# Cooper appointed Flanders principal

Sharon Cooper, assistant principal of Dunckel Middle School, was named the Flanders Elementary School principal Tuesday by the Farmington Public School Board.
She will replace Principal Mary Joyce Readler, who will retire. Cooper said her work at Dunckel was a wonderful opportunity.

opportunity.
"I learned much from two "I learned much from two outstanding administrators, Pam O'Malley and Dr. Jim Myers, who's here tonight, tal-ented staff, supportive parents and, of course, the wonderful students at Dunckel, Cooper said. "My heart is with ele-mentary school students, though,"

though."
Cooper has worked for the Farmington Public School District since 1999. She started in 1999 as a fifth grade teacher at Beechview Elementary School in Farmington Hills and worked there until 2000, when she was named assistant

"I look forward working with the students and those individ-uals who help guide their growth," Cooper said, express-ing her thanks to the board. "I look forward to learning with and learning about the Flanders staff, the children and the entire community. I will do my best to keep Flanders a great place to learn." While at Dunckel, Cooper managed student services, school safety, day-to-day oper-ations and athleties.

ations and athletics.
She supervises, supports and
evaluates teachers, office staff
and paraprofessionals and cultivates parental involvement.
Cooper established the
Dunckel Diversity Committee
and is co-chair of the school's
accreditation steering commit-

tee.

She established Peace Corps
Pen Pais with seventh graders
and students in Madaguscar.
At Beechview, Cooper served
on several committees, includ-

on several committees, including Student Assistance, Diversity, Frameworks, Assessment and Leadership

Academy.
Before coming to
Farmington, she taught second, third and fifth grades at
Brookside Schools in
Cranbrook Schools in
Bloomfield Hills from 19701990

Bloomteid Hills from 1970-1999. Cooper held specialist posi-tions in grades first through sixth — math, reading, art, and visual studies media. She co-chaired the district-wide Empty Bowls Hunger Paliof Perniect.

wide Empty Bowls Hunger Relief Project.
From 1990-1991 Cooper did doctoral research at Wayne State University on school improvement planning and designed an assessment pro-gram for school improvement plans. She was a conference planner for the U. N. Convention on the Rights of the Child.

the Child.
Cooper participated in the
Fulbright Teacher Exchange
Program, U.S. Information
Agency, U.S. Department of
State. She was an exchange
teacher at Upminster Junior
School, Essex, England from
1939-1930. 1999-1990.

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Public Schools from 1969-1970 and the National Teacher Corps; grades K - 6 in Pontiac from 1967-69. 
Ther awards include the Rainbow Recognition Award from the Farmington Farmington Farmington Hills Multicultural Multiracial Community Council; research grant for Mathematics and Gender, was named an Outstanding Elementary Teacher, received the WIR Spirit of Achievement Award and participated in several Michigan art exhibitions. Her community involvement is with McMR, Imagine/Bender, Art & Community Action and the West Oaks Civitan.

She holds three degrees from Wayne State University; a doctorate of education in administration and curriculum, a Master of Arts in teaching instructional Technology and a Bachelor of Arts in Art and Social Sciences.

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### **Marshmallow Drop** kicks off Easter break

The 19th Annual Great Marshmallow Drop at Westland's Nankin Mills drew a giant crowd Friday morning, despite looming cloudy skies, Parents from across Wayne

Parents from across Wayne County and even some from neighboring Oakland County brought their children to see 20,000 marshmallows fall like fluffy, sweet snowflakes from a helicopter high above the park. Children waved at the police officials and came up to pet the horses that accompanied them. Then, families headed to the pavilion to trade in marshmallows for a handful of goodles a chocolate bunny, marshmallow Feeps and an Easter pin-wheel.

"I ran and I ran," said Dillon Hess, a 4-year-old from Farmington Hills. 1 liked it when we ran fast."

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He was carrying a baseball hat full of marshmallows as his 2-year-old sister Gina smiled

and not maissimations be as a conand stood nearby.

Randy Schroeder, a musician who lives in Redford, brought is 2-year-old daughter Bailey Ann. She was all smiles after gathering her marshmallows. The event is divided by age, so all children have an opportunity to collect the chevy treats.

'I think this is so cool,' Schroeder said. 'I think she lilled it. I wish we could get this many people out for a benefit show.' Wayne County Sheriff's Corp. Brian Ferris estimated the crowd was much larger than last year's group of 2,500.

'It's something to do with the kids,' said Jennifer Bouth of Canton. 'My stepson is from of Canton. 'My stepson is from

of Canton. 'My stepson is from England. This is the first time



Dana lies, 5, of Farmington Hills pass-es the time before the Marshmallow Drop with some coloring at one of the activity stations provided for the kids.

he's ever done anything like this."

Redford's Cheryl Caskey found out about the found out about the Marshmallow Drop by reading the Observer and decided to bring family and friends along. We came to Mud Day, so I was kind of looking for it, she said. I think it's wonderful." The children scurried around, tempted and trying not to eat the dirt-speckled fluff treats.

around, tempted and trying not to eat the dirt-speckled fluffy treats.
Five-year-old Lainie
Lindgren, of Livonia, grabbed only one marshmallow from the field. She said the best part was watching them full.
Her friend Alexis McDonald, a 5 year-old from Redford, loved it when we heard the helicopter and knew the marshmallows were coming. The raindrups watted until most of the families had already gathered their marshmallows from the field.
We put in a special order for that, said Ferris. He's worked at the Marshmallow Drop for a few years and never three of seeing all the families.
I hove the kiels, said Ferris.
That's the best, They get to see us as good guys.

## asset in fight for survival BY PAUL R. PACE STAFF WRITER

**Youth Assistance offers** 

Charter becomes an

While William Tyndale
College in Farmington Hills
teeters on the brink of closure,
few people know a college has
a right to offer degrees and its
charter holds value.
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claid who would only speak on
the condition of anonymity
said a college or university has
"articles of corporation" with
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said a college or university has "articles of corporation" with the state. A college can sell or give these articles to another col-lege, in or out of state. In Tyndale's case, selling its articles to another institution would save a new college from having to petition the state to offer degrees that Tyndale is already allowed to offer stu-dents. The source declined to say

dents.

The source declined to say how high a bid could go in Tyndale's case.

In nearby Walsh Business College, Vice President John

Farmington Youth

Assistance amountees the opening of its Summer Activities Center, which runs from Mondry June 23 through Friday, Aug. 6. The drop-in center, housed in William Grace Elementary School, 29040 Shiawassec, serves youth ages 6-12, from 9:30 s.m.-5:30 m.Monday through Friday. The center will also offer field trips to such attractions as

field trips to such attractions as the Waterford Oaks Wave Pool,

COSI Science Center, Tiger Stadium, Toledo Zoo,

Young of Farmington Hills said competition in higher education has become national in scope for both profit and non-profit institutions.

A college's charter or articles becomes an asset, he said.
The competition can be good for consumers in the form of greater choices, but it also forces the institutions into a wider range of facties to protect their market share, he said.

In the meantime, Tyndale Micials say they are still in a officials say they are still in a holding pattern while the board of directors entertains offers and options from other

offers and options from other schools.

The board ordered the school to close after May graduation unless a merger could be arraigned.

Officials have said they would only merge with another chool that supports Tyndales Christian-based teachings.

# For fees and mights of play call (248) 473-1800. EP Poterrid Road Raily Brigh the whole family and enjoy a right of fun and adventure 47:30 pm Salurday, May ID. Each team of 3-6 members will take off in their vehicle to search for wild and crazy predeter mined liters to photograph. After the photo portion teams will CAMPUS PIPELINE

summer activities center Whirlyball, Greenfield Village/IMAX Theater, Zap Zone and more. The Center Director will

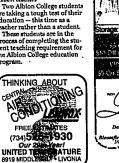
The Center Director will offer a variety of special activities, in addition to standard offerings, which include video games, basketball, billiards and food nights.

There is a \$75 registration fee which covers a summer teashirt, lunch every Thursday, and use of the center for the whole summer.

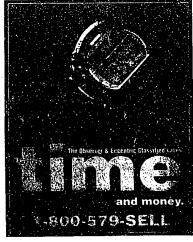
For more information or to obtain a registration packet, call (248) 489-3434.

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Drew Mokris, a 2002 gmduate of Farmington High School,
and son of Lynda and Mark
Mokris of Farmington Hills,
Mokris of Farmington Hills,
has been placed on the dean's
honor list for the fall term 2002
at the University of Michigan,
School of Engineering.
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School of Engineering.
Student teachers
Two Abloin College students
are taking a tough test of their
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