

Farmington Observer OPINION

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Vote Monday

A recap of our endorsements

Depending where you live in Farmington and Farmington Hills, you will cast votes Monday in races in the Farmington, Clarencville, or Walled Lake school districts. Here is a recap of our endorsements:

In the Farmington school election, voters should choose two incumbents, **Linda Enberg** and **Gary Sharp**. Both deserve re-election to the Farmington Board of Education.

Both are years apart in experience and tenure on the board. Enberg is seeking re-election to a second four-year term. Sharp is seeking election to a one-year term, the remaining time in a term left open when Joe Svoko resigned in August 1998.

We must give credit to Enberg who though running unopposed has made the campaign an opportunity to get out and talk with voters.

In the Clarencville race, we recommend that you cast ballots for incumbents **Matthew Boettcher** and **Ronald Siliye**. Each brings something different to the table when it comes to school board issues and each is seeking a second term.

We also urge voters to cast YES ballots in support of Clarencville's "sinking fund" tax proposals. Both will go a long way in helping the district complete more of these sorely needed updates quicker.

One question asks voters to add 1.25 mills onto the existing .75-mill tax; the other question seeks to extend both taxes - a total of 2 mills - until the year 2008.

The sinking fund method of payment means all money goes directly to improvements, not paying interest.

Voters in the Walled Lake Consolidated School District will choose two board members from a slate of three candidates on Monday.

Marc Siegler and **Amy Peterman** deserve their votes.

Siegler is currently the board's secretary. Peterman is a lawyer specializing in juvenile law and child advocacy. She's also a mother of two elementary school students and an avid volunteer. She is chairwoman of an educational advisory committee set up by state Rep. Marc Shulman (R-West Bloomfield).

LETTERS

He's a supporter

As a taxpayer concerned about education in Farmington Hills I strongly support Gary Sharp for re-election to the Farmington School Board. I have known Gary through his volunteer efforts in youth coaching and Cub Scout leadership. Gary has consistently displayed a love for children and a sincere concern for their personal growth.

Gary is not shy about debating the merits of current affairs that affect children and he keeps himself informed in key issues. He has a strong sense of commitment and is a trustworthy representative for the Farmington Hills taxpayers. I will with great respect cast my vote for Gary Sharp during the upcoming school board election and recommend that others do the same.

David Setuola
Farmington Hills

Retain Sharp

We are writing this letter to lend our support to the effort to retain Gary Sharp for school board. Anyone who knows Gary knows that kids come first with him. There are many issues in this election and the candidates have drawn clear distinctions in their positions.

A good public educational system is paramount to our city and to the value of our homes. If you are concerned about public education and our city, then you must vote for Gary Sharp. Let's keep Farmington Public Schools one of the best districts in the state. On June 14 vote Sharp!

Don & Lori Arndt
Farmington Hills

Totally committed

Congratulations to Linda Enberg for deciding to run again for the Farmington School Board. Her understanding of all aspects of school management has enabled her to make positive decisions regarding the needs of students and staff. She is totally committed to improving staff, maintaining high student achievement and providing quality programming in Farmington schools.

Betty Nicolay
Farmington Hills

Abilities appreciated

Gary Sharp is an honest citizen with a great deal of integrity. He has a keen sense of synthesizing information as he works with others to solve difficult problems with effective solutions. We have known Gary and his family for more than a decade and appreciate his ability to see the big picture and

long-range implications of decisions made in the present. We believe in public school education and know that "Tax Credits and Vouchers" would destroy a system that is so essential to maintaining a quality educational program. We know Gary shares this opinion and is committed to equity and excellence in the Farmington Public Schools. Gary Sharp needs to be reelected to the board of education.

Bev and Jim Miller
Farmington Hills

Candidate seemed unsure

As a member of the Michigan Public Education Task Force, I've had the opportunity to learn many of the pitfalls of school vouchers/tuition tax credits that would undermine our very own excellent Farmington public schools.

I can't for the life of me understand how Melody Jasko can support "Universal Tuition Tax Credits" and present herself to our electorate as a proponent of public education. At last Thursday's candidates night, she seemed unsure of what terminology to use in light of the recent absorption of Mackinac Center UTTC by the Western Michigan DeVos' voucher pushers.

Gary Sharp, incumbent candidate for our School Board, is forthright and vehement in his condemnation of both proposals - vouchers and tuition tax credits. Educating all of our public school kids comes first. Our school tax dollars must never be diverted from our goal of providing them the quality education for which our Farmington district is recognized. Let's keep it that way.

Maryse E. Long
Farmington Hills

reflect:
getting in the game takes a little style

University of Michigan Coaches

Personal Appearance
Thursday, June 17
Lloyd Carr, Head Football Coach
5 to 7 pm
Brian Ellerbe, Head Basketball Coach
7 to 9 pm
Men's



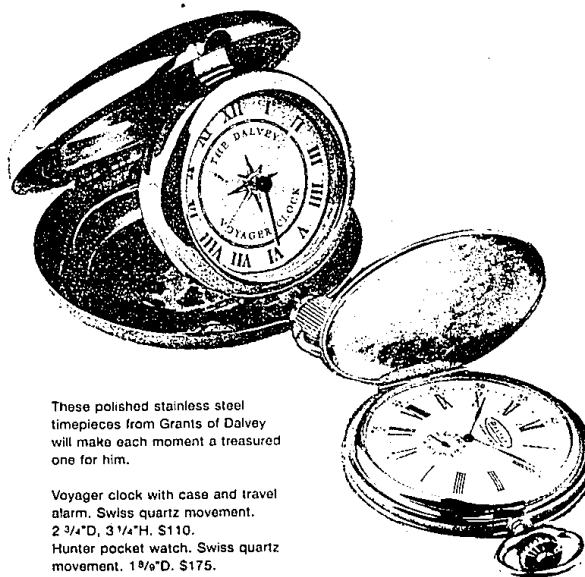
Lloyd Carr, Head Football Coach



Brian Ellerbe, Head Basketball Coach

Come meet two of U of M's top coaches and see the latest in men's clothing from Hart Schaffner & Marx. Representative Jerry Lyskawa will be available to assist you. While you are here, you can register to win two tickets for either a fall 1999 U of M home football game or a winter 2000 U of M home basketball game. No purchase is necessary, and winners will be contacted after the drawing. See you at Jacobson's!

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