

O&E names editor for special projects

Marie McGee has been named assistant managing editor for special projects at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

McGee replaces Martha Lofstrom who resigned for employment in New Hampshire.

In her new post, McGee will be in charge of the creative living sections, entertainment pages and all special publications for the 12 editions of the Observer & Eccentric.

"McGee brings to the management team a wealth of experience and ideas which will aid in keeping our newspapers tops among suburban publications around the country," said Observer & Eccentric

managing editor Steve Barnaby. "She is a veteran who truly understands the needs of our suburban audience."

An 18-year employee of the O&E, McGee was formerly editor of the suburban life sections in Livonia, Redford Township, Westland and Garden City. Before that she was a news and feature reporter and edited several special sections.

McGee was named O&E Journalist of the Year in 1985. She won three second place awards for lifestyle sections in 1985 from the National Newspaper Association, Suburban Newspaper Association and the Michigan Press Association.

She has a bachelor's degree in Journalism from the University of Toledo. A Livonia resident, McGee is the mother of five children.

She is a member of the Livonia Arts Commission and on the board of directors of the Livonia Cultural League.



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3 nominated for SEMTA

Officials from various Oakland County communities last Tuesday nominated three persons as possible members of the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority governing board, which operates public transportation in the metropolitan area.

Nominated were: retired county public works director R.J. Alexander, Bloomfield Hills city manager Robert Stadler and Highland Township supervisor Thomas Dunleavy.

June will pick a SEMTA board member from the three. Alexander, who has been active in SEMCOG and SEMTA planning is the favorite.

Only 16 of the 61 communities in Oakland County sent representatives to the meeting in Bloomfield Township.

Many officials believe there is a lack of interest in an agency facing reorganization by the state Legislature, massive federal aid cuts and public derision over the downtown People Mover construction.

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