

Anderson has good chance, says state GOP chief

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Michigan GOP chairman Mel Larsen is lending his support to Republican state senatorial candidate John Anderson, who is challenging Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Detroit, in the 15th District.

Larsen made the announcement prior to a debate between Anderson and Faxon at a gathering of the Southfield-Lathrup Republican Club Wednesday.

Anderson, a 31-year-old attorney, worked for six years as a business executive with a local manufacturing firm before he began practicing law.

Faxon, president pro tem of the Senate, is best known for his support of education and the arts during his 18-year tenure in the state Legislature.

"I think this race is much closer than is realized. There are a lot of ticket splitters in this district, and John Anderson has an excellent chance of win-

ning," said Larsen.

The GOP chairman said he is prepared to go door-to-door, make phone calls or take any steps necessary to promote the Anderson campaign.

"THAT THE DEMOCRATIC senator chose to appear before the Republican group represents a tribute to Anderson. Faxon is here tonight because he knows he's in a campaign, and that he can't take anything for granted," Larsen said.

"Anderson is a real self-starter who's more than ready to enter the Michigan Legislature. He's a young man with visions that are in harmony with this district."

FAXON'S CONTENTION that experience is the issue in this campaign "just doesn't fly," he added.

"Within a couple of months that's insignificant. The new legislators settle down and play an important role. They learn very quickly and add new vigor,

enthusiasm, ideas and commitment to the Legislature. Leadership is provided by the caucus, which gives new legislators a sense of direction."

The assessment Faxon gave of his voting record while representing Detroit in the state Senate surprised Larsen.

"Sen. Faxon said he has voted in a pattern he considers representative of Detroit because he wanted to be re-elected. Well that's like saying he can act out any role he's given."

Faxon said he successfully repre-

sented northwest Detroit by compiling a liberal record. Had he not been responsive to his community, "I wouldn't have been re-elected in 1974 and 1978. I represent a district that would expect me to vote for labor unions."

A telephone poll by the Republican phone center in Farmington Hills that has placed 4,000 calls to voters in Farmington, Farmington Hills and Southfield showed Anderson with 28 percent of the vote, and a 54-percent portion still undecided as of Friday afternoon.

Faxon: 'Experience counts'

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"The role of a legislator, he added, is not always to have answers to problems."

"I'm not running for governor. Results don't always manifest themselves

in bills, but in how money gets back to the communities."

"I've developed skills and abilities by being in key positions over the years that have made a difference of several hundreds of thousands of dollars in

school aid for Berkley. I have the experience, knowledge, background, consciousness and conscientiousness the Legislature needs."

THAT POLITICAL stance "represents the basic difference between us," responded Anderson.

"Faxon wants to keep a job. I want to do a job. I want to address the issues that must be faced in order to put people back to work. People have lost faith in their own future and in the ability of this state to turn around. We must rein-

Hills sets agenda

Following is the agenda for the 7:30 p.m. Oct. 18 meeting of the Farmington Hills city council which will meet in its chambers at 31555 Eleven Mile.

- Consideration of introduction of zoning map amendment C82-286, section 38 SE ¼ 23-36-426-006 through 010. Located at 21338 Colwell. Request change from RA-4 to RC-3. Proponent is Raymond Alverson and Russel Pauling.

- Consideration of introduction of zoning map amendment C82-287. Section is 2 NW ¼ 23-02-107-008. Located at 31176 Pershing. Request to change from RA-4 to RC-2. Proponent is Albert Siefman.

- Consideration of introduction of zoning map amendment C82-288. Section is 2 NW ¼ 23-02-107-001 through 005. Located on the east side of Green-

- Consideration of introduction of zoning map amendment C82-289. Request change from RA-4 to RC-3. Proponent is Raymond Alverson and Russel Pauling.

- City manager recommends approval for installation of signs in accordance with action plan for phase I of the Caddell Drain.

- City manager recommends resolution relative to acceptance of conveyance of Bond School play field property.

Nursing degree is awarded

Patricia L. Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley W. Thomas of Farmington, received an associate's degree in nursing from Lake Superior State College in June. Patricia was a dean's list student, recipient of the upper classman board of control scholarship and the nursing scholarship. She graduated cum laude from LSSC.

She is working at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills and will continue her studies at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.

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Prairie dolls are studied

Small wooden dolls of yesteryear are the subject of a workshop at the Farmington Community Center from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22.

Students learn to dress a wooden doll in authentic prairie costume.

These prairie dolls were once sold by the medicine man from his peddler's cart in pioneer days and are prized by collectors.

Meredith Hollingsworth, workshop instructor, has made prize-winning dolls which have appeared at State fairs and doll shows.

Registration for the October 22 workshop may be made at the center, 24705 Farmington Road. Fee is \$8, plus \$12 materials fee payable to the instructor. Workshop participants should bring lunch.

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