

Changing of the guard: Bates succeeds Barnett

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Traffic, kids and senior citizens lead the list of priorities that Farmington Hills Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi would like addressed in the coming year.

"At the top of next year's agenda is to give high priority to making some sense about traf-

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—Hills mayor

fic," Vagnozzi said. "We have

completed a citywide traffic study. Now is the time to start putting the recommendations into effect."

Vagnozzi made his comments following the swearing in of new Mayor Pro Tem Nancy Bates, a longtime councilwoman who was elected to the post at the Nov. 16 meeting. She replaces Vicki Barnett, who completed her term in the No. 2 spot.

Vagnozzi reviewed the past year of city improvements, but concentrated on the future. In addition to carrying out improvements Ok'd through voter-approved taxes for public safety, parks and recreation and library, the mayor called for strengthening senior and youth programs. He also said the city should ensure that the cultural arts have a "rightful place in enhancing the quality of life in Farmington Hills."

The city's youth also drew Vagnozzi's attention. "I propose that we establish a high school student committee, staffed by representatives selected by them, to work with the city in areas affecting their well-being."

Vagnozzi also called on the city council to continue to involve residents in government meetings, especially those that involve development or redevelopment.

The mayor also referred to efforts to involve residents such as enclaving council and planning meetings, establishing Channel 8 as a city channel, neighborhood meetings, and allowing residents to call in with questions during council meetings.

Cleaning up



Chipping in: Wooddale Elementary School parent Noriko Usaba, three of her daughters, and Sue Wolf, chair of the school PTA's buildings and grounds committee, were among those who participated in the fall cleanup.

OBITUARIES

IRENE A. NOVAK

Irene Ann Novak, 78, of Farmington, died Nov. 11.

She is survived by husband, Kenneth; daughters, Karen (Dean) Fritz, Diane (Steve) Downs and Debra Krietsch; sister, Marilyn Mostek; stepbrother, Louis Sequin; sisters, Germaine Shuman and Marjorie Kernott; six grandchildren; and four step-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Nov. 16 at Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. David Bevington officiating.

Memorial contributions can be sent to Angela Hospice.

WILLIAM C. PITCEL

William "Bill" C. Pitcel, 68, of Farmington, died Nov. 13, at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia.

Mr. Pitcel was co-owner and founder of Spartan Machinery in Warren and a U.S. Navy veteran.

He is survived by wife, Jenn; sons, William Scott (Eileen) of Centerline and Leonard (Judith) of Richmond; daughter, Kathy Gmyrak of Grosse Pointe Farms; mother, Florence of Morristown, Wis.; brother, Ronald

of Waukesha, Wis.; sister, Elaine (Philip) Dahl of Madison, Wis.; and 10 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. today, Nov. 19, at Home Funeral Home in St. Louis, Mo., with the Rev. Rolf Olson officiating. Arrangements made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.

Memorial contributions can be sent to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, 1669 Hamilton, Suite 210, Okemos, MI 48864, or Children's Hospital of Michigan, 3901 Beaubien Blvd., Detroit 48201.

Arts and crafts set for Saturday

On Saturday, Nov. 21, the North Farmington High School Band and Orchestra Boosters will present their 8th Annual Winter Arts & Crafts Show from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at North Farmington High School, located at 32900 W. 13 Mile Road.

This year's juried show features over 100 fine artists and

quality craftsmen from the Midwest. Works for sale include painting, pottery, glass, jewelry, wood, clothing, photography and much more.

This is a major fund-raising event for the award-winning instrumental music program at the high school. Proceeds from the art show provide funds for

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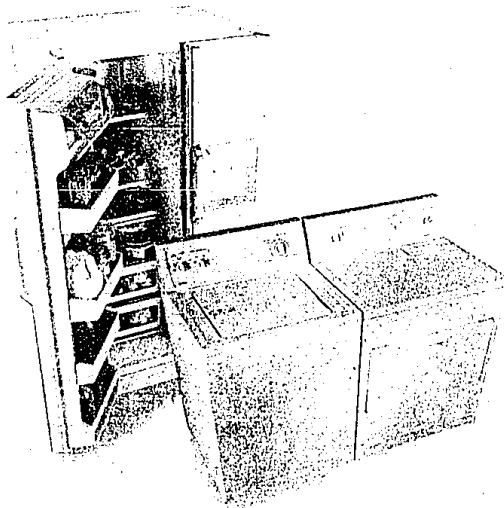
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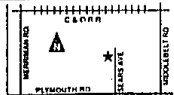
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