

# Attorney likes action

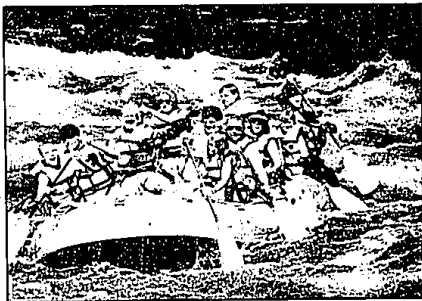
Council candidate Russell Buyers is an attorney on the go. When he's not entangled in litigation or filing legal briefs, Buyers likes to travel. He and his wife, Sue Ellen, have visited England, Australia and New Zealand.

The couple's most recent discovery is whitewater rafting. They've just returned from a rocky ride on the Colorado River. They also rode the turbulent waters of the Flathead River in Montana.

"I'm the kind of nut who loves roller coasters, too," Buyers said.

The Buyerses also went to San Francisco and traveled south for 11 days on Highway 1 to San Diego.

There's another trip in the future in the Buyers itinerary — Edinburgh, Scotland. Buyers has traced his family ancestry and found that William James Buyers I, the Earl of Lindsey, was Lord



Riding the waves: Farmington City Council candidate Russell Buyers and his wife, Sue Ellen, ride the rapids on the Flathead River in Montana.

Provost of Edinburgh in the 1700s.

"We were going to go there this summer, but we were so busy with weddings and graduations," Buyers said. "We'll probably go there next summer."

In his genealogical research, Buyers also found the family name was spelled Byres.

"But they changed it at Ellis Island," he said. "They spelled it phonetically."

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an upstart campaign. A citizen scorned takes his case to the people in the form of being an elected representative.

In other words, a person who has an ax to grind.

Buyers said sarcasm isn't fueling his aspirations for city office. Rather, it's a desire to serve the public.

He recalls being asked to serve on the Pinewood Condominiums board of directors. He refused initially.

Then, on a fund-raising effort for the Heart Association, Buyers had the chance to meet a few of the residents.

"They were so kind and so polite," said Buyers, who has lived in Pinewoods for 14 years. "I thought maybe I made a mistake."

From a condominium board, Buyers has set his sights on a city council seat. He calls it payback time, a way of returning a favor to a community that has supported him as an attorney.

Buyers said he's not in agree-

ment with the city on a number of issues.

He questions such things as the city's desire to maintain some roads instead of the county. He bristles at the Downtown Development Authority's tentative idea of replacing lost property-tax money with a special assessment on business owners.

"I wonder how much access the general public has (with city officials)," Buyers said. "I'm not sure they have much."

With that statement comes a pledge. If elected, Buyers said he'll allocate time on a weekly or monthly basis to listen to residents' concerns.

They can just visit his Grand River office. "I'm here and it won't cost me anything," Buyers said. "I can be their pipeline to the inner circle, so to speak."

They can share opinions with him. He's already formed a few of his own.

If legal, Buyers said tax abatements should be considered for

some businesses downtown. He thinks lower taxes will lower rents, thus attracting more commerce downtown.

"I protested my tax assessment when it came through," Buyers said. "Behind me was (Civic Theatre owner) Greg Hohner. He put on a wonderful presentation and told them of small towns where they have closed the theater and see the deterioration because of that."

"I feel that theater is the hub of downtown. We can't afford to lose that theater."

He hasn't noticed a parking problem downtown, but added he and his wife, Sue Ellen, usually walk downtown from their Pinewoods residence.

The Detroit native has been practicing law for 28 years. He's a graduate of Detroit Redford High and has his degree from the Detroit College of Law.

"I have never won a lawsuit or mediation by arguing with people," he said. "You win by winning people over to your side."

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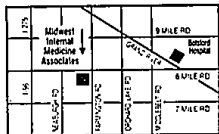


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YMCA  
28100 Farmington Road

Each year, during October's National Drug and Alcohol Awareness Month, Farmington Families in Action, a local community drug awareness organization, sponsors the RED RIBBON CAMPAIGN.

This campaign originated when Federal Agent Enrique Camarona was murdered by drug traffickers in Mexico in 1985. The National Federation of Parents for a Drug Free Youth introduced the Red Ribbon which became the symbol to reduce the demand for drugs and as a commitment to become drug-free through education and awareness.

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