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Friends visit Forest

Nikki Goldstone helps her fourth grade class show off their knowledge of the human skeleton to visiting seniors and other students at Forest Elementary School in Farmington Hills April 24. The assembly was part of Forest's Adopt-A-Friend program, which began in March as part of the school's PTO

School Series Project. Students corresponded with residents of four area senior housing facilities for the project, sending both letters and pictures, and eventually inviting the to the spring event.

on the agenda

Below are highlights from agendas of government meetings this week. All meetings, unless otherwise noted, are open to the public.

Farmington Hills City Council
City council chambers
31555 11 Mile
7:30 p.m., Monday, May 1

At this study session, the council will discuss the proposed 1989-90 budgets for the general fund, special revenue funds and debt service fund. The council will review the proposed police department and city clerk's budgets, as well as operating, capital and debt revenues.

Farmington City Council
City council chambers
23600 Liberty
8 p.m., Monday, May 1

The city administration will present information on radon, as requested at the last meeting by council. Also on the agenda is a sign vari-

ance request from Sweet Cravings, a report on EPA rules for underground storage tanks, scheduling of a public hearing for the 1989-90 budget, consideration of membership in the Oakland County Transportation Association, a property split request from an owner on Lakeway Street.

Downtown Development Authority
Farmington City Hall
Council chambers/meeting room
23600 Liberty

8 a.m., Tuesday, May 2
Authorization for a promotional plan for the downtown area will be discussed. Also on the agenda is consideration of the 1989-90 fiscal budget and appointment of chairperson for the DDA holiday decoration committee.

Farmington Board of Education
Schulman Administrative Center
31535 Shawwassee

Tuesday, May 2
6:30 p.m. — special meeting
7:30 p.m. — regular meeting

During the special meeting, the board is expected to consider going into a closed session to hear a negotiations update from the administration.

The public is encouraged to attend Tuesday's regular meeting, where the board will hear a presentation for the proposed budget for Farmington Public Schools for the 1989-90 fiscal year. Following the presentation, public hearing dates will also be set, as required by law. But deputy superintendent Michel Flanagan

said Tuesday's meeting will give an overview of the budget procedure and what the district is posing for the coming year.

Also on the agenda is discussion of the setback variance that district has requested from the city's Farmington Hills, which will be heard that evening by the Hills zoning board of appeals.

Farmington Zoning Board of Appeals

City council chambers
23600 Liberty
8 p.m., Wednesday, May 3
The ZBA will hear a request for resident Robert Pickel, who needs a setback variance in a room addition.

School radon levels are 'well below' federal standards

Radon testing was completed several weeks ago in Farmington Public Schools, with officials reporting levels of the invisible, radioactive gas well below federal standards.

Radon is a colorless, odorless gas created from the natural breakdown of radium in soils and rocks. It is used in radiotherapy and to produce neutrons for research.

"We are pleased to report that all habitable spaces came under . . . the 'action level' at which the EPA recommends corrective action," said assistant superintendent Lynn Nutter, in a recent memo to the school board.

In April, the federal Environmental Protection Agency reported that

54 percent of classrooms sampled in 130 schools showed unhealthy levels of the gas. The EPA said extended exposure to more than four picocuries of radon per liter of air is unhealthy. None of the schools tested by the EPA were in Michigan.

Picocuries are a measure of radioactivity.

NUTTER SAID the Farmington tests, done locally by the district before the EPA results were released, showed all buildings safely below the guidelines.

Testing was completed March 30, Nutter said, "which is important because the ground was still frozen at that time, which gives higher results."

\$100 ticket could get you \$33,000 Corvette

For the price of a \$100 drawing ticket you could walk away with a 1989 fire-engine-red Corvette worth more than \$33,000 and support the Farmington/Farmington Hills Founders Festival to boot.

The drawing will be 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 4, at the Farmington/Farmington Hills Community Center on Farmington Road. Tickets may be bought at the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce office in downtown Farmington, 33101 Grand River, phone 474-3140.

As in past years, the chamber expects many area residents to pool their money and buy several tickets so they will increase their chances to win the grand prize. Previous winners were local residents who either kept the car or sold it back to Holiday Chevrolet in Farmington Hills, the supplying dealership.

"This year, only 650 tickets will be

offered for sale vs. the 750 available last year. So there is more reason than ever to try for the 'Vette,'" said Judy Soronen, executive director of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce.

"Proceeds from the drawing are the main financial support of the Founders Festival, which will be held July 6-15 this year. In addition to the car, nine Shopping Spree prizes worth a total of \$4,600, will be offered as well," said Soronen.

According to Tony Grech, general manager and vice president of Holiday Chevrolet, the '89 'Vette coupe is loaded with options, including automatic transmission with overdrive, Bose Stereo, leather interior, removable, tinted glass top and power windows, locks and seats. The car lists at \$33,358.

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