



Participating in this week's solar energy Sun Day are (from left) Nancy Kourjian, Mary Johnston and Lew Schulman. Farmington area's Earth Alive representatives had a booth set up in the Livonia Mall this week in an attempt to make residents more aware of energy needs. (Staff photo)

Sun Day activities shine Wednesday

Wednesday is Sun Day in Farmington and just about every place else the sun shines. The day has been named in honor of this planet's star and its solar energy by a variety of ecology groups. The

C'ville sale is stalled

Plans for selling the Clarenceville school district property at 2830 Eight Mile in Farmington Hills have come to a standstill.

The district hopes to move into the Clarenceville Junior High School building on Middlebelt but must first sell the present site to pay for the estimated \$300,000 cost of renovating the junior high building and an additional \$170,000 to build a new garage area for the school buses and install necessary drainage.

Business manager Edward Saliz told the school board Thursday he has received two different opinions on the use of funds from the sale of the board office property.

Several other school districts want to sell property in order to relocate, he said.

Saliz said he had talked to two different school districts, one saying the State Department of Education requires that a portion of the sale money must be used to pay off any existing debt directly attributed to the board office.

The second opinion is that all money from the proceeds of the sale must be used to pay off any existing district debt.

Supt. David McDowell received permission from the board to hire an attorney to research how the funds must be used by contacting state officials to clarify the rule.

The minimum offer the school district could accept for the property would be \$480,000, McDowell had told the board. He said the district wants to move because of the cost of maintaining the present building, about \$25,000 a year.

Should the board get approval to sell and the price it wants, the district's new headquarters would eventually be located in vacant rooms in the junior high school.

Future energy concepts visualized by children

Solar powered rocket ships, cars and buses may be the wave of the future if predictions of local children are true. Those are among the ideas which were illustrated in the solar energy drawing contest which saw four area youngsters take top prizes and 11 others named runners up.

The contest was sponsored by Concern Inc. Detroit, the East Michigan Environmental Action Council and the Observer and Eccentric newspapers.

Top prize winners include: • First place—David Lord, 4111 Old Dominion Dr., West Bloomfield, an eighth grade student at Abbott Middle School. David won a 10 speed bicycle for his illustration of a house, car, ship and power plant all equipped with solar panels.

• Second place—Eric Hoffman, 12786 Talbot, Huntington Woods, age 10. Eric won a skateboard, donated by Sporthaus, for his drawing of a gas and electric bill being burned up by sunrays shining through a magnifying glass.

• Third place—Rob L'Heureux, 11, of 36710 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, a student at Johnson School. Rob won a backpack donated by Benchmark for his illustration of a "Self Serve Sun" station.

• Fourth place—Chris Decker, 11, of 120 McClumpha, Plymouth, fifth grader at Bird Elementary School. Chris won a model for a drawing of buses and a bus garage which has solar panels. The sunlight powers batteries which then power the buses, she explained.

The top four winners will appear on the Good Morning Detroit Show on WJBK-TV, Channel 2, Wednesday.

Other winning entries include a drawing of solar powered rocket ship, wind moving a windmill, and solar panels on houses. One shows a house storing up energy for the winter while squirrels are storing nuts.

Community winners include:

• Farmington—Karen Schurgen,

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