

today's hot line

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16 Days To Vote

Another election will be held in Farmington in 16 more days. This time, on June 12, voters will have a field of 12 candidates from which to elect two to the Farmington Board of Education. Background stories on two candidates, a listing of Meet the Candidates meetings, and a letter about the election may be found inside.

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Tennis Tourney

The Farmington Jaycees have held tennis clinics for area youngsters and are now preparing for a weekend tennis tourney for Farmington youth 18 and under. Interested letters with an empty spot in their trophy case should check inside to find out how to enter the tourney.

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New Book

It's just off the press, and the author is Jill Renich, who makes her home in Farmington and heads the "Winning Women" ministry. The story is in our Church Section.

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Holiday Schedule

All Observer Newspapers offices will be closed Monday for the Memorial Day holiday. The mid-week edition will be published a day late -- on Thursday instead of Wednesday.

Outstanding Citizen, Teacher Honors Presented By JCs



OUTSTANDING CITIZEN -- Pat Nowak (left) receives the distinguished service award given by the Farmington Area Jaycees from his nominee, August Barbrick. (Observer photo by Craig Gaffield)



OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR -- Landon Swanson (left) receives a plaque for being named outstanding young educator by the Farmington Area Jaycees from President Tom McFarlane. (Observer photo)

Pat Nowak received the distinguished service award and Landon H. Swanson the outstanding young educator award Wednesday at the Livelihood Day Luncheon held as part of Michigan Week activities in Farmington.

The DSA and OYE awards are sponsored by the Farmington Area Jaycees and were conferred at the luncheon Wednesday held by the Farmington Exchange Club in the Salem United Church, Farmington.

THE DSA is presented annually to the man between ages 21-35 whom judges decide has given the most meritorious service to his family, church, community and nation. It is the highest award the Farmington Jaycees present.

As local winner, Nowak will be competing to be selected by the U.S. Jaycees as one of the "10 outstanding young men in America," a national award given to such men as John F. Kennedy, Richard Nixon, Dr. Thomas Dooley and Leonard Bernstein.

Nowak, 33, of 3374 W. 12 Mile, is owner of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance agency in Detroit. He and wife Dedo have three sons, Michael, 11, Gerald, nine, and John, six.

Nowak entered the life insurance business as the youngest general agent ever appointed by the Central Life Assurance Co. to head an agency. Within four years, his agency rose to No. 4 in the nation. During his first year with Connecticut Mutual, he increased their business by 40 per cent and now has \$100 million worth of insurance in force under his management.

As president of the Farmington Jaycees in 1965-66, Nowak led the chapter to the position of the outstanding chapter in Michigan.

During that year, he initiated a community survey to determine the top five priorities in the minds of residents. The survey showed that first and foremost, residents wanted meeting places and swimming pools.

Nowak led the fight to get the pool and auditorium millage proposition on the ballot in spite of school board opposition. The Jaycees led a petition drive to put the question on the ballot, voters approved the millage, and today all three of Farmington's three high schools have pools and auditoriums.

In 1969, Nowak was elected president of the Michigan Jaycees and the following year was elected one of the 10

U.S. Jaycee vice-presidents, coordinating JC programs in Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Missouri and South Dakota.

AFTER LOSING in his bid to become U.S. Jaycee president, Nowak returned to Farmington to become first vice-president of the Farmington Community Center and a board member of the Farmington Area YMCA.

Nowak conducts leadership training seminars and officer training schools for various community groups and, just last month, was asked to assist in a major role in the campaign to reelect U.S. Senator Robert Griffin.

Nowak's success story is a reversal from his early beginnings when his first efforts in business failed and marital problems led to he and Dedo becoming separated.

He joined the Jaycees in 1962, by his own admission to play ball and for the social camaraderie. A change in Nowak began shortly afterwards when in 1965 he was elected Farmington JC president. Dedo and Pat got back together and his family relationship and business

successes rose steadily upwards.

In the hopes of inspiring other young men, Nowak has recently allowed his personal story to be published in a book entitled "Young Men Can Change the World."

Some of Nowak's many community involvements include: member, Assessment Board of Review, City of Farmington (youngest man ever appointed); past chairman, Farmington Beautification Committee; past board member Community Living Opportunities in Oakhill Nursing Home for young adult victims of multiple handicaps; charter member, Farmington Optimists; charter member, Farmington Chamber of Commerce; president, Dads Club, North Farmington Little League; member, Economic Club of Detroit; and supporting member of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic parish in Farmington.

Nominators August Barbrick and Delos Hamlin state: "It is our opinion that Pat not only gives unselfishly of his time and energy to build his family, church, and community relationship and business

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Candidates Check Voting Records

A poll of voting records for the 12 candidates contesting for two board seats in the June 12 Farmington Board of Education election show that one candidate did not vote in any of the last three millage elections.

The millage elections under consideration were the three most recent ones: June 14, 1971; August 23, 1971, and April 24, 1972.

ALTHOUGH Joe T. Fowlkes, 21875 South Bran-

don, registered June 17, 1970, he did not vote in any of the three above mentioned elections, the records show.

Seven other candidates are: William R. millage elections. These candidates are: William R. Corliss, 23440 Wilmarth; Bruce Duke, 28415 Inkster; David Gayner, 32218 Hall; Kenneth J. Gulon, 25771 Kilreigh Court; Dr. Mervyn B. Ross M.D., 19075 Middle Belt Road; Albert Darian, 24605 Glen Orchard Drive, and George V. Strelczak, 21259 Birchwood.

Although two other candidates did not vote in all three elections, they did vote in all they were eligible to vote in.

DAVID H. JONES, 24578 Roosevelt Court, moved to the Farmington area only recently. He registered last April 18, and voted in the last election.

Jack Mingo, 29511 Pipers Lane, voted in the last August and April elections. Being 20 years old, Mingo was ineligible to vote in the June election last year.

Two other board candidates voted in the last two millage elections. Paul T. Olivier, Jr., 27107 Skye Drive West, and G. Kenneth Poye, 7347 Coach Lane, did not vote in the June election last year; however, they did vote in the last two millage elections.

Parade Begins At The Plaza

Monday's Memorial Day Parade in Farmington will begin at 10 a.m. at the Farmington Plaza shopping center at Grand River and Mooney.

Entries in the parade will assemble at the plaza at 9:30 a.m. Three separate fly overs of military aircraft will signal the parade's beginning.

The parade will proceed from the plaza west on Grand River to the Veterans Memorial Monument at Grand River and Oakland just west of Farmington Rd. where a brief ceremony will be held.



GARY UNRUH

Unruh Is New 'Y' Director

Robert Hall, chairman of the Farmington Area YMCA board of directors, has announced the appointment of Gary L. Unruh as executive director.

Unruh succeeds David Comfort, who has accepted the position of director of the West-branch YMCA in Grand Rapids.

Unruh comes to Farmington from Lake Geneva, Wis., where he served that community as a YMCA executive director.

During his four years at Lake Geneva, Unruh doubled the membership and budget. He also extensively remodeled the "Y" facilities there and satisfied mortgages totaling more than \$50,000.

Before becoming Lake Geneva's YMCA director, Unruh served for three years on the Milwaukee YMCA staff.

He is a graduate of Sioux Falls College and has completed one year of graduate study at George Williams College. Unruh, wife Karen, and two boys will reside in Farmington says Hall.

"We are looking forward to Gary's leadership as the Farmington YMCA heads into a capital fund campaign to erect a comprehensive facility at 12 Mile and Farmington Rd.," Hall concludes.



There's a lot of difference between the picnics of yesteryear and those of today. Or is there? These young ladies are enjoying a lunch-time picnic during a working day. What did our grandparents do when they wanted to eat outside? Read today's FOCUS for the interesting answers.

