

FARMINGTON
NOTES

Prom for 'seniors'

The student council of Farmington High School will host a prom for senior citizens from the Grand River Village retirement home at 7 p.m. Friday, April 29, at Grand River Village.

An Engler appointee

Joyce Parker, a Farmington Hills attorney, has been appointed by Gov. John Engler to serve on the Michigan Board of Pharmacy. She was appointed to fill a newly created position and represents the general public for a term expiring June 30, 1998. The board provides for the licensing and examination of people before they enter the field.

He's on committee

Brian A. Burns, a Farmington Hills resident and a group insurance expert, is on the executive committee of the newly formed Michigan Coalition for Positive Health Care Reform (MICPHCR). The group has pledged to work closely with state officials to devise a health-care system that meets Michigan's needs without penalizing employees.

Volunteers honored

Many Farmington-area young people who have contributed outstanding volunteer service to the community will be honored at the ninth-annual Farmington Youth Assistance Recognition Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 3, in the Shannon Room of the Mercy Center on 11 Mile Road east of Middlebelt. Call 489-3434 for more information about this event or about Farmington Youth Assistance. Items for Farmington Notes may be mailed to the Farmington Observer, 21898 Farmington Road, Farmington 48336, faxed to 477-9722 or dropped off at the newspaper office.



On diversity: Michael Flanagan, former Farmington school chief, stands near a photo of children from around the world. Flanagan addressed the issue of how diversity is lacking in some Wayne County schools.

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Ex-school chief navigates choppy seas



Remember Michael Flanagan? People involved with the Farmington school community certainly do, and they'll be happy to know that their former school chief is doing just fine in Wayne County.

BY LAIRRY O'CONNOR
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His Farmington days are relegated to memories and mementos.

A picture of Team Farmington hangs behind his desk. Another photo of Thomas Jefferson - a gift from Cloverdale School - adorns the back

wall of his office.

A book with the signatures of students from all 13 Farmington elementary schools sits nearby.

Those items are treasured by former Farmington Public Schools superintendent Michael Flanagan. When talking about his previous

place of employment, he said it's the staff and kids he misses the most. "I don't miss those board meetings at all," said Flanagan, proving there is a limit to such sentimentality.

"There were parts that were fun. . . But I don't miss the same people criticizing the same issue year in and year out, who don't want to resolve the issue."

The transition to being a superintendent of an intermediate school district has been tough at times, he said. Flanagan took over the Wayne County Regional Education Service

Agency post Jan. 1, replacing William Simmons who retired after 23 years.

The difficulty in the job change was compounded by the deaths of his father and his wife's father during that time. Coupled with that was the family's move from Milford to Plymouth.

He felt the weight of the job bearing down on him from the get-go. "I'd go home every night and say, 'What have I done?'" Flanagan said. Things have been on the upswing

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