

Larkshire School wins accreditation

Larkshire Elementary School in Farmington Hills has been accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, according to principal Al Lanigan.

Larkshire is the first elementary school in the Farmington district to receive such accreditation.

The school was admitted to membership on March 18 at the association's annual meeting in Chicago. Larkshire was one of 35 schools in Michigan that became North Central members for the first time.

"Accreditation by the NCA means that the school has met the standards set for membership," Lanigan said. "These standards signify that the school has the resources, personnel and leadership necessary for effective education."

North Central Association is the largest of the country's regional accrediting agencies.

It is a voluntary membership league of 6,000 schools and 500 colleges and universities within a 19-state region. The association works with schools to strengthen education through evaluation and accreditation. Accreditation must be renewed annually.

"Continuation (of accreditation) requires a joint effort by the community and staff," said Farmington superintendent Michael Flanagan. NCA membership shows the school has met the standards of good schools, he added.

THE DIRECTOR of Michigan North Central, William Bushaw, congratulated the school, noting that "Larkshire has now joined the growing league of schools whose purpose is the continuing quest for higher levels of quality education."

The three high schools in the Farmington district have always gone through a North Central accreditation process. They are visited and reviewed every seven years, and accredited annually.

Harrison High School principal Clayton Graham recently announced that his school received notice of accreditation through 1990.

The issue of non-high school accreditation was raised during school board elections in 1989, with several candidates commenting that it was needed.

obituaries

WILLIAM ROWELL BLACKWELL

Mr. Blackwell, 81, of Farmington Hills died April 8 in Providence Hospital, Southfield.

Born in Calumet, Mr. Blackwell was a jewelry salesman for Moyers Jewelers.

Survivors include his sons, Robert and Donald; daughters, Barbara Osmus and Carol Miller.

Services were April 11 at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. David W. Sherwin of Redford Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial was in Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi.

ALVIN KENNETH ARENS

Mr. Arens, 75, of Farmington Hills died April 9 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Born in Detroit, Mr. Arens was a dispatcher for Safar Printing Co. Survivors include his brothers, Frank and Howard; sisters, Margaret Manning, Gladys Waters and Virginia Stevens.

Services were April 12 at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Livonia, with the Rev. Gerald McEnhill of St. Gerald Catholic Church officiating. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

MARY DAVIS

Mrs. Davis, 77, of Westland died April 9 in Garden City Osteopathic Hospital.

Born in Hastings on the Hudson, N.Y., Mrs. Davis was a binder for a commercial printing business.

Survivors include her son, Tom; daughters, Jeanette Davies of Farmington Hills and Marilyn Amberger; sister, Catherine Dobbs; brother, Nicholas Sewick; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services were at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Livonia, with the Rev. Tom Slowinski of St. Agatha Catholic Church officiating. Burial was in Parkview Cemetery, Livonia.

JAMES BURKE SR.

Mr. Burke, 52, of Farmington died April 11.

Born in Farmington, Mr. Burke was a mechanic for the City of Farmington and a part-time volunteer firefighter in Farmington Hills.

Survivors include his wife, Jeanette; son, Jim; daughters, Colleen Weed and Sandra Burke; sister, Beatrice Robertson; three grandchildren.

A memorial service will be at the

Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington Monday at 1 p.m.

LORETTA CLARA MARIE McDONOUGH

Mrs. McDonough, 75, of Farmington Hills died April 5 in NW Grace Hospital.

Born in Lincoln, Neb., Mrs. McDonough was a homemaker.

Survivors include her sons, Ronald, Kenneth and David Bennett; daughter, Beverly Roberts; brother, Lester Holzen; 10 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Services were April 9 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. A. Mark Schutte of Shepherd King Lutheran Church officiating. Burial was in Parkview Cemetery, Livonia.

Memorials may be made to the Shrines.

INA V. PHILLIPS

Mrs. Phillips, 65, of Farmington died April 8.

Born in Detroit, Mrs. Phillips was a library technician for Madison Heights schools. She was a member of Farmington Chapter of NOW.

Survivors include her husband, Robert; sons, Gary, Christopher and Stephen; one sister and two brothers; many grandchildren.

A memorial service will be Sunday, April 22, at 1:30 p.m. in Birmingham Unitarian Church, 651 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Southeast Michigan or the church. Arrangements were made by the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

DOROTHY B. LEVY

Mrs. Levy, 69, of Farmington Hills died April 9.

Born in New York, N.Y., Mrs. Levy was director of Berkley Public Library for 15 years and the Detroit Library for 15 years. She retired in 1983. She was a member of American Library Association.

Survivors include her husband Norman; son, Gary; daughters, Laurel, Salomon, Julia Chaitin, Mika, Calrie and Pamela Munoz; sister, Florence Haper; 10 grandchildren.

Services were private. Arrangements were made by the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

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