

Pigeon Race To Kick Off Festival

The pigeons are coming! The pigeons are coming! Duck!

Each bird represents a radio/TV/news personality (or does each personality represent a bird?)

chairman of this year's event, co-sponsored by Thompson-Brown, Sanderson Realty and the Danish Inn.

This is the sort of thing that comes annually from the annual Farmington Pigeon Derby committee...

Whichever, the "personalities" meet at the Danish Inn parking lot, 32305 Grand River...

The birds were provided by Robert DeVoss and fellow pigeon breeders.

The fearsome flock starts out from the North Farmington High School foot ball field, 13 Mile Rd.

The birds (each contestant gets to name its own) are turned loose and head back to their home on the east side of Detroit.

Three trophies (first, second and last) will be awarded in each of four categories: news-type celebrities; entertainment type celebrities; weather-type broadcasters and "sportsmen."

The "Personalities" turn around and head back to the Danish Inn, to await the results of the race at 3 p.m., when trophies are awarded.

Objective observers indicate the corporate entry of Observer Newspapers Incorporated (the "ONI Bird") is favored to win in it's class.

Hayden Cameron, of Thompson-Brown Realty, is

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Youth Employment

The fledgling Youth Employment Agency is asking for funds from several agencies, but is meeting with resistance.

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Charter Help

The Farmington Township Charter Commission is asking for help and citizen involvement. We have the story on:

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In The Picture

Everyone in a Farmington nursing home managed to have a part in a very special picture. The story is in our Women's Section.

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Flower Lady

A Farmington homemaker who works with flowers in a most unusual house is today's Woman On The Go. Meet her in the Women's Section.

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Educated In Miami

Three area delegates to the Democratic convention came home weary but wiser.

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Cluster Zone On Drake Rd. Gets Final OK

By DAN McCOSH

When the smoke cleared Monday night the zoning for the first cluster housing in the City of Farmington was approved.

A majority of the council had favored the rezoning of a 22-acre parcel on Drake Rd. north of Freedom Dr. last month...

The final vote was 4-1, the minimum "75 per cent" necessary, according to City Attorney Robert Kelly...

Councilman John Richardson voted "no," explaining he wanted to see a site plan for the project before he voted for the rezoning.

THE VOTE disgruntled residents from nearby subdivisions, who had hoped for a technically preventing the enactment of the ordinance.

The rezoning had been opposed by a petition of more than 20 per cent of adjacent property owners.

Tom Rossman, a resident of Drake Heights subdivision, had pointed out at an earlier meeting that under these circumstances, the three-

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fourths vote of the "legislative body" is needed.

The original "intent to rezone" resolution passed by a 3-1 vote, with Councilman John Allen absent during the June 19 meeting.

Two weeks ago, City Attorney Kelly presented a legal opinion that four out of five of the council members had to approve the resolution for passage.

During the last meeting he made the statement that the original "intent to rezone" resolution also needed a three-fourths vote, but last night he admitted he had "shot from the hip" and was wrong.

Reading his researched opinion to the council, he concluded that only the final adoption of the amendment required the three-fourths vote.

BUT THE FOUR votes would not have been available had Councilman John Allen abstained on the issue, as he has done for the past year.

Allen is the architect for developer Bruce Polozoker of Standard Construction Co., and as such had taken the position he had an interest in the project.

The attorney informed him Monday he was required by the city charter to vote on the issue unless he had a "direct financial interest" in it.

Allen concluded his professional services did not constitute a direct financial interest, and cast his vote for the zoning.

CLUSTER HOUSING is a method of grouping or attaching up to four units, a maximum of 3.8 per acre, to allow open space and unusual arrangements of buildings.

The ordinance creating the new zoning category was adopted June 19, at the same meeting the council initiated the rezoning of the Drake Rd. site.

Richardson in voting against the rezoning, said he was "in accord with the ordinance, and in favor of rezoning this particular piece of property."

"I have confidence in Mr. Polozoker. He has built some fine developments in the Farmington area."

He maintained his position that he would like to see a site plan before he supported the project.

Before the council adjourned, after it had gone on to the rest of the agenda, Rossman rose once again to speak on the issue.

He failed to get recognition from the council.

"It's beating a dead horse," commented Councilman Fred Seibert.



TOWNSHIP FIRE — A fire in a paint booth at Lockwood Manufacturing, 32840 Eight Mile Rd., Farmington, was quickly extinguished by the combined efforts of the city and township fire departments Monday night. Here firemen hook up a ventilating fan to vent the fumes. (Evert photo)

Door-To-Door Dog Survey Is Coming

Mayor Wilbur Brotherton said he had been "pigeonholed

all the time" on the issue. Councilman Fred Seibert called it "Just the way society is going, nobody has any respect for anybody anymore."

The problem was dogs, mainly unleashed, unlicensed dogs running around the city. Like a proper city council, it commissioned a survey of the problem, but this time with an ulterior motive.

the summer to go around and knock on doors, hand out a copy of the city dog laws, and see if the family pet is licensed.

The consensus was that the public relations would encourage compliance with the law, and if it didn't, a summons could be issued.

"Maybe what it takes is some coercion. Well, let's coerce some people," Seibert said.

Mayor Brotherton suggested hiring a student for

The new job was approved unanimously by the council.

Paper Collection Site Is Closed

Farmington's local pickup center for paper and aluminum foil is looking for a new home.

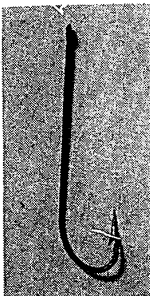
The "papermobile," which was operating twice a month at a shopping center at 12 Mile and Farmington Roads, sponsored by "Earth Alive," won't be there this month, according to Mrs. Martha McMillan, secretary.

The group is looking for a new site to operate the successful "papermobile" from. The paper collection raised money to purchase books and

trees for the community, as well as recycling some trash that normally was headed for a landfill.

Owner of the site had donated it free for over a year, but now people expecting to use it are asked not to bring their papers until a new site is found.

What is needed is a hard-surfaced site strong enough to take the weight of the 36-ton truck used to haul away the papers, according to Mrs. McMillan.



sportsmen

CAN BE FOUND IN ANY NECK OF THE WOODS AND THEY ALL HAVE ONE THING IN COMMON.

When they're in the market for a good new or used piece of sports equipment, they consult the OBSERVER WANT ADS.

They know how to snare a bargain... and they do just that when they shop the Observer Want Ads to make their sporting hours more enjoyable.



FARMINGTON BEAUTIFICATION commission recently elected new officers. From left, Jim Pogue, vice chairman; Charlotte Bruce, recording

secretary; Carol Kurth, outgoing chairman; Joan Barbrick, chairman; Walter Jablonski, corresponding secretary. (Evert photo)