

# She cares

## Work enriches educator's life

Continued from Page 1

world over, but always want to come home to the same place," she said. She is married, has two grown children and lives in the Meadowbrook Hills subdivision in southwestern Farmington Hills.

"My parents were a dominant force in our lives," she added. "They were the stability. The moves didn't make a difference."

Dilzhazy also learned about the world through the 18 exchange students who have lived with her family, and through her own daughter, who participated in the exchange program.

"We've visited a lot of them and all of them went to Farmington High School," she said. At one point, the family invited students to live with them two at a time.

THROUGH ALL her experiences, Dilzhazy has taken what others might construe as negative and turned situations into positive forces.

**'We owe an obligation to every student that comes to us in our schools. We need to excite the student about learning, taking them as far as they can go.'**

— Helen Dilzhazy

At the start of her career, she was denied a principalship because of her gender and believes her career path was slowed because she is a woman. But it never deterred her, or depressed her.

"It isn't just women," she explained. "Men are discriminated against too. He's too small, he's too short. It isn't really how well you do the job sometimes."

"I don't want my son climbing over my daughter to get there, or my daughter climbing over my son," she added. "There should be some

equity."

Nonetheless, her experiences have made her sensitive to women and their careers. As a school trustee in Farmington, she has seen the advancement of women to several key posts in the district.

"I have truly tried to help other women," she said. "When I left the job in Jackson, I made sure they replaced me with another woman."

Dilzhazy doesn't see her current position as necessarily the final one. She just takes it one day at a time and enjoys the learning.



THOMAS ARNETT/staff photographer

Helen Dilzhazy, a Farmington school trustee, instructs a class at Eastern Michigan University, where she is an associate professor in the College of Education.

# State House, county races go down to wire

Continued from Page 1

while Democrats John Dolan and Ken Murray will square off. Current Rep. Wilbur "Sandy" Brotherton, R-Farmington, is not seeking re-election.

Republicans include: Beverly Hills Village Council president, the 32-year-old Bouchard has lived in the district for 28 years. He has served on the council since 1986 and has made an effort to stress regional issues that face the area. He is a self-employed as a security consultant.

• Farmington Hills City Council veteran Jan Dolan has lived in the

district for 22 years and has served on the city council for the past 14 years. She has served two terms as mayor. The 59-year-old is a community activist and works as a church administrator.

• Sarafa is a Farmington Hills resident and the youngest of the candidates at 22. He is a recent Michigan State University graduate, is active in the Republican Party and has lived in the district one year.

• A self-employed political consultant, 28-year-old Welayda sits on the Farmington Hills Planning Commission. He has lived in the district for 25 years. Welayda has been active in coordinating several regional po-

litical campaigns, and is active in Republican Party politics.

Democrats include: John Dolan, 65, of Bingham Farms is a retired manager who has lived in the district for seven years. He is not related to Republican Jan Dolan.

• Murray has lived in Farmington for 14 years. The 50-year-old consultant and construction electrician is active in the Farmington Democratic Club and in local civic groups.

The 69th District covers the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills and the Southfield Township villages of Franklin, Beverly Hills and Bling-

ham Farms.

IN ANOTHER contested race, Republican voters must choose between Farmington Hills City Council veterans Jody Soronen and Donn Wolf in the Republican battle for the 27th district Oakland County Board of Commissioners seat. The victor will face Democrat Steven C. Hill of Farmington Hills in November.

Soronen and Wolf are making bids for the seat held by veteran commissioner Jack McDonald, who is one of four candidates seeking election as Oakland County prosecutor. Prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson is not seeking re-election.

Farmington Hills Mayor Soronen, 53, is serving his third four-year term on the city council and her second stint as mayor. The 25-year resident is the executive director of the Farmington-Farmington Hills

Chamber of Commerce.

Wolff, 53, completed his second four-year term on the Farmington Hills City Council last November. The 12-year resident served as mayor or in 1981. He is a community and governmental affairs representative for Detroit Edison.

The 27th District includes all of Farmington and a majority of Farmington Hills.

Voters in two other Farmington Hills county commission districts will not cast ballots in the primary, but will have races this November. These include:

• The 15th District, which includes the northeast section of Farmington Hills, where Republican incumbent David Moffitt of Birmingham is seeking re-election to the seat he has held for two two-year terms.

Challenging Moffitt in November

is veteran Democratic activist Albert Zolton of Farmington Hills. This is Zolton's second bid for the seat.

• The 21st District, where one-year Democratic incumbent Lillian Jaffe Oaks of Southfield will square off with political newcomer Republican Marie L. Bowers of Farmington Hills. The 21st District includes the southeast corner of Farmington Hills.

There will be other primary races Tuesday, including a Republican Oakland County prosecutor's race, where 48-year-old McDonald of Farmington Hills will square off with Oakland County chief assistant prosecutor Dick Thompson, 51, state Sen. Richard Fessler, 45, of Union Lake, and West Bloomfield attorney Jeffrey Leib, 47. The victor will face Democratic challenger Barry E. Kraemer in November.

# Vote guide: clip, save

Farmington and Farmington Hills voters are facing many races in Tuesday's primary, particularly if they vote on the Republican ballot. The Observer suggests that you clip and save this election guide for reference at the polls.

Remember, in a primary election you can vote in either the Republican or the Democratic primary but not both; voting in both primaries will invalidate your ballot. However, you can vote in the non-partisan judicial primary as well as your party primary:

## STATE HOUSE

69th District

Vote for not more than one

- ☐ Michael Bouchard
- ☐ Jan Dolan
- ☐ Mike Sarafa
- ☐ Paul Welayda

## U.S. SENATE

Vote for not more than one

- ☐ James Dunn
- ☐ Robert Huber

## DEMOCRAT

### STATE HOUSE

69th District

Vote for not more than one

- ☐ John Dolan
- ☐ Ken Murray

### COUNTY CLERK

Vote for not more than one

- ☐ Phil Marcuse
- ☐ Diane Trivax

## NON-PARTISAN

### PROBATE COURT

Vote for not more than one

- ☐ Richard Fessler
- ☐ Jeffrey Leib
- ☐ John McDonald
- ☐ Richard Thompson

- ☐ Thomas M. Brennan
- ☐ Hugh Dean
- ☐ James P. Delaney
- ☐ David I. Kaufman
- ☐ Joan Young

## COURT OF APPEALS

2nd District

Vote for not more than two

- ☐ Dean David Alan
- ☐ J. Martin Brennan
- ☐ Paul A. Cassidy
- ☐ Mark J. Cavanagh
- ☐ Patrick Cleary
- ☐ Paul J. Fischer
- ☐ E. Thomas Fitzgerald
- ☐ Kathleen Jansen
- ☐ Marilyn Kelly
- ☐ M. Richard Knoblock
- ☐ Richard D. Kuhn
- ☐ Ellen E. Mason
- ☐ David M. Serolkin

## CHARTER AMENDMENT

### FARMINGTON HILLS

Shall the Farmington Hills city charter be amended to allow members of boards and commissions to become candidates for election to the city council without first resigning from the appointed position?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No



## CRYSTAL CLEAR GIFT IDEA

Give this 7-piece salad set as a wedding or shower gift. Or add its shining elegance to your own table.

Set includes 1 cylinder shaped glass serving bowl, 4 individual salad bowls, 2 serving utensils. \$30.

## Jacobson's



We welcome Jacobson's Charge or the American Express® Card. Shop until 9 p.m. on Thursday and Friday. Until 6 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday.

## on the agenda

Below are highlights from agendas of government meetings this week. All meetings are open to the public.

**Farmington City Council**  
Farmington City Hall  
23490 Liberty  
8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 1

The traffic analysis, tabled at the last meeting, is up again for discussion. Also to be considered by the council:

- pit bull legislation,
- relocation of a water main at Farmington Road and Orchard Street,
- final contractor payment for Chatham Hills sub.

A discussion of a joint meeting to discuss solid waste disposal, and three sign variance requests, tabled from the last meeting, and

- proposed transfer of an SDM II-quor license from both locations of Maple Village Drugs.

**Farmington Board of Education**  
Schalmans Administrative Center  
33500 Shawansee  
Tuesday, Aug. 2

6:15 p.m., Building Site Committee  
7 p.m. — Closed Meeting  
7:30 p.m. — Regular Meeting

An annual report on theft and vandalism in the district will be presented Tuesday, and authorization for repairs to the Boyd Republic school facility will be discussed. Also on the agenda:

- out-of-area/trip rates (under the consent agenda),
- payment rates for substitute and part-time employees,
- food product purchases,
- approval of board committees and representatives.

At 6:15 p.m., a committee of the board will meet to discuss recent interviews with architects. An architect will eventually be selected for upcoming school projects, including the proposed new school and Farmington High media center.

The closed meeting has been called to update the board on contract negotiations.

**Downtown Development Authority**  
Farmington City Hall  
23490 Liberty  
8 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 3

The regular meeting of the DDA has been changed to Wednesday to avoid conflict with Tuesday's primary election. On the agenda is a trash compact report, city planner's report on north side parking lot design, and a report on the recent traffic study done for the city.