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Clock money goes to sculpture



In the wake of the Great Clock Debate in Farmington, the 125th Anniversary Committee has decided to spend its money and efforts on a sculpture to stand near the City Hall. A Farmington Hills artist will donate his time to the project.

BY LARRY O'CONNOR
STAFF WRITER

The 125th Anniversary Committee believes Farmington's got to have art. A Farmington-area artist agrees, and has offered to do a sculpture that will stand at the east entrance of City

Hall.

Nanette Reid, who is on the Farmington Area Arts Commission, presented a model of the artwork at Monday's Farmington City Council meeting. The sculpture of bronze green patina

na would stand five feet on a 36-inch pedestal and weigh 450 to 500 pounds.

Artist Kegham Tazian, who is a professor at Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge campus, has agreed to do the sculpture.

"I'm excited about it," said Tazian, who is donating time to the sculpture. "I'm a Farmington Hills resident. Why not?"

Some \$4,000 in seed money from last year's 125th anniversary celebration — which was initially earmarked for a controversial downtown clock

tower — is being used to finance the project. The other \$16,000 is being raised through private contributions. Reid said she hopes the \$20,000 sculpture will be completed by the end of July.

Another \$3,000 in 125th money is going toward a proposed kiosk near the downtown fountain.

Reid said she came up with the idea for a sculpture along with Beverly Papp, director of the Farmington Community Library. The plan was

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Big Brother is watching



SHARON LESIEWICZ/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Down to earth: Ray Cranston (left) of the Farmington Hills Police Department and David "Doc" Halliday of the Michigan State Police return from a flight during which 23 speeders were nabbed from the air.

Air patrol takes speeders by surprise

BY BILL COULTANT
STAFF WRITER

The sun is shining, it's a beautiful day, and the radio is cranked up as a motorist zooms by everyone else on the interstate like they're standing still. The radar detector is on, and the only police car in sight is pulled over ticketing someone else.

Just then, another police car pulls up from behind and puts on its overhead lights, signaling to pull over. Michigan State Police pilot David "Doc" Halliday then reads out the speed and other details to the officer behind the speeder from a small airplane about 1,500 feet in the air. No "Puzz Buster" is going to

save this motorist from a fat speeding ticket.

It's called air speed timing, and it is one of the most effective ways to catch speeders.

"We've never lost a case in court," Halliday said.

Halliday, two other Michigan State troopers, Farmington Hills

Police traffic specialist Sgt. Ray Cranston, and five Farmington Hills officers worked together Friday for less than two hours and ticketed 23 motorists who were clocked at between 80 and 101 miles on east-bound I-696 between Halsted and

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Busing, more concern McKendrick

BY LARRY O'CONNOR
STAFF WRITER



Susan McKendrick became embroiled in the busing controversy, but she doesn't expect to ride one issue to a seat on the school board.

"I'm asking people what their concerns are because I'm not in this campaign to

spout my own issues," said McKendrick, 41, who is making her first run for the school board.

Farmington's school election is Monday, June 14. McKendrick is one of nine candidates.

McKendrick's reason for running is simple: She doesn't like what she sees.

She asks about priority spending and questions the overall responsiveness of the board. She advocates such things as violence prevention pro-

grams and a more cooperative relationship between the cities and the schools.

On the surface, McKendrick may be viewed as a burr on the skin of the school establishment. She begs to differ.

"I'm not a fuss raiser," she said. "I like to do things, do research and work with people. I don't think it is helpful to get emotional and raise all kinds of chaos."

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Susan McKendrick

Meet the candidates

A candidate forum for the nine people running for two places on the Farmington Board of Education will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 20, at the Southwest Oakland Cable television studios, 24021 Research Drive, Farmington Hills. The event will be cablecast on cable Channel 12 at later date. The forum is sponsored by the League of Women Voters, Oakland Area, and the American Association of University Women, Farmington Branch.

What about Proposal A?

Farmington residents who are cable TV subscribers can find out some ways the passage of Proposal A would affect their community by

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watching "Proposal A — From Our Perspective" at 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 26, on cable Channel 12.

The live, 30-minute program will feature a discussion with Mayor Bill Hartsock, Mayor pro tem Arnold Campbell, City Manager Frank Lauthoff and City Clerk-Treasurer Patsy Cantrell participating.

Athena's no myth

The Athena Award, which recognizes the achievements of business and professional women

in the Farmington area, will be presented at a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, May 27, at the Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River, Farmington Hills.

The Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce sponsors the event. Tickets for the luncheon are \$13 for members and \$16 for non-members. For reservations or more information, call the chamber at 474-3440.

Memory Lane

From the May 21, 1953, edition of the Farmington Enterprise: The state Senate approved a bill that would prohibit hunting in Farmington Township. However, Harry McCracken, township clerk, said he had received no notice from Lansing.