

Stone is dedicated in educator's memory

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Abid Memorial Flag Raising Ceremony after students raised more than \$1,800 to purchase the flagpole, flag, bronze plaque for a memorial stone and landscaping around the area.

ABID, WHO WAS 60, died last November after an illness of several months.

Members of the Abid family were present June 15 to be honored with a man they remember as a loving father, grandfather and husband.

Beth Baillie recalled Abid's special

love of day lilies, Garfield the cat and flagpoles.

"He wanted a flagpole so desperately, it was most appropriate the children should get one," said Baillie, who was acting principal at Giff during Abid's illness.

PTA board members did landscaping work around the flagpole island. The district's maintenance crews mounted the Abid plaque on the rock and installed a bench. Cub Scout Keith Sudheimer, safety patrolman Sean Noble, Girl Scout Erin Malloy and Brownie Sarah Redick comprised the honor guard that raised the school's first flag at the ceremony.

MONEY COLLECTED for the memorial came from cash donations and the sale of cupcakes, brownies, popcorn, used books, bookmarks, valentine cards, balloons, finger Jell-O and bottle collections by the students. The school also performed a play.

Superintendent Graham Lewis said his visits with the former Giff principal were uplifting.

"He was truly a friend to everyone," Lewis said. "When I was feeling down sometimes, I would come to this school and his office . . . and I would always feel better." Giff's new principal, Michael Duff, gave a touching tribute to a

man whose shoes he filled this year.

"I may be the only person here who's never met Nick," Duff said. "But I knew him by his deeds. Every day was filled with accomplishments . . . and crowned with success."

"His real mission was helping others. A part of him lives on in everyone he touched."

SUE ZDYRSKI, PTA president for 1986-87, said, "His concern was always for the children."

Abid lived with his family in Farmington for 25 years. He was

the principal at three Farmington elementary schools during his 30 years of service, including Giff, William Grace and the former Highmeadow Elementary.

Abid was born in 1926 in Grand Rapids. He began his career as elementary teacher in the Warren school district, moving to a principalship at Clarenceville schools before joining Farmington.

He was instrumental in forming the Student Emergency Fund and was involved with the school district's flouride program for children.



Nick Abid

Trustees to vote on new pact with teachers

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"I'm a little upset," Prutow told the union leader, who spoke during the public comment portion of the board meeting. "We aren't trying to be hard-hearted against you. I'm very distressed."

Prutow called Chrzanoski's comments "out of line." Chrzanoski said if the contract is not ratified tomorrow, he "would be bitterly disappointed and the membership would be incensed."

Proposed salary changes would give teachers an across-the-board 7 percent raise during the second year of the contract, and at least 7 percent during the first year.

Additionally, during the first year, teachers at the top of the bachelor's level would receive a 7.05 percent increase, taking the salary to \$37,100; teachers at the top of the master's level would receive 7.17 percent increase, taking the salary to \$43,200.

TEACHERS WOULD also receive a "longevity" stipend ranging from \$100-\$300 during the first year and \$200-\$600 during the second year for 18 or more years of service to the district. They would also get more money for additional hours of continuing education.

Maximum class sizes would be reduced from 31 to 30 in grades 7-12 during the contract's first year, and would be reduced, by one child,

across all grade levels in the contract's second year.

In the second year, kindergarten through third grade classes would have a maximum of 28, grades 4-6 a maximum of 27 and grades 7-12 a

maximum of 29.

The proposed contract would also qualify several new positions in the union. It would give the school board the right to fill a position mid-year, or wait until the next school year before

Teachers would also be required to attend two evening parent/teacher conferences per year. This is now an option for the teachers. In the past, there were no high school conferences.

"All teachers will be expected to be there," the union president said.

THE PROPOSED school calendar would start Farmington students before

Labor Day, which is also new for the district.

"You like to come out win/win," Chrzanoski said. "Obviously, our people are pleased and I would hope the board is, too."

Request to leave mental hospital denied

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"The consensus in the psychiatric field is that when comparing mental illness with character disorder, you are comparing apples and oranges," Otlewski said. "He (Portus) feels he is not mentally ill so, therefore, he feels he should not be incarcerated."

STATE STATUTE states that defendants can only be held in a state hospital if they are mentally ill and present a danger to themselves or others, Todd said.

"He's a security risk. He is a danger to other people," Todd said, adding that he was pleased with Campbell's ruling. "He (Portus) recognizes he needs treatment but he says the forensic center is not the proper place to be. He (maintains) he needs a less restrictive place."

Campbell, however, "determined that the proper place for him is the forensic center," Todd said.

Otlewski disputes that Portus is

dangerous. "I personally don't consider Portus to be a dangerous individual on the basis of his behavior," Otlewski said. "His record at the center is completely devoid of criminal behavior."

WHILE AT the forensic center, Portus has been receiving psychophar-

macology. "There are a variety of conditions he suffers," Todd said.

Portus wanted to be transferred to another facility that would provide him with everyday skills that would be required if he is ever discharged, Otlewski said. The attorney also said that Portus has not received actual treatment for his conditions. "He is

on a behavior modification program," Otlewski said, adding that it includes psychotherapy.

"The judge indicated on the record that he felt the forensic center was not providing him not only with vocational training but with any treatment," Otlewski continued. "You have to realize that the end at the

forensic center is the end."

Campbell ordered the forensic center to provide Portus with computer training.

Campbell ordered center officials to report back to the court with Portus' progress in late December 1987, Todd confirmed.

Mercy appoints a human resources VP

Mercy Health Services has named Carol Blair vice president of human resources for Mercy Health Services, one of the nation's largest not-for-profit health care systems in the United States.

Blair will develop and introduce a human resources plan for the entire health system, headquartered in Farmington Hills. She was previously the director of headquarters administration for the Boatrice Co. in

Chicago, a \$13 billion international consumer products corporation.

Blair formerly served as vice president for human resources with the Savin Corp., a manufacturer of photo copier products in Stamford, Conn.

In addition, Blair was director of corporate policy administration and director of headquarters personnel for the Sherwin-Williams Co., a paint manufacturer in Cleveland.

Blair received a bachelor of arts degree in 1974 and a master's of business administration degree in 1976 from Baldwin Wallace College, Berea, Ohio.

Mercy Health Services consists of seven subsidiaries, providing an ar-

ray of health services, including services to the elderly, information systems, management services, philanthropy efforts and a system of 16 hospitals and related facilities in Michigan, Iowa and Indiana.

He likes helping people

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Lindberg was recently one of several students honored by Farmington Youth Assistance for his summer work. He was also honored as one of the top student graduates from the class of 1987 at Harrison, where he carried a 4.0 average.

His favorite summer work camp was at a Navajo reservation on the Arizona/New Mexico border. "We were the first people to do this work for them," he said. "They were very suspicious of us, hiding behind doors. But they were very gracious."

The satisfaction comes from "working with people and to see people's face's change as they change their homes," he said.

LINDBERG ALSO gets satisfaction from the part-time job he holds at Orchard Lighting Center in Farmington Hills, where he does stock work and repairs fixtures.

But after college, he plans to work where his aerospace engineering training takes him — probably to the West Coast where he can do research and development.

Lindberg doesn't envision a career with the National Aeronautics Space Administration, since the government agency has reduced its work force since the Challenger disaster.

"I think we have too much pride to let it (NASA, the space program) dwindle to nothing. I do believe that private industry will take over; I hope I can get involved with that."

BESIDES HIS engineering career, Lindberg still has a special interest in film making, and at one time, seriously considered it as a major. He still plans to take some side classes in it.

Lindberg lives with his parents.

He has one brother, an engineering major at the University of Michigan, and a sister, who will be a sophomore at Harrison this fall.

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