

School board makes four appointments

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When Kristin Gekiere was asked during her interview why she wanted to move her educational career to the Farmington school district, she replied without hesitation. "I want to have a home."

Gekiere's evident desire to leave South Lyon schools and join Team Farmington scored big with district administrators. The school board Tuesday night appointed her the district's administrative assistant for research and evaluation.

Larry Lobert, executive director for personnel services, said Gekiere's job is a newly crafted one, but that she essentially will take over (as of Aug. 16) from Carolyn Mubalak, who recently retired. Among Gekiere's duties will be scrutinizing student performance on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program.

"I'm just so delighted to be here in Farmington," reiterated Gekiere, standing at the podium following her appointment.

The school board's unanimous appointment of Gekiere was one of four made during the meeting, at the Lewis Schulman Administrative Center.

Helene Blackman was named Alameda Early Childhood Center principal, effective Aug. 9. She succeeds Mary Lou Somerville, who retired.

"One of my goals was to become an elementary school principal," Blackman said during her post-appointment comments. "It's a really good feeling to accomplish that. I promise you I will give it everything I have and more."

Blackman comes over from Eagle Elementary School, where she spent several years as a teacher.

Ten-year district staffer Katherine Obrizak was named

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administrative assistant for early childhood education for the Fairview Early Childhood Center.

Liko Gekiere's job, the district slightly redesigned the Fairview position. Former administrative intern Beverly Miller recently was appointed Highmeadow Common Campus principal.

"I am very thrilled and excited to be part of an incredible administrative team," said Obrizak, whose tenure begins Aug. 9.

Kenneth Sanders was selected the new assistant principal for East Middle School. Sanders,

who fills a slot previously held by Jack Lawing, joins East from the Waterford district. Sanders begins work in his new post on Aug. 16. "I've always driven by East and wondered what it would be like to be part of the educational community in Farmington," Sanders said, "which I know is very strong."

Meanwhile, the hiring of a new North Farmington High School principal will take place at a special board meeting scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Schulman center. The session will be open to the public.

Finalists were to have been interviewed Thursday and Friday. The position was vacated as of July 1, when Deborah Clark resigned to take an administrative position in the Pontiac school district.

Lobert said a number of quality candidates have applied from both inside and outside of the district.

OBITUARIES

EVE J. SAVITSKIE

Services for Eve June Savitskie, 83, of Farmington Hills were held July 24 at Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. James Wright officiating.

Mrs. Savitskie was born May 10, 1916 in Detroit and died July 21 at Bortz on Green Lake Health Center in West Bloomfield.

She is survived by daughter, Carol (Thomas) Chapman; sisters, Mary Stehure and Rosa Kurawski; grandson, Scott Chapman; and granddaughter, Jody (Mark) Ziegler. She is preceded in death by husband, Anthony.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Diabetes Foundation.

EUNICE HOISINGTON

Services for Eunice Hoisington, 90, of Farmington were held July 23 at Covenant Baptist Church in West Bloomfield.

Mrs. Hoisington was born in Detroit and died July 20 at Arnold House. She was a homemaker and a social worker.

She is survived by children, Ruth (Peter) Egan, Richard (Sandra) and P.J. (Richard) Murdoch;

five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, Edward.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Hospice of Southeast Michigan.

Arrangements made by McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills.

LOUIS R. RANDALL

Services for Louis Rafael Randall, 82, of Fenton were held July 22 at Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Timothy Halboth

officiating.

Mr. Randall was born Feb. 4, 1917 in Detroit and died July 19 at Hurley Hospital in Flint.

He is survived by brothers, James Randall, Roger Randall, James Loomis and Patrick Loomis; and sister, Janet Boyce. He is preceded in death by sister, Ella Randall Korman; and brother, Eugene Randall.

HILLARY NOLL

Services for Hillary Noll, 23, of Washington D.C. were held July 23 at St. Fabian Catholic Church in Farmington Hills.

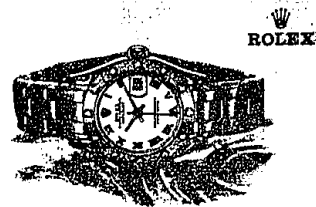
Ms. Noll was born in Michigan and died July 17, in Washington D.C. She was a member of Chi Omega Sorority and a student at Virginia Tech. She graduated from Mercy High School in 1994.

She is survived by parents, Bill and Barbara Noll; and sister, Heather.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Michigan Humane Society.

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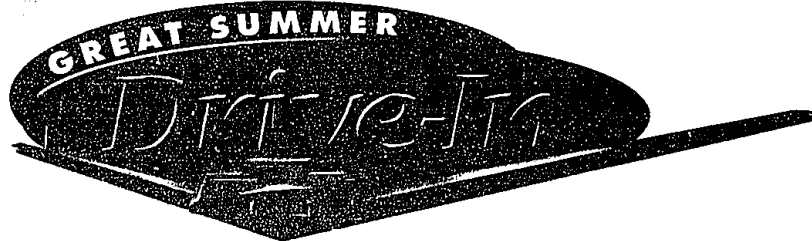
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