Farmington school's Bill Prisk to retire

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in the Farmington School District.
Ten years ago, for example, the district was strapped for funds after the failure of back-to-back millage refailure of back-to-back millage remany school programs.
Constant bickering among school
factions and personality conflicts further complicated matters.
But the Farmington district survived
to become, in the words of an administrator of a neighboring district, "one of
the most well-managed" and presperous in the state.
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"It was an in-formula district back "It was an in-formula district back then, totally dependent on the state for its finances," said Prisk, referring to the formula the state uses to determine state aid to a school district.
"The state-aid act really controls these districts that are in-formula, and you have to live within those revenues. Out-of-formula districts can afford to expand and improve their situation." The district became "out of formula" about six years ago, said Prisk, who added that "good management" and the growth of the Farmington commu-

nity led to today's prosperity.

"The growth of the community has done more for the district than anything else," be said. "The district has managed what has come to it, but there was no way we could go out and get it. The district had to grow."

Asked if the former "hard times" had affected him, Prisk replied, "Has it aged me? I guess a little bit, yes."

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BUT PAST problems didn't keep him from engaging in his favorite sport—hockey.

A skater and hockey player since his youth ("I lost my teeth when I was 16"), the Upper Penisual-born Prisk continues to play in a Redford Over 35 league (on the Kord Industries team) and an Over 40 loop in Inkster (American Industries).

"I just like to skate and play," said Prisk of his participation in the leagues, which allow no checking or siap shots.

"There's no checking, but there's no way to avoid bumping now and then," he said. "You take that as it comes."
He said he still enjoys playing the game, "although I find myself lacking

a little bit. I run out of gas in the third period. But I stay with it."
Marjorie, his wife of 42 years, "to-lerates" the Thursday and Sunday night hockey, according to Prisk.
Prisks's retirement should provide plenty of time for another hobby — collecting Lionel "O" gague model trains. He has a basement full of them.
"I have many things I'd like to do," he said. "Train collecting will take only part of my time. I like to do lapidary — grinding and polishing stones — and I have some woodworking tools to keep mee occupied.
"I like to camp, too, and the wife and I have never had much lime for that."
Frisk said he has "no definite plans" for his life after his retirement be-

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comes official June 30.
"My wife and I would like to do a little travelling, but that's not uppermost in our minds," he said. "We'll do that as we want to.

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"I really don't know what I'll do. I'm
going to rest for awhile. I don't know
that I'm going to go home and sit in a
rocking chair. I'll sit around for a little
while, but then I'll find some things to
do."

SON OF A Methodist minister, Prisk was born in tiny Kearsarge, north of Calumet on the Keweenaw Peninsula. The family moved to the Detroit area when Prisk was still in grade school. Prisk attended Cooley and Cass Tech

gree in business administration from the Detroit Institute of Technology in 1941. Years later, he added a master's degree in school administration in 1941. Years later in earded a master's degree in school administration in 1941. Years later in 1941. Years late

ficer — is one of many mementos he keeps in his office in the Farmington Schools Administration Building. The Prisks live in the Clarencevile District in Livenia. Marjorie is a life-long resident of the area. Of four chil-dren, only Elizabeth, a 20-year-old sta-dent as Schoolcraft College, remains at

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A 22-year old Farmington Hills man was killed Nov. 20 in a two-car collision on a newly reopened section of Execution of the Point of t

Novi Police Capt. Richard Faulkner said Bahler was traveling an estimated 55 mph when the accident occurred. The speed limit on that section of Beck Road is 25 mph. Police were on the scene investigating the accident for about 4½ hours, Faulkner added.

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