

# Gordon Tries For Township Post

By DAN McCOSH

FARMINGTON

"The township has been remiss in not providing youth programs, recreation and other services that are provided by neighboring communities," says Maynard Gordon, running as a Democrat for the Farmington Township Board.

Gordon is running for one of two trustee seats now held by Margaret Schaeffer and Frederick Lichtman. He is editor and publisher of the Automotive Newsletter, vice president of the Farmington District PTA Council, past president of the Oldie Franklin Towne Homeowners Assn., and past president of the Fairview PTA.

He was critical of what he called the "lack of in-

novation," of the present township board.

IN AN INTERVIEW with the Enterprise and Observer, he said the board "sees itself as a housekeeper, bogged down in routine chores. In the last two years they have been spending most of their time squabbling."

He calls himself a "government activist" who "wants to use the tools of government to benefit more people."

Attacking the policy of "minimum service," by which the board has maintained a low tax rate coupled with low level of services, he says, "Minimum service doesn't begin to address itself to the problems we are facing."

AMONG THE problems are

senior citizen housing and recreational facilities. He opposes township-wide garbage collection, which was defeated by the voters, because he said the millage as proposed would cost more for homes with higher assessments.

To fund recreational facilities, he said he would "ask the voters for bonds." Although he feels a city would more readily supply these services than a township, he said, "I don't see why the township can't supply impetus now."

HE ALSO feels the current zoning, particularly on Orchard Lake Rd., has to be re-examined.

"We are loading too much on one road," he said, referring to the designation of most of Orchard Lake as

"commercial" in the township master plan.

He said he would prefer to see more of the development "spread out" along Middle Belt and Farmington Rd. He suggested a "freeze on building" until the "environmental impact" of the development could be examined.

"It's time a new look was taken at the master plan," he said.

He also attacked the "one-party government" that has resulted in Republicans dominating local offices.

"There is a clique in the government, with very little opposition on anything. There is hardly any communication between the supervisor and the clerk."

"Earl Teeples wanted to do things, but he didn't have the cooperation," he said.

## 3 Pledge

Three Farmington coeds at the University of Michigan have pledged the Alpha Gamma chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha social sorority.

They are Rebecca Pierce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pierce, 32306 Baintree; Carolyn Mekjian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mekjian, 31810 Coronet; and Molly Adams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Adams, 30158 Fernhill Drive. All are freshmen.

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## Center Holds Workshops

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Four workshops to help make the coming holidays more decorative and gifts more individualized will begin next month at the Farmington Community Center.

A candlecraft workshop will begin Nov. 6, a workshop on pressed flowers will start Nov.

1 and a workshop on creative needlecraft on Nov. 7. There will be two workshops on pine cone flowers, a daytime class beginning Nov. 3 and an evening session beginning Nov. 7.

The center also announces a new ballet class for children four and five years old who go to morning kindergarten. The

class will be at 2 p.m. on Fridays.

THE CANDLECRAFT shop will teach not only the basics but ideas for unusual and unique candles. Teacher will be Katherine Lemon, a member of the International Guild of Candle Artisans. The class will be in four sessions from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at a cost of \$14, plus materials.

Van Askounes' workshops on pine cone flowers will teach how to make handsome roses, daisies, chrysanthemums and other flowers from unusual pine cones.

They can be added to wreaths, set in baskets or used at the base of candles. The daytime workshop, will be from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. beginning Nov. 3 and the evening sessions from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. starting Nov. 7. The three sessions will cost \$11 plus materials.

Mrs. Askounes' workshop on pressed flower pictures will be from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Wednesdays beginning Nov. 1.

THE THREE classes will cost \$11, plus materials. Students should have some pressed flowers and foliage to bring to class but supplies also will be available for purchase. Handsome trays, place mats and greeting cards can be made with techniques learned in the class.

A class in Creative Needlecraft II will begin Nov. 7 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. for those who took Creative Needlecraft I last year or this fall from Lynn Malpell and Carol Kenyon. The three sessions will cost \$14, plus materials.

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## Pet Shelter Being Built

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Construction has started on the \$450,000 Oakland County branch headquarters for the Michigan Humane Society.

Located on 9.5 acres in Pontiac Township, the 21,000 square-foot building is at 1700 Brown Rd., east of I-75 between Lapeer Highway and Joslyn Rd.

The building will include: space for stray and unwanted pets; a 4,000 square-foot humane education auditorium; a spay clinic; cruelty investigators; adoptable pets; and, a resale shop.

The existing county pound will be closed, and the new shelter in the Humane Society's headquarters will serve many communities, including: Farmington and Southfield townships; and the villages of Quakerstown, Wood Creek Farms, Bingham Farms, and Franklin.

The shelter will be manned by 20 persons, including a veterinarian, a Kindness Center will be surrounded by a treed area developed as a nature trail for the handicapped and a wildlife sanctuary.

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## 5 Receive Degrees

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Five Farmington students completed requirements for degrees from Michigan State University this summer.

Mark J. Calice, 2560 Middle Belt, received a BA in television and radio.

Kirk A. Griffiths, 28360 Kendallwood, finished work for a BA in political science.

Susan B. Lesser, 32955 Briarcrest, completed work for a BA in social science teaching.

Nancy L. Lawrence, 7252 Katrin Drive, completed work on a BS in child development and teaching.

Leith Letcher, 32531 Chesterbrook, completed work on an MA in special education.

## Wood Ceilings

Designers suggest beamed, wood-decked ceilings as an effective way to beautify a room.

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