

Farmington candidates spell out issues

Helen Ditzhazy

Education is Helen Ditzhazy's forte. She is an administrative assistant for curriculum and instruction in the Novi Community School District and she teaches school finance, educational organization and administration at Eastern Michigan University.

Because of that background, she wants to pass on some of her expertise by becoming a member of the Farmington Board of Education.

The June 8 election will be her first try for public office.

"Three times in the last 16 years I have been asked to run," she says. "But

I had other commitments at the time. Now I've wound a number of those things up."

Like many, she was under the impression the incumbents weren't going to seek re-election this time around. Also, like many, she was wrong. But she has stuck with the campaign.

"I've gone door to door and found a lot of support," she says. And although she doesn't object to the way the board presently is being run, she does believe

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Emma Makinen

Although Emma Makinen has been a Farmington Board of Education trustee for eight years, she said she prefers to give credit to teamwork among trustees for what she sees as progress in the district rather than her record of experience.

Mrs. Makinen is seeking a third term during the June 8 election.

In a letter to district voters she relates her feelings.

"I believe the Board of Education, of which I am one member, has done an excellent job of providing education for the children of the district in a cost-effective manner," she said.

"It has established policies and provided direction in the management of finances and business of the district which has been wise and prudent."

"The board has continued to reduce the bonded indebtedness rate and, last year, reduced the voted millage rate by three mills."

Mrs. Makinen said she would like to

continue to be part of this leadership team.

A graduate of Central Michigan University, she is a former high-school and elementary-school teacher. She is vice president and secretary of the Farmington Area Advisory Council, an education representative to the American Association of University Women and board representative to Oakland Schools.

"EXPERIENCE TELLS ME you don't do it by yourself, that things don't happen overnight," she said about her experience on the board.

Mrs. Makinen said she is proud of her, and the board's, track record.

"During the past four years the board has improved the intellectually gifted program, begun a K-12 computer program, developed a meaningful sex-education program according to state guidelines and this year provided an outdoor-educational experience for all fifth-graders," she said.

Among her goals are to utilize



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schools as centers for learning and activity for all community residents; continued support of policies which provide girls and boys an equally wide range of career training and course options and equal opportunities in athletics.

Dick Wallace

Some school board trustees will draw from public life when their children graduate from the school system. But incumbent Farmington school board Trustee Richard Wallace, at the urging of friends and neighbors, has decided to stick around for another term.

Wallace, 55, is one of two incumbents seeking re-election during the June 8 election, which has been prefaced by low-key campaigning.

"Originally, I thought it might be someone else's turn. I had paid my dues. But friends and neighbors convinced me there was a spot for a person on the board without kids in school," he said, saying that only about a third of the families in the district now have children in public schools.

A vice president at National Bank of Detroit, Wallace believes his business experience stands him in good stead among voters who, he believes, want a board member with an financial background.

"I'm the only one on the board who has this kind of business experience. It has been helpful," he says.

Completing his first four-year term, Wallace has been a school district resident for 21 years. He has served as a

member of the declining enrollment task force and he co-chaired the "Kids Count" millage committee in 1975.

He also is past president of the Oakland Citizens League and is a director of the Municipal Advisory Council of Michigan and the Civic Searchlight of Detroit.

"WALLACE ALSO is a type of person who likes to see projects through to the end. Improving the use of test results among students is one of those projects he wants to see through to its logical conclusion," he says, citing this as another reason for seeking a second term.

"For many years, we didn't use testing as a quality control technique," he said, noting that the situation had improved in recent years.

The district now has a person coordinating testing results.

In previous years, he noted, a student could move from one school building within the district to another and the relevance of his test results would be lost.

"They came to the school with less than perfect records being passed on. They used different test forms in the separate schools," he says.

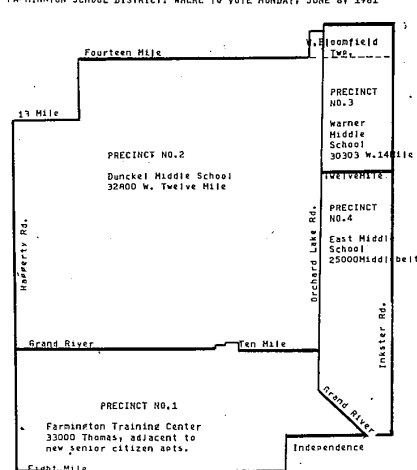
This particularly became a problem when the district was forced to close schools because of declining enrollment.

The district, he says, should use testing as a tool to direct learning rather than as a periodical guide.



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FARMINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT: WHERE TO VOTE MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1981



INSIDE ANGLES

THE TORNADO warning system will be tested Saturday, June 6, at 1:15 p.m.

So don't panic when you hear the single three-minute siren blast. Nine tornado sirens have been installed in Farmington Hills and two in Farmington as part of the Oakland County warning system.

All sirens are expected to be in working order for the drill except for one installed on Halsted between Eight and Nine Mile.

HOMES FOR FRENCH high school students are desperately needed by the North Atlantic Cultural Exchange League.

Forty homes are needed by July to house the incoming batch of exchange students.

If you have room, call Evelyn Prince at 626-6641.

GOODBYE, ALAMEDA. A party to celebrate the closing of Alameda elementary school, on Power between 10 and 11 Mile, is planned for 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, June 12.

Former students, staff, parents and other interested persons are invited to attend this farewell bid.

THE LAST ROUND-UP. Gill elementary school PTA's annual fair, is planned for 6-9 p.m. Friday, June 5, at the school, 21195 Gill.

This year's theme goes western featuring games, refreshments and entertainment. Special attractions include a cake walk, thumb prints and silhouettes, a bubble gum contest and fingerprint mug shots. Admission is free.

GET INTO SWIMMING this summer at Our Lady of Mercy High School. Registration for all swim sessions is 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 6, at the pool entrance of the school (enter the first gate on the north side of 11 Mile, east of Middlebelt). Fee is \$30 for 10 lessons (one session). There are classes for beginners and advanced students. Students taking lessons are admitted free to open swimming on their lesson days.

THE SECOND EDITION, a resale shop in the Farmington Community Center, will begin its summer schedule June 15.

For the last two weeks of June and all of July, the shop will be open 10 a.m. to noon, Tuesdays and Thursdays. During August and September, shop hours are 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays only.

The community center is on Farmington Road north of 10 Mile.

lunch to recognize members of the center's guild of volunteers is set for Thursday, June 11.

Since the formation of the guild last year, many volunteers have answered the call for assistance to help with a myriad of tasks.

NANCY STARR has won a \$1,000 student life scholarship to attend Oakland University for 1981-82.

Starr is a graduate of North Farmington High School. The scholarship is renewable for four years. The awards are based on academic average and on contributions to campus and community activities.

School officials say the awards build a leadership group in the residence halls that helps promote student life and activities at the university.

CALLING POTENTIAL Miss Farmingtons, the deadline to enter the 8th annual Miss Farmington Scholarship Pageant is Friday, June 5.

If you're interested in being Miss Farmington 1981, winning a \$1,000 scholarship, and competing in the Miss Michigan or even Miss America Scholarship pageants, get in your application.

The pageant is scheduled for Wednesday, July 22, as part of the Farmington Founders Festival.

It's open to women 17-28 years old, who have been residents of Farmington or Farmington Hills since January 1981, and have never been married.

Entry forms are available from the Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce, 23715 Farmington Road at Grand River (in the Masonic Temple).

INFANT LOVESEATS are needed by the Farmington Jayettes for its infant seat rental program.

The Jayettes have 40 car seats that are in constant rotation. For the past five years, A.C. Delco and General Motors have always repaired or replaced the broken seats free but are no longer handling loveseats.

The Jayettes are asking local car dealerships for a special purchase price for new seats and the community for donations.

If you can donate a loveseat, call Bette LeBlanc at 478-3185.

GIRLS FROM the Farmington Gymnastic Center excelled in a recent five-team, two-day meet in Ann Arbor. Kristen Tomlie of Farmington Hills was fourth all around with a first place in the floor exercise and sixth in vault and beam. In the 12-14 age group, Tracy Solomon of Farmington Hills was fifth in the floor exercise.

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