

Alternative education programs praised

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special writer

Alternative education programs for problem students and teen mothers were praised recently in an evaluation report to the Walled Lake Board of Education.

Program specialist Vickie Gibbons said students participating in the program as well as staff members had been asked to cooperate in the evaluation.

Eastern Michigan University professor emeritus George Brower conducted the evaluation but was unable to attend the meeting.

In his evaluation Brower found that students in the alternative education programs were improving as learners based on reports by teachers, parents and the students themselves.

The Teen Mothers program is operated from Walled Lake Church of Christ. The New Potentials program operates out of Stonerest in Walled Lake and the Jaycees facility in Union Lake.

GIBBONS SAID about 90 percent of the students have attendance problems before entering the New Potentials program. These students are referred by school counselors, she added.

The goals of both programs include improving reading skills, improving self-concept, completion of school, finding successful employment and continuing beyond high school. Brower reported that the alternative education program has been the only successful method for handling students unable to adjust to

regular high school structures and students.

Without the program, Brower said, "... most of the students would be high school dropouts, many of whom would not be able to adjust to society and would be a burden on the taxpayer, either as welfare recipients or as institutionalized persons."

While Brower found that the alternative educational programs "saved" a large number of students, he recommended screening out students who don't progress.

According to Brower, many students recognized the alternative programs as their last opportunity to receive a high school education.

IN HIS FOLLOW-UP study of students who completed alternative education programs, Brower found many students continuing their education or employed.

Of 17 responses, nine former students reported continuing their education and two were enrolled to begin studies in an upcoming semester. Two reported working to pay for additional schooling, three reported

participating in trade or adult education. From those same 17 responses 14 former students reported working and/or attending college and two were attending college while not employed.

The concerns mentioned about the programs were to maintain staffing levels and the current low teacher-student ratios and to improve materials and supply levels.

The Walled Lake school district includes one square mile in the city of Farmington Hills, from 13 to 14 Mile and Haggerty to Halsted roads.

Truck safety legislation is eyed

Citing the increasing need for greater truck safety on major roads, state Rep. Sandy Brotherton, R-Farmington, has introduced legislation that would restrict trucks, with some safety exceptions, to the two right-hand lanes on highways of three or more lanes.

Brotherton discussed his bill on March 4 at the annual AAA Michigan Legislative Conference. AAA

has been doing a series of articles about the increased incidence of truck-related accidents and is a supporter of the legislation.

"State and federal officials are very concerned about the rising accident rate on highways where trucks are at fault. Many of the problems we are seeing are unique in the last few years, stemming from the deregulation of the trucking industry. Since competition is greater, there

seems to be a new breed of trucker who disregards both the speed limit and basic highway safety rules," Brotherton said.

"THIS IS a great concern to both the longtime truckers, whose reputation for consideration and safety has been eroded, and to the many automobile drivers who are fearful, with good reason, of driving in heavy truck traffic."

The federal government is considering a number of ways to crack down on dangerous truckers, including a single nationwide license to replace individual state licenses.

"My legislation is in step with federal attempts to improve this serious situation and is one of several significant bills this session aimed at decreasing truck-related accidents."

"I expect House Bill 4127 to get a hearing in the near future before the House Transportation Subcommittee on Truck Safety, and I encourage everybody who shares my concern about this problem to convey their support to their state representative or senator," Brotherton said.



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THEODORE W. SREDNICKI

Mr. Srednicki, 61, of Farmington Hills died March 23 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Mr. Srednicki worked for Ford Motor Company. Survivors include his wife, Alma; son, Dennis; daughters, Cathy Tomaszewski and Ann Marie Peczynski; brother, Roger; five grandchildren.

Services were March 26 at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington. Mass was celebrated at St. Scholastic Catholic Church with the Rev. Livius Paoli officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

BERNARD W. STEGEMAN

Mr. Stegeman, 67, of Farmington Hills died March 24 in Providence Hospital, Southfield.

Born in Ohio, Mr. Stegeman was a parts analyst for Ford Motor Company.

Survivors include his wife, Helen; son, Steven; daughters, Karolyn Muraszewski, Janis Beutel and Lori Bender; sisters, Edna Harding, Rose

Ann Brown, Ruth Rohrer, Rita Fortcamp and Alma Overman; 10 grandchildren.

Mass was celebrated at St. Gerald's Catholic Church, Farmington, with the Rev. Gerald McEnhill officiating. Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association.

Arrangements were made by the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington.

FREDERICK J. HULBERT, SR.

Mr. Hulbert, 67, of Farmington Hills died March 24 in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia.

Survivors include his wife, Mary; sons, William and Joseph; six grandchildren.

Services were March 26 at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. T. Richard Marics officiating.



Mr. Hulbert was a maintenance worker for Gill School in Farmington.

Survivors include his wife, Mary; sons, William and Joseph; six grandchildren.

Services were March 26 at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. T. Richard Marics officiating.



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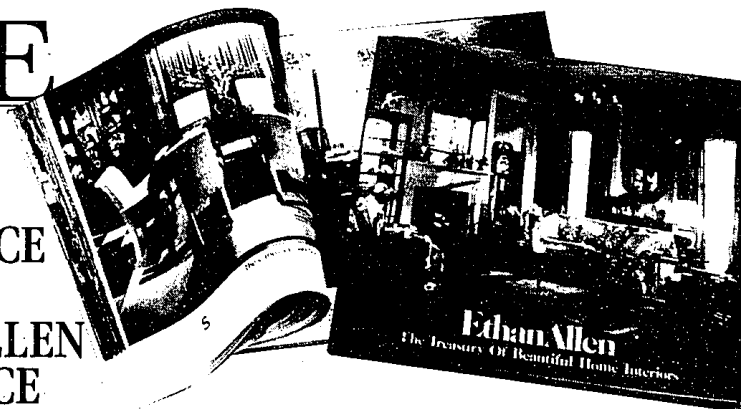
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