

Community Corner

This week's question:

Would you wear or buy a fur? How do you feel about wearing one?

We asked this question at Hunter's Square, Farmington Hills, and Farmington Oaks, Farmington.



"I would wear one, if it were a gift. I wouldn't buy one. The prestige and value of it isn't important to me. I wouldn't have a problem wearing one."
— Michele Moranic
Farmington Hills



"Yeah, I'd buy a fur coat. In Michigan, I'd wear it. I wouldn't be involved in the killing for it."
— Lester Davis
Farmington Hills



"I would be really torn. But I know how warm they are."
— Connie Walz
Farmington Hills



"I have two. I think in our society, we raise animals for food, we raise animals for coats."
— Marjorie Lebenbom
Farmington Hills



"I would wear a fur. It really doesn't bother me."
— Joan Collins
Farmington Hills



"No. I don't think they should kill an animal just for their fur."
— Ron Flavin
Farmington

County issues wish list of road improvements

By Joanno Maliszewski
staff writer

Imagine Improved Eight Mile, 12 Mile and Orchard Lake roads. If the Oakland County Board of Commissioners promises \$100 million in the next 10 years, the improvements will become a reality.

"These are tantalizing little things here," Mayor Jean Fox said of the list provided by the Oakland County Road Commission.

Farmington Hills last week gave its support to road commissioners' efforts to urge county commissioners to contribute \$100 million from their coffers over the next 10 years to help solve road problems and improve existing county and local roads.

"This looks good on paper. But my understanding is that the Oak-

land County Board of Commissioners has to go along," councilman Aldo Vagnozzi said.

THE ROAD commission's 11-year road program with financial help from county commissioners includes:

- A \$10 million commitment to continue the existing tri-party road program. Farmington Hills would receive an estimated \$1.7 million. The program involves financial shares on one or more projects by the city, road commission and county commissioners.

- A \$40 million contribution for a community road improvement program for county or local roads. Farmington Hills would receive an estimated \$3.5 million.

- A \$22 million contribution with \$84 million from the road commission and municipalities for

a total \$112 million program. The program would target widening, intersection safety improvements, paving and new construction. In Farmington Hills, planned projects are: Eight Mile, Novi to Farmington roads; Eight Mile at Farmington and Orchard Lake roads; 12 Mile, Orchard Lake Road to Middlebelt; and Orchard Lake Road, 10 Mile to I-696.

- A \$2 million contribution for a traffic management program for southeast Oakland County for the design and installation of an integrated, computerized traffic signal system.

- A \$20 million pavement program to improve the condition and safety of more than 70 miles of county roads. Middlebelt, between 12 and 13 Mile, would be targeted for improvement.

Highmeadow first graders to be picked by lottery

By Casey Hens
staff writer

A lottery to select first-grade students for Highmeadow Common Campus for the 1990-91 school year has been scheduled for March.

As approved by the Farmington school board last year, preference for openings will first be given to the siblings of those attending the pilot elementary school, located north of 12 Mile, between Orchard Lake Road and Middlebelt.

"It's open. Anyone can come," said director of school/community relations Pam O'Malley about the March 23 lottery drawing. It will be held at 3 p.m. at the Lewis Schulman Administrative Center, 32500 Shilawassee, Farmington.

A total of 50 vacancies will be available for first graders this fall. Vacancies not filled by sibling preference will be offered to the community at large through the lottery process.

Last week, letters were sent to parents of incoming first graders in the district, advising them of the lottery.

THE LOTTERY process will work

this way:

- Applications for the lottery will be available starting the week of March 12.

- Applications must be received by the district by 3 p.m. March 22 in order to be valid. They will be stamped with the date received.

- Applications will be separated by gender and placed in two labeled containers.

- In order to maintain a gender balance, a boy's name and a girl's name will be drawn until all seats have been filled.

- Secretaries present will record all names drawn.

- Witnesses will observe the proceedings and ballots selected. A parent with children at other schools has been asked to be at the drawing to validate it.

- Ballots for applicants not selected in the drawing will be kept in the event a parent rejects an offered seat. Another name of like gender will be drawn to fill the vacancy.

- On March 26, a notification letter will be sent to parents, advising them of the results. They will be given an April 6 deadline for accepting

or rejecting placement at Highmeadow.

- On April 9, principals will be notified of any students being transferred to Highmeadow.

IN ADDITION to the first-grade selection, Highmeadow principal Jan Colliton will do a survey of current families to determine any families who are moving from the district in the coming year, have children returning to their home schools, or children who will attend Hillside Elementary. A survey will also determine which siblings will attend Highmeadow this fall.

The Highmeadow program was developed in 1988, after a community outcry stopped the district from some necessary elementary school redistricting. School administrators developed the program, which draws about 300 students in grades 1-5 from across the district and offers them a basic core curriculum, plus elective enrichment courses in the afternoon.

Gifted students at the school enroll in appropriate enrichment classes, instead of being involved in traditional pull-out programs.

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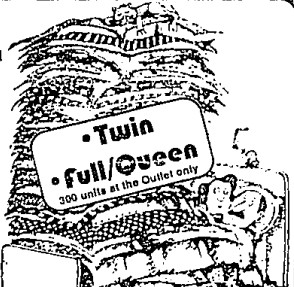
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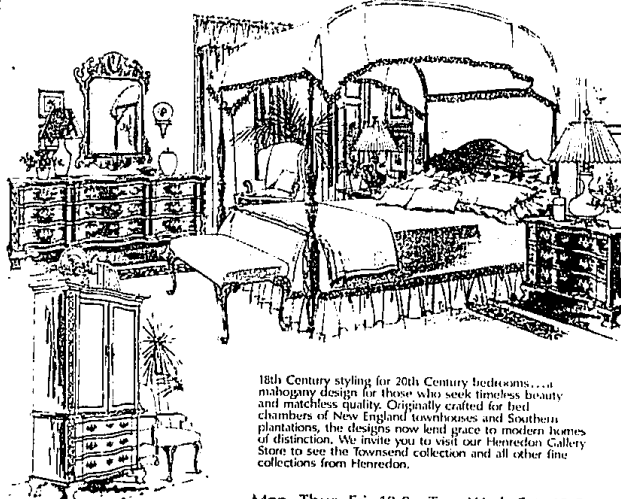


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