

# Town's cheerleader leaves to broaden horizons

By LOUISE OKRUTSKY

After 17-years of being part of the community, Ed Balden is resigning as manager of the Downtown Farmington Center.

He will begin work Monday in partnership with his brother Ken. "I thought they'd bury me in the fountain," said Balden in his characteristic jovial manner of his long stay in Farmington.

Balden, who lives in Livonia, is known for his participation in Farmington community activities such as the Farmington Community Band.

"I'm proud of the community band," Balden said. "It gives students a way to get exposed to the public. These young people have gone on to become teachers and soloists."

Balden has served as director of the community band, president of the chamber of commerce, president of the Exchange Club, and Farmington Festival committee. He has been a member of the Farmington Beautification Committee.

But Balden's contributions to the city sometimes went beyond the pale of chairmanships and luncheons.

Four years ago, he was appalled to read about the death of a man in a head-on collision on Eight Mile near Farmington Road. The man had been avoiding a chukhole on the crumbling pavement of Eight Mile.

THE MAN was on his way home after picking up the tuxedo he was to wear to his daughter's wedding the next day. "I thought, how would that girl feel. It hit home. That lousy street was held up for more than two years for money," Balden said.

He began taking state senators, local officials, road officials and newspaper editors to lunch at the Village Pump bar on the deteriorated Eight Mile stretch.

"I would say, look at how bad this road is here. One lousy mile was skipped in the most trafficked area of the Farmington industrial section."

The road was resurfaced ahead of

the two years officials once told the city it had to wait for the project.

But for Balden, whose own daughter Karen will be married in April, the story still hits home.

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WHILE BEGINNING that there are some who won't get involved in the community, Balden has sandwiched his activism in Farmington between his duties in the center.

On at least one occasion he admits to changing into work clothes and cleaning out the center's fountain.



A typical scene in the life of Ed Balden was this time as he made to the community. Balden (center in light-colored, short-sleeved shirt) takes pride in the civic contributions he made to the community.

His involvement in community life extends to his own town of Livonia. He has worked on several political campaigns.

"I've been doing what I like to

## Obituaries

PATRICIA J. CROSSMEYER

Mrs. Crossmeyer, 38, of Canton, died on Sept. 7, in University Hospital, Ann Arbor.

She was a librarian at Farmington High School for 12 years. She was a member of Our Lady of Sorrows Roman Catholic Church, Farmington, the Michigan Education Association, the National Education Association and the National High School Librarian Association.

She was department chairman of libraries for the Farmington School District. Ms. Crossmeyer graduated from Plymouth High School in 1959 and from Eastern Michigan University in 1963.

Survivors include: parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chixby of Canton; daughter, Barbara Ann, of Farmington Hills; brother, William Clixby of Ohio; sister, Mrs. Judith Cannon of Ypsilanti and grandmother, Mrs. Annie Avey of Canton.

Services were conducted on Sept. 11 at Schrader Funeral Home in Plymouth. Rev. Ken Cronin of Our Lady of Sorrows Roman Catholic Church, Farmington, officiated. Burial was in Sheldon Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Michigan Cancer Association.

VIOLET MICHELL

Mrs. Michell, 80, died on Sept. 8, 1979 in her Southfield home.

A native of Cornwall, England, she was a homemaker.

Survivors include: daughters, Mrs. Majorie Damitz, of Southfield, La.; Violet McGowan of New Orleans, La.; son, William N. of Wixom; sisters, Mrs. Rebecca Seymour, Mrs. Janie James, Mrs. Fan Bond, all of Cornwall, England; brother, Charles Stevens of Arizona; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted on Sept. 11 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, by Rev. J. Kenneth Hoffmester. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery.

MARY KOPPINGER

Mrs. Koppinger, 76, of Farmington died on Sept. 9 in Sinai Hospital, Detroit.

Survivors include: daughter, Mrs. Mary Pastula; son, Matt; sister, Mrs. Katherine Hinding; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted on Sept. 12 at Thayer Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, and at Our Lady of Sorrows Roman Catholic Church. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

## Program runs through December

# Troubled youths are topic of seminar

Troubled youth will be the topic of discussion in a series of seminars at William Grace School beginning Sept. 18.

The program is sponsored by Oakland University and the Farmington Youth Advocacy Teachers Corps. The public is welcome to attend. The school is at 29040 Shawwassee, and all programs run from 4:30-7:30 p.m.

The first program will feature Judge Mary Conway Kohler, director of the

National Commission on Resources for Youth. Her topic will be "Problems of Youth and what it means to be a Youth Advocate."

On Sept. 25, the topic will be "Agency Responses to Disruptive and Troubled Youth."

Speakers will be Mary Anne Melican, director of social services for St. Vincent and Sarah Frier Home, James Patton, Farmington Advisory Council; Sgt. Richard Murphy, Farmington Hills

Police; and Jack McElroy, of Boys' Republic.

The Oct. 2 program will be "Institutional Response to Disruptive and Troubled Youth."

Farmington School District Superintendent Lew Schulman will join officials from the state Department of Education and Oakland County Courts.

The Oct. 9 program will feature Dr. William Hazard, professor and associate dean of Northwestern University, speaking on law and the troubled youth.

"Back to Basics and the Humanities" will be the discussion topic on Oct. 16. Speaking will be Dr. Wilma Smith, professor at the University of Pittsburgh and Shirley Genter, program director of the Urban Gateways School.

On Oct. 23, "Peer Tutoring: An Intervention Strategy" will be the topic. Speaking will be Muesette El-Mohammed of the City University of New York.

"Education that is Multi Cultural" will be the Oct. 30 topic. Speaker will be Dr. Carl Grant, an associate professor at the University of Wisconsin.

On Nov. 6, Dr. Egon Guba will speak on teacher effectiveness and job satisfaction. He is a professor from the University of Indiana.

"Society and Youth Today" will be the topic addressed by Dr. Henrietta Schwartz on Nov. 13. She is a dean at Roosevelt University.

Nov. 20 will feature Dr. William Mehrt, associate professor at the University of Maine. He will speak on the caring teacher.

Dr. Pete Mesa will speak on "Efficacy for Teachers, Students and Community" on Nov. 27. He is superintendent of the Milpitas Unified School District in California.

On Dec. 4, Dr. Jacqueline Lougheed will speak on "Student Initiation: An Intervention Strategy in Youth Advocacy." She is director of the Oakland University-Farmington Schools Teacher Corps Project.

Dec. 11 will address alternative education programs in youth advocacy. Speaking will be Vivienne Wilman, executive secretary of Teachers Corps, from Arizona State University.

## League begins new programs

The League of Women Voters of Farmington-West Bloomfield begins its new season with a continental breakfast and general membership meeting on Sept. 19, at 9 a.m. at the Drake House in West Bloomfield.

The Drake House is at the corner of

Drake and Maple.

The discussion will be led by League member Barb Worthen, local economist and creator of "Michigan Money Game," a device which helps explain intergovernmental fiscal procedure.

# THE INSIDE \* ANGLE

By LOUISE OKRUTSKY

EVEN THOUGH you may think the current crop of television shows aren't that hot, Sears is afraid that some of its television sets might be. The department store in cooperation with the Consumer Product Safety Commission is conducting a voluntary repair program to correct a potential fire problem in 21,000 of its 19-inch portable color television sets. The sets were sold from 1973-75. Sears says they contain an electrical resistor which may overheat, resulting in a fire that could spread to other combustible materials. Sears has received reports of five fires in the TV sets from consumers. No injuries were involved in those cases. The sets retailed for about \$490.

They can be identified by one of the following model numbers which are located on the back of the cabinet: 564.41990300; 564.41991300; 564.41991301; 564.41991302; 564.41991303. No other TV sets are involved in the recall. Owners of the sets with these model numbers should contact their local Sears store or service to arrange for repairs. There will be no charge to the owner.

SPAKING OF HOT items, Angles figures it's a safe bet that Farmington Hills Council member Jody Soronen is happy she has two more years left on her term and can stay out of the coming political battle. Husband Rusty is in another sort of fray though.

In the middle of coaching Little League football, Soronen discovered the truth in the saying, "The bigger they are, the harder they fall." Seems he was teaching a player how to receive a hike from a center when the play went awry. Soronen's badge of gridiron martyrdom is a ravaged fingernail. Angles has heard he's ever so much better at golf.

SENIORS CAN GET their flu shots this year from 10 a.m. - noon Oct. 23 at the Gathering Place in Mercy Center, 11 Mile near Middle Belt. The free flu shots are sponsored by the Oakland Community Health Division and are offered to persons over 55. This year's program will be similar to last year's and will include the following injections: A/USSR, A/Texas and B/Hong Kong.

"ARE YOU SURE you're eating well?" is a question asked by every mother. To make sure you can give a definitive answer next time mom wants to know, the Lutheran Christian Women of Antioch are sponsoring a program featuring nutritionist Barbara Justice at 7:30 p.m., Sept. 26, in Antioch Lutheran Church on Farmington Road and 13 Mile. The program is free but guests will be asked to donate to World Hunger, an organization concerned with alleviating malnutrition and starvation.

IT'S A BIRD, it's a plane. No, it's the Great Inflation Fighter. You can tell by the giant "I" on her T-shirt that she's the real Inflation fighting McCoy. The United Methodist Women named their

rummage sale after her. The sale will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sept. 28-29 in Nardin Park Methodist Church, 19887 Eleven Mile, Farmington Hills. (If you're lucky, you might even be able to get the Great Inflation Fighter's autograph.)

THE PRESIDENT of Sholem Aleichem Institute announces the next holiday assemblies will be conducted at the Labor Zionist Institute, 28666 Middlebelt, north of 12 Mile in Farmington Hills. Assemblies will take place on Sept. 22, Rosh Hashanah, at 10 a.m.; Sept. 30, Kol Nidre, at 8 p.m.; and Oct. 1, Yom Kippur at 10 a.m. The Sholem Aleichem Institute holiday assemblies utilize specially prepared mahzorim containing material culled from old and new Jewish sources, Hebrew and Yiddish prose and poetry. The emphasis is on a humanistic approach to man's relationship to his fellow man. An invitation is extended to all. For further information, call the Institute at 626-9565. No ticket required for the assemblies.

SPANISH CLASSES will be offered at the Farmington Branch Library for elementary children who want to learn introductory Spanish. Children from kindergarten to third grade may attend the sessions from 10 a.m.-11 a.m. on Saturdays from Oct. 20 to Dec. 1. There will be no class on Nov. 10. Grades fourth through sixth can attend classes from 11 a.m.-noon on Saturdays from Oct. 20 to Dec. 1. Spanish classes will be taught by Charmaine Ragusa. Registration for these classes begins from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Sept. 21 in person at the Farmington library on Liberty. Phone and walk in registration is accepted thereafter. Call 477-7770 to register.

For those who prefer Italian language and culture classes, the Farmington Hills branch on 12 Mile will offer these on Saturdays from Oct. 6 to Nov. 10. Grades kindergarten through third may attend from 10 a.m.-11 a.m., while fourth through sixth grade classes may attend from 11 a.m.-noon. Classes will be taught by Rosalba Coppola. Registration is required for these classes. Beginning from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. in person on Sept. 1 at the Hills library. Walk-in and phone registration can be accomplished after that. Call 553-0500 to reach the Farmington Hills branch library. (Remember two tongues are better than one.)

THOSE DARING young men on their bicycles need some safety instruction, according to the Farmington Area Jaycees. Those daring young women on their bicycles need some safety instruction as well. And the Back to School Awareness program sponsored by the Jaycees is out to provide that knowledge.

At Farmington area supermarkets, libraries and police departments the Jaycees will have a supply of auto trash bags and bumper stickers for the young bicyclists' parents and older friends. The youngsters can get a copy of Tips for Safe Biking and bicyclist ID cards.



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