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Cities check out library merge



The governments of Farmington and Farmington Hills want to continue negotiations for a merged library system with Oakland Community College.

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Farmington and Farmington Hills officials plan to ask Oakland Community College officials to delay a decision on merging the college and community libraries on the Orchard Ridge Campus.

"If you get it tabled, I think you

will be way ahead," said Farmington City Manager Robert Deadman.

The council's planned efforts stem from rumors that at OCC trustees' next meeting at 6 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 22, former Orchard Ridge president Dan Jaksen, now vice chancellor of planning and development, will recommend that the college and

Farmington Community Library cease negotiations for a merged library.

"As far as I know that is the recommendation they will get," said Bob Plummer, library board president.

But that's not the recommendation Farmington area officials want to hear. With a need to expand the cramped 12 Mile branch or build a new facility, they're still interested in the possibility of merging the libraries, especially considering there's a possible \$500,000 savings for the Farmington Community Library's op-

erating costs.

The councils also adopted a resolution urging both the library board and OCC to proceed with efforts to create a joint venture.

Farmington Community Library Director Beverly Papal said that such a venture would serve as a model of governmental cooperation with a potential of attracting new grant money for public-academic services and programs. A joint venture also would benefit library users and OCC students.

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Hands up: Mario Corsetti (left) sits with classmate Jonathan Kershaw in Intermediate Algebra II at North Farmington High School.

Changing times spur learning

Editor's note: This is the second in a series of stories on important changes in public education in the Farmington area.

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including an independent study TV

production class, Japanese II, symphony band, school plays and other activities, Corsetti was finding it tough to stay involved plus fit in his needed academics.

Although Corsetti said his larger load of school classes and activities is "atypical" of the average student, for a student like himself North's educational experiment makes it "conductive to learning an awful lot."

"I thought it was a godsend," he said. "My first year, my friend and I complained that there were only romance languages taught, and they added Japanese. Last year, we complained there wasn't enough

time in the day and they added zero hour.

"It's great."

Changes detailed

The changes at North Farmington include:

- A slight reduction in class time on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday to allow a two-hour time block for staff development on Wednesday morning. Students do not go to school until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday.
- Addition of a "zero hour" on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and

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League leader digs in

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Ben Marks plans to go to some city council meetings — and not just his own — in the coming year.

"I'm going to emphasize I can't do it alone," said Marks, in his ninth year on the Farmington Hills City Council.

That's just one of the plans Marks has as the new president of the Michigan Municipal League, a post to which he was elected during the league's 94th annual convention at Mackinac Island in late September. His primary role as leader of the association is to make the state Legislature take notice, listen and react to the organization that represents 510 cities and villages in Michigan.

"I want the Legislature to know we (MML) represents a force, a constructive, bi-partisan force. I want the Legislature to look at the MML as probably the most important ingredient to their political futures," said Marks, 69.

Though Farmington Hills has been a longtime member of the MML, Marks' dip into the organization began about 3½ years ago when he received an MML bulletin about state Sen. Jack Faxon's controversial day care bill. "In my mind it was a complete circumvention of home rule," Marks said.

That opinion has never changed. He has continued to fight any bills that in the slightest way take away home rule from communities, such as Farmington Hills.

"We weren't against day care. We are against the fact that we don't have a fair opportunity to put local officials' input into their (state Legislature) formula," Marks said. "Who else but the people in the local area

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Hopefuls: Different approaches, same concerns

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Election '92

At the same time, Democrat Walter Briggs said he is not as liberal as people may believe, and could appeal to the conservative voters in the new 11th House Congressional district.

At a face-to-face meeting Monday at the Observer & Eccentric offices in Birmingham, the two candidates stressed their differences, but both agreed the economy was the key issue. The candidates also stressed different political philosophies, but that their goals and concerns are similar.

"There's not a great deal of difference (between Broomfield and Knollenberg)," Knollenberg said. "But I'm not a clone of him either. He is unrepentant, and so am I," he said, referring to the congressional post office and check bouncing scandals.

"I don't believe my views are (all) that liberal," said Briggs. He added he believes in being fiscally responsi-

ble. And "I'm fairly conservative on the welfare issue," citing support of job training to get people off welfare.

Speaking on the economy, Knollenberg said the country is caught up in a global slowdown. "England is probably hurting as much as any country," Knollenberg said he is a believer in the fiscal policies of Ronald Reagan, and that there is new growth in the economy.

Briggs countered, "This economy is not in good shape. We still have to generate economic growth."

Different strategies

Briggs and Knollenberg differ in

their approach to solve the problem.

Knollenberg favors across-the-board tax cuts, elimination of the capital gains tax, less government regulation of business and trimming government waste and bureaucracy.

He cited the congressional Foreign Affairs Committee as an area that should be reduced.

"I had six employees in 1960. Now it has 100. Were things any better in 1960, in the heart of the Cold War?" he asked.

"There is too much congressional spending and too much taxation," said Knollenberg. "Corporate Ameri-

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Goodfellows are needed

The Farmington-area Goodfellows is looking for a few additional good fellows (and gals) who would like to help on this year's drive to aid the area's needy.

"The reason we're looking for additional help is that some of our people have retired and moved away," said Dick Tupper, Farmington city councilman and Goodfellows general chairman.

People are needed to help on the annual paper sale day — Friday, Nov. 27, the day after Thanksgiving — and to deliver packages to the needy. But, Tupper said, volunteers are also needed to help with committee work, the Dress and Shirt Program, toy packing and correspondence.

Last year, the Goodfellows drive helped 173 families that included almost 400 children, and

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165 senior citizens. The group's motto is: "No child or senior citizen without a Christmas."

This year's Goodfellow drive is dedicated to the memories of Bob and Betty Snyder and Nila Piltz, Farmington-area residents who died in traffic accidents this year.

Volunteers should call the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce at 474-3440 if interested.

Spook up the band!

The Farmington Community Band, directed by R. Paul Barber, begins its 27th season on a spooky note on Saturday, Oct. 31, with a Halloween Con-

cert — Spooktacular — at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi.

Spooktacular will provide festive music, a costume parade and trick-or-treating at stores throughout the mall for children. The band's next outing will be a holiday concert Dec. 6 at Farmington Harrison High School.

Memory Lane

From the Oct. 16, 1952 edition of the Farmington Enterprise:

- Finishing touches were being put on the new Farmington Township fire station on Wheeler Street.
- Some 168 pints of blood were given during a two-day visit to Farmington by the Red Cross Bloodmobile.