

TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS

To connect with the Farmington Observer, use the following numbers:

- Staff — 477-5450
- Delivery — 591-0500
- Classified Ads — 591-0900
- Display Ads — 591-2300
- Legal Ads — 591-2300



Tell your grads
you're proud of them
with the Smith-Corona® Courier®

sale 84.99

The ideal lightweight portable typewriter for the grad moving up. 84-character manual keyboard, 3-position personal touch adjustment, wide carriage, half-space bar and pre-set tabulator. With self cover. In Hudson's Commercial Supplies.

hudson's