

# North Farmington jocks challenge pro Lions

A North Farmington High Athletics Boosters program will bring the Detroit Lions to town tonight.

Basketball is the alleged motive for an encounter between the professional football players and a NFHS squad comprised of parents, faculty, and alumni of the high school.

Fundraising, however, is incentive for the game, as well as an evening of laughs, says Gene Lemberg, Boosters member.

Lemberg will be joined by teacher Bob Kaump, graduates John Knock and Marty Raymond, Farmington School District president Bill Gravius, and elementary school principal Don Cowan (who lacks connection to NFHS but "loves" basketball).

The game is scheduled for 8 p.m., tonight, in the gymnasium of the high school located on Thirteen Mile just east of Farmington Road.

Lions' cagers for the evening will include Greg Landry, Herb Orvis, Jim Yarbrough, Ernie Price, Charles Sanders, Horace King, Dexter Bussey, Levi Johnson, Ray Jarvis, Paul Naumoff, Jim Lasovic, Charley Weaver, Ed O'Neill, and Jim Mitchell.

Tickets are available at the door priced at \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for students under 12.

ABOUT 400 youngsters will be in attendance thanks to the Farmington

area business community, Lemberg says.

The Boosters sold that amount of tickets to merchants who donated the tickets back to the group for the purpose of sending underprivileged youngsters to the game free of charge.

"We've sold enough tickets so kids from Sarah Fisher Home, Boy's Republic, Hawthorne Center, St. Francis Home in Detroit, and The Orchards in Livonia could go," Lemberg said.

"The business community has really been great."

The Boosters are planning more than the cagers' activity to keep the crowd entranced. A half-time show will include an exhibition by a world-champion arm wrestler; and the Lions have agreed to sign autographs at half-time and after the basketball game.

While the Lions will take \$800 of the

gate for their appearance, Lemberg is hoping program booklets will boost the fund-raising success they anticipate.

"We'll get quite a bit of the gate and whatever we make on the program booklets," he says.

And those funds go back to NFHS for athletic activities throughout the school, he added.



If Don Cowan's rebounding efforts prevail tonight, the North Farmington High Boosters' team may score a decisive win over the guest Detroit Lions. (Staff photo by Lynn Orr)

## Trustees

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overall ambience they'd like preserved.

Seeking reelection is one way to attempt preservation, and they both admit it's a tempting motivation.

BUT the amount of time required to do the job may prompt their retirement, they said.

"It takes a great deal of dedication," Gravius said. He spent 75 days in meetings his first year on the board, basically because of critical financial problems.

Although that time factor has eased in the past two years, he expects the board will face similar financial difficulties in the next year or two.

"This year we're cutting \$500,000 out of the budget, which we can do without drastically affecting students and parents. It's down the road that will be critical."

Decisions concerning school closings, staff reductions, and the possible switch to a middle school system all require a sound board, he maintains.

And that decision-making, plus study and meetings, cuts into personal time.

"I've had to work my business career to meet the demands of the school district. When you decide you're going to do this, you have to dedicate yourself to it—and it cuts into your personal life."

PERSONAL commitments weigh heavily for Ms. Struble as well.

"I'm at the time where I'm looking forward toward future growth. There are times when you get tired of the constant demands of your personal energy, but there are times when it's exhilarating. Most of my life I've had to make hard decisions, but usually you don't have to make them in 10-15 minutes."

Preparing for meetings is time-consuming, she said. And she admits to feeling like a "swing vote" fairly often.

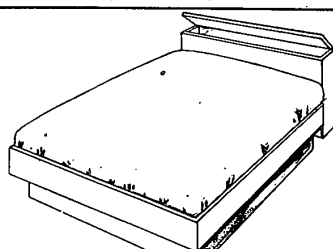
"That's not a minus for me," she said, but increased pressure and "energy output" is the result. Board members often cite personal commitments, a feeling of debt paid to the community and a satisfaction with a job well done when announcing retirement.

Maintaining the status quo can be an appealing incentive to seek reelection, however.

"Right now, I think it's highly desirable to keep the board as stable as it is," Ms. Struble said.

Gravius interjects the opposing view.

"There's always room for other people and new ideas."



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## Parents Without Partners' new home is Bonnie Brook

The Farmington-Southfield Chapter of Parents Without Partners has found a new home in Bonnie Brook, on Telegraph, south of Eight Mile. The group left its Farmington location early this month in time for the installation of officers, officiated by Bill Kenzie, an associate zone administrator of the organization, and a member of the local chapter.

Claudette LaPoint took over the presidency and will serve with vice presidents Tony Toenstfeld and Dolores Nosen.

New meeting dates for the chapter are the first and third Wednesdays of each month. The business meeting begins at 8 p.m. The programs begin

at 9 p.m., and each session is following by an afterglow with music for dancing furnished by a live band.

The topic for the next meeting, March 19, is "Sex Research in Southfield." Speaker William Drake will talk about the research that is now being conducted in that city by University of Michigan.

MEMBERSHIP IN Parents Without Partners is open to those who are parents of at least one child and is single by reason of divorce, death, separation, or never married. Custody and age of children is not a factor.

Dues for new members is \$15. The fee brings membership to both chapter and international activities, a sub-

scription to "The Single Parent" magazine and the chapter newsletter, "The Phoenix."

In addition to the regularly scheduled meetings, the local chapter sponsors periodic dances, outings, and a Sunday/Nite Coffee and Conversation get-together.

On March 18, the local chapter will join the Detroit-Dearborn Chapter for a fund-raiser called "Swing Into Spring."

Next month, members of the chapter join the Huron Valley Regional Council for "April in Ann Arbor."

Secretaries for the chapter are Marjorie Bowen and Mary Lou Brooks. Estelle Wolok is treasurer and Mary Heinrich is membership chairman.

CHAPTER DIRECTORS for the coming year are Delphine Gray, Julie Galli, Pat Alpert, Jan Salo, Paul Miller and Ellen Schwartz.

Parents Without Partners, Inc. is an international, non-profit, non-sectarian, educational organization devoted to the interests and welfare of single parents and their children.

The programs and activities are entirely the volunteer work of the members.

## Heart specialist speaks at chamber

Dr. Joseph Arends, a noted heart specialist, will be the featured speaker at this Thursday's Farmington Chamber of Commerce general membership meeting.

The meeting will be at 8 a.m. in the Botsford Inn. The charge is \$5, which includes breakfast. Guests and non-members are welcome.

Arends is noted for his preventive medicine techniques.

Jogging is a cornerstone of his philosophy. He has run eight marathons, including Pike's Peak and the Boston Marathon, which he has run twice.

Besides having his own practice, he is a clinical instructor at the department of family medicine at the Wayne State School of Medicine and an asso-

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