

Wearing many hats goes with the job of principal



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Day planning: North Farmington High principal Deborah Clark hosts a staff meeting.

The Farmington school board recently approved a resolution proclaiming Feb. 8-14 as Principal's Week, going along with a statewide celebration.

School board Vice President Cathy Webb applauded the fact that principals both in the district and across Michigan are getting their due.

"Every week ought to be Principal's Week, not just one," Webb said. "They do outstanding service... They wear many, many hats, especially with all that's going on right now in educational reform, new initiatives constantly and buildings being renovated."

"They're just tremendous leaders. Educators and parents rely on them to set a positive tone in the schools."

According to the board resolution, the principal of a school "is recognized as the instructional leader and as the key factor in effective and productive learning in the classroom."

District principals are as follows: Beechview Elementary, Norma Jean Sasse; Engle, Susan Johnson; Flanders, Mary Joyce Reader; Forest, Lloyd Lewis; Gill, Michael Duff; William Grace, Katy Hill; Highmood, Barbara Reams; Hillsdale, Jan Colliton; Kenbrook, Peggy McKinley; Lanigan, Marva Turner; Longacre, Bill Smith; Wood Creek, Berna Ravitz; Wooddale, Lascenia Jones; Dunckel Middle, Pamela O'Malley; East, Eugene Seaborn; Power, Laura Miner; Warner, Darlene Russell; Farmington High, James Myers; Harrison, Rando-



In charge: Flanders principal Mary Joyce Reader handles a call.

Horn; North, Deborah Clark; Alameda Early Childhood Center, Gayle Zimmerer; Cloverdale Developmental Center, Roger Martin; Fairview Early Childhood Center, Mary Lou Samerville; William E. Miller School, Ben Chin.

Hills' Family Buggy snuffs smoking



The Farmington Hills Family Buggy Restaurant on Orchard Lake Road will become the first restaurant in the chain to prohibit smoking completely when it goes smoke-free on Valentine's Day.

Don Payne, president of Family Buggy Restaurants, Inc., cites fewer guests requesting smoking and the growing problem of accommodating the non-smoking areas of the restaurant.

According to Payne, he has wanted to go non-smoking at all his restaurants, but hadn't tried

it for fear of losing too many smoking guests to other restaurants.

"Depending on the effect it has on business at Farmington Hills, we will either expand it to our other restaurants, or stay with the status quo," says Payne. "I would love to see smoking eliminated in all restaurants, but hate to have a government agency force it."

Payne hopes the increased number of non-smokers will make up for the loss of smokers in the restaurant. "We would like to have all our restaurants non-smoking if it is economically feasible," he said.

Understand new tax laws

New changes to the tax code will be discussed at a free semi-

nar at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at the Novi Hilton on Haggerty Road. The program is sponsored by A.G. Edwards & Sons in the Farmington Hills Corporate Center II on Haggerty. Reservations are strongly suggested. Call 380-0331.

Shirt Box celebrates

The Shirt Box is celebrating its first birthday in its new Farmington Hills location throughout the month of February by giving away free monogramming, socks and toiletry bags with each purchase made throughout the entire month. Each Saturday will also feature snacks and refreshments.

Customers can also guess the number of buttons in a jar to win a \$100 certificate.

OBITUARIES

VERA BELLE "BILLIE" CHALL

Vera Belle "Billie" Chall, 88, of Farmington, died Feb. 9 at home.

She is survived by daughter, Colleen (Frank) Fox; granddaughter, Erin Fox; and grandson, Adam Fox.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, at Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. John Maki officiating. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Michigan Humane Society or Salem United Methodist Church.

ROLLAND W. WISKA

Rolland W. Wiska, 61, of Farmington Hills, died Feb. 5 at Sarnai Hospital in Milwaukee, Wis.

He is survived by wife, Charlene; son, Jeffrey (Kimberly); daughter, Jill (Thomas) Blorne; brother, Donald; aunt, Cecelia Rembacki; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Feb. 10 at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Farmington. Arrangements made by Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the American Heart Association of Michigan.

LAURI J. AUKEE

Lauri J. Aukee, 80, died Feb. 6 at his home in Dearborn.

Mr. Aukee worked for Ford Motor Company for 33 years and was a WWII Army Veteran. He was a member of the American Ex Prisoners of War, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Knights of Keleva and the Finnish Center Association.

He is survived by wife, Lillian; sons, John (Mary Kay) and James; daughters, Maria (David) Brunet and Carol Boeckay; grandchildren, Kirsti, Ryan, Kate, John, Peter, Laita and Emelie; brothers, Toivo (Jean), Arvo, Henry (Gladys) and Waino

(Sylvia); and sisters, Anne (Bill) McClellan Henry and Norma Richardson.

Funeral services were held Feb. 9 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Dearborn. Arrangements made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington. Memorial contributions may be sent to St. Paul Lutheran Church or the Finnish Center Association.

MARK ANDERSON

Mark Anderson, 46, died Feb. 4 in Berkeley.

Mr. Anderson was a former employee of Claymore shop and Maxwell of Birmingham.

He is survived by son, Brett. A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Brett Anderson Scholarship Fund, 31166 Country Bluff, Farmington Hills 48331.

Former teacher instructs on 'acts of kindness'

Local motivational speaker Sue Dahlmann will speak about "Random Acts of Kindness" at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday at Church of Today-West at Village Oaks Elementary School in Novi. The newest Unity Church in metropolitan Detroit draws some members of its congregation from Farmington and Farmington Hills, said spokesperson Barbara Marshall.

Dahlmann is a former teacher in the Walled Lake Consolidated School District, which includes a portion of Farmington Hills. The survivor of a

coma sustained in a 1979 car accident, her mission is to inspire people to do nice things for others, for no reason.

Among recent accomplishments, Dahlmann taught a unique teen-adult Dale Carnegie Class in West Bloomfield Township and designed an inspirational course titled "Reaching Higher."

Village Oaks Elementary is located at 23333 Willowbrook Drive, west of Haggerty Road and south of 10 Mile. For more information, call (248) 449-8900.

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