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## Prutow elected president

# Board appoints McGlinchy to trustee post

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The Farmington school board has yet another new face with the addition of James McGlinchy as its newest trustee.

The 46-year-old hospital administrator was tapped at this week's meeting to replace Mervyn Ross, who resigned and is moving to Arizona.

Last month, two new trustees, Janice Rolnick and Jack Inch, were elected by residents. McGlinchy was chosen from among a field of six appli-

cants after being interviewed by trustees.

Other persons applying were former school trustee William Carliss, Charles Williams, Richard Sorenson, Cynthia Henrich, and Roger Avie.

McGlinchy, of Farmington, won the board approval in a 4-2 vote after a series of ballots among trustees. Mrs. Henrich, an activist in the PTA, came close to being appointed as the board split on several ballots in a 3-3 vote. The final tally was trustees Mike Spiece, Emma Makinen and Dick Wallace voting for McGlinchy. Voting

for Mrs. Henrich were Mrs. Rolnick and Helen Prutow.

But Mrs. Prutow, the newly elected board president, was pleased with McGlinchy's appointment.

"Although I voted for Mrs. Henrich, I'm very pleased with the McGlinchy choice. Without a doubt, Jim is a very good choice," she said.

McGlinchy has served on the Ten Mile School PTA and was its president during consideration of the school's closing. Last year he was a PTA board member at Alameda School and the newsletter editor at the school.

Currently, he is the personnel and labor relations director at Wayne County General Hospital.

Tenure-wise, the board is one of the youngest in its history. The longest serving member is now Mrs. Makinen, who has served five years. Mrs. Prutow, who was elected board president at this week's session, has served only two years.

Other officers elected were Spiece as vice-president, Wallace as treasurer and Mrs. Makinen as secretary.

High on Mrs. Prutow's priority list this year are evaluation of the elemen-

tary lunch program, utilization of vacated school buildings and utilization of \$2 million in bonds.

"I'M LOOKING FOR a good year. We must strive to keep an economically viable district," she said.

The board has committed itself to a pre-planned frozen lunch program but has yet to pick a firm to provide food for its elementary students.

"We're not going to sign a one-year contract, or anything like that. We

want to keep our eyes on the program to see how the students accept it and see if it's nutritionally sound," she said.

Empty buildings are a growing problem in the district because of the continuing declining enrollment. Currently, Bond and Fairview schools are without a use. Ten Mile, Farmington Junior High and Cloverdale all are being used for other purposes.

The bonding money will be used for major repairs to school facilities.

## Jaycees establish priorities

After an in-depth survey with community officials, the Farmington Jaycees have set their organization's priorities for the coming year in dealing with civic affairs.

The survey, conducted by Jaycee President Terry Sever, used as its sources Farmington Mayor Richard Tupper; Farmington Hills Councilman Joe Alkateeb; Farmington Public Safety Director Dan Byrnes; Farmington Hills Fire Chief John Van De Voort; Farmington High School Principal Gerald Potter; Rev. Steven Stump, of Forest Hills Church; and Betty Arnold of the Farmington Area Advisory Council.

"From the results gained from these surveys, the Jaycees will use this as a guide to their performance in the community action area of their organization," said Sever.

Priorities listed were:

•**SMOKE DETECTORS.** The Jaycees will conduct an awareness program to encourage residents to use the devices in their homes. The project will be run in conjunction with the Farmington and Farmington Hills Fire Departments.

•**SENIOR CITIZEN HOUSING.** The Jaycees plan to sponsor a public forum and present the issues so residents can be educated on the needs and make up their own minds on the issue.

•**FIRE PROGRAM.** This program is to be implemented to show children the dangers of fire and how to control a fire situation with proper equipment.

•**EQUIPMENT PURCHASE.** The Jaycees plan to contribute funds for the purchase of life support units, exercise and training equipment.

•**COMMUNITY PRIDE.** The group will implement a campaign to unite the cities and instill pride.

•**RECREATION.** This program will be to aid Farmington Hills in developing a recreation area in that city.

•**LIBRARIES.** Equipment purchase for local libraries to assist deaf persons.

•**FAAC SUPPORT.** The Jaycees will work with the Farmington Area Advisory Council to improve programs to eliminate drug abuse among children.

•**SENIOR CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT.** The group wishes to see elderly residents have access to more social functions in the community. They plan to implement more programs for the needy during the holidays.

•**CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS.** The program plans to run summer programs for children in the community, as well as programs for underprivileged children.



A decorated alphabet designed by Mrs. Ebel is put to work brightening up her rendition of a proverb. (Staff photo by Harry Maubie)

## Strokes Artist pens her craft

Elegantly curved and flowing, the work of a skilled calligrapher proves that the letters can be as meaningful as the words they create.

Suzanne Ebel of Farmington Hills discovered the art by accident when she took a class in calligraphy as part of the requirements for her degree in art at Madonna College.

Along the way to fulfilling a course requirement, Mrs. Ebel found a niche for herself in the art world.

The more she studied, the more involved she became in the curving lines and decorated alphabets. Eventually, she began teaching calligraphy at the Farmington Community Center.

This summer, she will revert to being a student when she attends the University of London to learn advanced techniques in the craft from master calligraphers.

Her teachers will be members of the Society of Scribes and Illuminators. Of the group's 80 members, only one is from the United States, according to Mrs. Ebel.

Part of the reason for the group's small size is its stringent standards for membership. To be accepted into the society, calligraphers are asked to submit three samples of their work done on parchment instead of paper. Raised gliding is used in the samples.

SOME OF THOSE SAME standards are applied to students requesting admission to the University of London courses, according to Mrs. Ebel.

She was required to send 16 pages of calligraphy to the university before being accepted. One panel was done using a design selected for her by the admissions committee. A second panel allowed her to use her own alphabet design. In addition, Mrs. Ebel wrote a 4-page diary using calligraphy. It took her all of the three months she was given to complete the project.

In addition to keeping up with calligraphy, Mrs. Ebel ran her household which includes her husband and five daughters.

Calligraphy was squeezed into her schedule after her family.

"I did it when the kids were in school. I love to do calligraphy. And you always find time to do the things you love. But it did take me the entire three months," she said.

Calligraphy requires time and effort without demanding a great deal of artistic talent at first. Layout, drawing and color details of more intricate works of calligraphy require talent, according to Mrs. Ebel.

While it requires talent, calligraphy can also be looked upon as a craft, she said.

UNLIKE OTHER CRAFTS calligraphy encourages its practitioners to use their imagination, according to Mrs. Ebel.

It's this aspect of the skill that gave it the reputation it holds in England, Mrs. Ebel said.

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## 'Don't fence them in'

# West tops East as vacationers' choice

By DICK WESTLAND

If the famous newspaper publisher Horace Greeley had lived in Farmington in 1978, he might have altered his famous advice and said, "Go West, young family."

This summer the western United States is the top attraction for vacationing families, a check of local travel agencies indicates.

Gathering statistics about the extent of summer travel is a tough job, because many families head off on their own without checking in with travel service firms. But all the agencies contacted by the Observer reported a substantial increase in requests for routings, reservations and travel information, compared to last summer.

Besides the West, other popular vacation areas this summer include Florida, Europe, Niagara Falls-Toronto and the East Coast.

And "super-saver" airline fares have sharply boosted air travel to the West Coast, Florida and Europe, agree local agents.

But for a typical Farmington family, summer vacation would be a trip out west by camper lasting 10 days to two weeks.

The AAA World Wide Travel Service, 33133 W. Twelve Mile, Farmington Hills, provides routings for members who travel, usually by car or camper. Business there is a great deal heavier than last summer, according to Gail Hubrecht, domestic travel section worker.

While people travel by car to anywhere in the U.S., Canada and Mexico, AAA's June statistics show that about 160 people requested routes to western states.

"A lot of people would come in and say, 'route me to all the national parks out west,'" she said.

For comparison, AAA had 85 requests for Florida destinations, another popular travel area this summer, 79 for the mid-Atlantic states, 91 for Ontario, 37 for the Upper Peninsula and 31 for Maine.

The western travelers generally take two to three weeks for their trips, said Glynda Chamie, general branch superintendent for AAA. Many people make circular trips, heading west through the Dakotas and Yellowstone National Park to the Pacific Northwest, then coming back to Michigan by way of the Grand Canyon, Pikes Peak and Denver.

Western Canada also is increasingly popular, she said, with some couples or families heading north to Alaska, with perhaps a stop for the Calgary Stampede, a week-long rodeo festival now taking place in Calgary, Alberta.

Fly-drive packages to the West Coast have also picked up greatly, said Frank Sheldon, general manager for Elliott Travel Service, 3000 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills.

But most families, retired persons or teen-agers do their traveling by camper to avoid the expensive motel bills, said Ms. Chamie. "The ones in between often prefer to fly."

When the campers aren't going west, they often head for the Kentucky-Tennessee mountain area. Other vacationers like the Pennsylvania Dutch region, New England and Washington, D.C.

A FAMILY hunting for a vacation area that's a little off the beaten path is trying the little-publicized Stone Mountain National Park, northwest of Atlanta, said Ms. Chamie.

But there are very few people who come in to AAA and don't know where they want to go, she added.

Closer to home, Toronto and Niag-

ara Falls are very popular year-round, especially on long weekends, several travel agents said.

Many Detroiters travel there by train from Windsor, taking advantage of special travel-rail package plans.

While the Pocono Mountains in Pennsylvania and the Catskills in New York are still popular with honeymooners, Ms. Chamie said, "Niagara Falls is still number one because it's short and sweet and it's close to Toronto."

In Michigan, thousands of Detroit area residents travel to Traverse City for the annual Cherry Festival, which runs until Sunday. Mackinac Island, the Porcupine Mountains, Hartwick Pines near Gaylord and Tahquamenon Falls are other very popular destinations for vacationers, said Ms. Chamie.

Lower air fares to Europe have brought an increase in travel across the Atlantic, particularly to England. A spokeswoman for McGraw Travel Inc., 3648 Ten Mile, Farmington Hills, said many travelers head for Europe in the summer, while those who take winter vacations more often spend them in Hawaii or Florida.

"This summer it's Europe," said an agent for Lovejoy Tiffany and Co., 2021 Farmington Road, Farmington. "It's the super-saver air fares."

For those who prefer more leisurely travel, there has been an increase in ocean cruises, and a corresponding drop in costs.

"Cruising is no longer the rich man's vacation only," said Sheehan, who reported considerable interest locally in trips to the Panama Canal by ship and Alaskan cruises.

Another slow-paced form of transportation, the train, enjoys limited popularity in the Farmington area, because of limited connections in Detroit.



Glynda Chamie, branch supervisor of the Farmington Hills AAA, searches through the many maps at the office in quest of guiding vacationers on their way. (Staff photo)

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