

GOP goes all out to topple Faxon

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"Keeping Republican control of the state Senate is very important," said Dave Doyle, Michigan Republican Party executive director. "The 15th is a district the Michigan Republicans have always looked at as potential for 1990. With Denise's strong support, it made us look at it even stronger."

BUT REPUBLICANS have a big job ahead of them, if primary votes are any indication. Of the 11,183 votes cast in the Republican primary in District 15, Alexander garnered 49 percent to win.

Faxon, who had no primary opposition, had 12,084 cast on his behalf.

The primary "showed I have a lot of name recognition," Faxon said.

Although he expects to spend less than \$100,000 and less than Alexander and her party, Faxon believes he can retain his seat handily. "They certainly are spending more," he said. "I'm getting good feedback. I've not experienced any major disaffection."

Following is a brief sketch of each candidate:

• Alexander, 38, is a freshman member of the Southfield City

Council and a seven-year veteran of that city's planning commission. An attorney who practices family law in Birmingham, she is a graduate of Oak Park High School, the University of Michigan and Detroit College of Law. She lives in the 12 Mile and Telegraph area of Southfield.

• Faxon, 54, has been a state senator since 1970, and prior to that served as a state representative for six years. A former teacher, Faxon is founder of The International School, a bilingual elementary and preschool in Southfield. He holds a bachelor's degree in education from Wayne State University, and advanced degrees in education and history from Wayne State and the University of Michigan. He lives in the Wood Creek subdivision in Farmington Hills.

• Silver, 54, is a businessman who owns and operates the Oil Dispatch, a chain of quick oil change businesses based in Southfield. He holds degrees in computer science from the University of Michigan and Wayne State University. He is running on the traditional, Libertarian philosophy of abolishing big government. He lives in Huntington Woods.

PACs pave way for 15th GOP winner

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tem of campaign financing, on which Alexander relied heavily. He's also critical of the big influence money can have in an election.

"I think the PAC system is very dangerous. The problem is money talks. The system has to change. Money has too much influence," Silver said. "If you don't vote their

way, you don't get re-elected. I think it's very naive to think otherwise."

Alexander disagrees. "If PAC financing is a fact of political life. But I am a person who is fair and open-minded. No PAC is going to influence me."

Alexander accepted money from more than 10 PACs in her primary bid. They include the AT&T PAC, the Republican Candidate Committee, Michigan Bankers PAC, Michigan Farm Bureau PAC, State Chamber PAC and Lawyer's PAC.

Mind Odyssey meeting tonight

Farmington-area students will team up this fall for Odyssey of the Mind, a problem-solving extracurricular activity for all ages.

Also known as OM, the national competition offers student teams a choice of problems, then encourages them to use teamwork to solve them, creatively. Students are divided into various divisions, depending on age.

An overview of the OM program and a preview of this year's problems will be held at 7:30 p.m. today in the cafeteria at O.E. Dunckel Middle School, on 12 Mile between Farmington Road and Orchard Lake. Both students and parents interested in learning more about OM should attend.

OM requires active participation outside the school day by students. It also requires commitment by some parents to serve as coaches or assistant coaches for student teams.

Students will be allowed to select from several problems; not all problems are offered in all divisions.

For additional information about Odyssey of the Mind, contact Joette Kuse at Farmington Public Schools at 489-3399 or 489-3401 or parent coordinator Sylvia Kambouris at 478-1977.

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Enrollments up, but leveling

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ington Training Center, Cloverdale and Sarah Fisher.

The district does not yet have final figures for center programs for this fall.

Elementary population figures show an increase of 140 students, not including the district's Early Fives developmental kindergarten program, which has students who won't enter regular kindergarten until next year. Including Early Fives, that increase is 148. Last year all elementary students, including Early Fives, increased by 359 students.

FARMINGTON'S SCHOOL chief stressed the apparent stabilization of the student population will likely not relieve the current overcrowding in school buildings. Several have multiple portable classrooms on site and are using hallways for class space. "We've had (space) problems for a few years and still need the classrooms," he added.

Official "Fourth Friday" counts required by the state were taken last Friday and are being tabulated early this week by the district. The preliminary head count was taken throughout the district on Sept. 7. School officials believe the numbers will be close.

"We know there will be some variation, but not much," said assistant to the superintendent, Pamela O'Malley.

Although the annual Fourth Friday count means everything to inform districts, which receive their general operating money from the state, Flanagan said the count does not impact funding for Farmington.

Numbers from the Sept. 7 head count show:

• A total general education population in grades kindergarten

through 12 of 10,461, compared with 10,292 the previous year.

• A total of 914 regular kindergartners, plus 101 Early Fives kindergartners — by far the highest grade level of any other in the district.

• Not including the Early Fives program or special education students, there are 5,010 elementary students, 2,292 middle school students and 3,998 high school students.

• Special education figures are not conclusive without enrollments from the four center programs, but students enrolled in programs at other buildings total 236.

Outdoor theater to turn down volume

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Unlike last year's approval, however, center officials can now use the theater for a maximum 10 concerts within a yet-to-be-determined decibel limit.

Center officials also must complete a noise fence and shield parking lot lights within 60 days. These items were requested last year but center officials failed to complete them.

CONCERTS MUST only be scheduled 7 p.m. with the area totally cleared by 10 p.m. Only the center's amplification equipment can be used. Planning staff will have someone at each concert to monitor the noise levels. Center officials requested a maximum limit of 90 decibels. The special approval will again be

reviewed by commissioners in one year.

Battle lines were drawn in the three-hour hearing. A small group of neighbors who live next to the center argued for continued restrictions on the facility. Center supporters argued that a "minority" should not prevent the rest of the community from benefiting from outdoor concerts.

The center's immediate neighbors rallied behind commissioner Jeri Vanhouten, who wanted an amplification ban. The commissioners' decision must be made on land use basis, not on a love of the community center and its desire to be the community's cultural center, Vanhouten said. "It isn't whether we love the community center," Vanhouten said.

"We have to discuss the proper use of the land and activities we allow."

Neighbors agreed. "Mrs. Vanhouten hit the bull-eyes when she spoke about land usage, not popularity (of the center)," Stolberg said.

Angry neighbors argued that planning commissioners contradicted city ordinances by allowing a decibel limit for the center. If residents can't have noisy swimming pool and air conditioning motors why can the center have outdoor concerts in a residential area, neighbors asked.

"The planning commission has no authority to change the city ordinance by setting an arbitrary noise level for the community center. Only the city council has that authority," neighbor William Shortt said. "The ordinance already states that

the noise level in any one district shall not exceed the noise level in the abutting residential district," Shortt continued.

VANHOUTEN also argued that land use — outdoor concerts — is incompatible in a residential district. Outdoor concerts are a business use in a residential district, she added.

But other commissioners' disagreed with neighbors and Vanhouten, who also maintained that center officials have a long history of insensitivity to neighbors.

"In my opinion, the community center has been making an honest attempt to comply," commissioner Mary Avery countered, referring to the one-year ban, a court-approved agreement and working with neighbors.

C'ville raises sub pay

By Marie Chestney
staff writer

A shortage of substitute teachers has led the Clarencville School District to give its fill-in teachers a \$5 a day raise.

Substitute teachers this year will earn \$55 a day, the same pay earned by substitutes in the Redford Union School District but \$15 less than substitutes get in Farmington Public Schools.

The Clarencville Board of Education approved the raise Thursday by a 7-0 vote.

TRUSTEES ALSO approved another \$5 a day raise in the 1991-92

school year. That raise will bring the pay for substitute teachers up to \$60 a day.

Patricia Vickery, administrative assistant for instruction, said a declining pool of substitute teachers and more competition among districts for those substitutes who still remained made the pay increase necessary.

"It was increasingly difficult last year to obtain substitutes," Vickery said. "We lost 12 who had signed up with us, not because they didn't want to substitute but because they got other jobs."

Livonia Public Schools pays its substitute teachers \$50 a day, said Edward Navoy, assistant director for personnel.

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There is another little known complication that you should be aware of: the sudden onset of high fever and an encompassing stiffness of your joints that can render you nearly helpless.
The fever may be as high as 104 degrees; the stiffness may be so profound that you can hardly walk from your kitchen to your bed between the onset of the attack and its setting into your joints.
A physician unaccustomed to treating rheumatoid arthritis usually believes you have a joint infection. The doctor will admit you into the hospital and immediately begin intravenous antibiotics.
Medical experience indicates that no infection is responsible for this attack; hence antibiotics are of little help. The treatment of choice is cortisone injection into the joints that hurt the most, followed by oral cortisone for 5 days to 2 weeks. Some individuals need to be on low doses of cortisone thereafter to ward off a repeat episode.
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