

2 new jobs for Nichols

Stan Nichols, pastor of North Farmington Baptist Church has recently taken on two new jobs.

He is now heading up the Farmington Clergy Association and has just accepted an appointment with the Farmington Youth Assistance (FYA).

Nichols will serve as chairman of FYA's Case Study Committee.

The committee consists of a group of community professionals who consult with social workers about specific clients where there is a need for further analysis and diagnosis. The committee promotes projects for them in such areas.

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DR. LOIS BROOKS

Counselors guide young

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Dr. Lois Brooks, a guidance counselor at Farmington Junior High School, said she is now heading up the Farmington Clergy Association and has just accepted an appointment with the Farmington Youth Assistance (FYA).

Nichols will serve as chairman of FYA's Case Study Committee.

She recently said, "I wish a lot of parents had a better understanding for the problems of growing up. I think school marks a very important experience."

In keeping with the day-to-day philosophy, she is teaching parenting classes in this area for both mothers and fathers.

One of the subjects she will be covering is the child's self-image.

Dr. Brooks said that in order that the child's image be better, she will present them with some sound questions that aimed at their child's behavior.

"What do you want to be when you grow up?" is frequently asked a question that is premature, she says.

At the same time, she said, it is a good idea to have a child understand the problems of growing up. I think school marks a very important experience.

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Mr. and Mrs. William Miller, 2934 Oak Point Dr., Farmington Hills, announce the engagement of their daughter Peggy Ann to Frederick Ibbetson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Ibbetson of Ypsilanti.

The bride-elect graduated from St. Francis High School in Riverdale, Calif., and is now attending Eastern Michigan University. Her fiancé is a graduate of Ypsilanti High School and is now a student at Eastern. He is currently a student teacher and he is in pre-medical school.

The couple plan to be wed in Ypsilanti Holy Trinity Church in May.

District buses getting old but fleet to be updated

Although Farmington's school buses passed the state police's yearly inspection with flying colors, school administrators describe the fleet as deteriorating and want to replace part of it.

But at least one school transportation supervisor maintains that the situation isn't that bad.

"It's a high priority of mine," said Supt. Lewis Schulman. "We're paying a serious price for not buying buses for several years. The bus fleet is in terrible shape. It's deteriorating. It has daily breakdowns."

One new bus would cost \$15,000, according to Business Manager William Prisk. The state would reimburse Farmington for less than 75 per cent of the cost.

"With the state's budget cuts they can't afford to reimburse us 75 per cent of the cost as they theoretically should," Prisk said.

The district bought eight buses a year from 1973-76. Eight buses are scheduled to be delivered in December.

In 1972 the district skipped buying buses.

"We have to catch up with this irregular buying," Schulman said.

Although state regulations place the life span of a bus at seven years, Schulman says the buses last for a shorter time on Farmington's unimproved roads.

The fleet has some buses that have traveled those roads for nine and 10 years, according to district William Prisk.

"We have some from 1968 and one or two from 1967. I believe," he said.

The buses managed to pass the state police's yearly inspection of school vehicles on the first try, according to Prisk.

"We've passed inspection the first time, 100 per cent for consecutive two years," he said.

If the police put a red ticket on the bus you can't drive it out of the lot. If it's a yellow sticker, it means the bus has to undergo a major repair.

The inspection trips are unannounced. The district has to have the repairs completed the next time the police inspect the vehicles," Prisk said.

For two years, our buses haven't had any stickers put on them," he said.

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