

from our readers

Thanks to the community

To the editor:
Thank you, The Farmington High School Marching Falcons and the FHS Music Patrons wish to thank the Farmington community for its generous support during the bottle and can drive on Saturday, October 13.

Louise Lathers,
vice president,
Farmington High School
Music Patrons

Candidate is spending big money

To the editor:
When we first heard about Denise Alexander and read of her qualifications and objectives, we were impressed and considered her to be the one to receive our votes.

However, as her campaign has progressed, we have been deluged with literature, brochures, phone calls, a "make-believe" personal letter from you, her parents etc., extolling why she's the best candidate.

She may be the best, but we've come to the conclusion that there has to be big money behind such a prodigious campaign. That only means someone or someone — special interest groups — will have her "in their pocket" and it will be bad news later on.

Don't count on our vote because my husband and I really wouldn't know who we'd be electing — it certainly wouldn't be Denise Alexander.
Mary Jane Farnol,
Farmington Hills

Suggestions for safer sledding

To the editor:
I am pleased that there will be a meeting between members of the Farmington Board of Education and the Farmington City Council to determine what, if anything, should be done about sledding on Shilawassee hill behind the administration building.

I would like to see the hill remain open for sledding, but I do agree that some changes need to be made for the safety of the children using the hill.

Many of the injuries are the result of collision with the safety fencing put up by the city of Farmington. More passive barriers such as stacks of straw bales or earthen berms are needed to replace the steel fenceposts and fencing.

The shorter part of the hill directly behind the administration building needs to be reopened for use by

smaller children. If running into the ice rink is a problem, perhaps the rink could be relocated across Shilawassee City Park. It is awkward and dangerous for people to reach the rink from their automobiles where it is now. Many park across Shilawassee and have to cross the road in their skates. There are no benches to enable them to change by the rink.

School officials need to acknowledge that providing a sledding hill for the community is a positive use of school property. The hill should be kept in good condition. Rules and hours of operation should be posted. Park workers should be available on weekends.

Farmington Hills has opened a new sledding hill in Heritage Park. It has been suggested that it could be a replacement for Shilawassee hill, but it couldn't begin to absorb all of the people. Plus a lot of the charm of Shilawassee is its visibility. It provides pleasure for people driving by to see the children on the hill. It is part of Farmington's history. Many residents sledged on that same hill as children.

Other communities provide sledding hills for their residents. Sledding, in itself, is not an archaic, dangerous sport like high dive towers and trampolines. I have contacted some other nearby cities. Madison Heights, Southfield, Oak Park and Beverly Hills run sledding hills. Madison Heights and Southfield provide warming houses with a snack bar and rest rooms. The hill in Madison Heights is lit until 10 p.m., but there are no hours of operation. The hill in Oak Park follows the park's hours of operation, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Beverly Hills is always open. Southfield is always supervised and is open 3-5 p.m. weekdays and 11-5 p.m. weekends and holidays. They could be contacted for more information on how to run Shilawassee hill safely.

I hope that our elected officials consider ways to provide safer sledding for the members of this community before closing the hill down. They owe it to the community to at least experiment with running an effective program before saying that it can't be done.

Laura Myers,
Farmington

Takes issue with comment

To the editor:
As a certified dermatologist, I take issue with a comment made in "Permanent Beauty" on Oct. 8 in the Street Scene section.

I feel that the remark "... have a makeup artist do your permanent makeup" casts a negative light on others of us in this field.

We who have taken the permanent makeup classes have spent thousands of dollars and many hours in training.

I have been a very successful cosmetologist for 17 years. I am very proficient in hairdressing and makeup application, as well as in

doing nails. I have a large clientele and they will trust me to apply their permanent makeup, even though I don't title myself "makeup artist."

Any licensed cosmetologist can legally apply makeup and one doesn't even need this license to sell it. Most beauty colleges spend little time in training for makeup application.

I speak for many of us when I say that I feel that a relaxation of this negative comment is called for.

During our training for permanent makeup application, great emphasis was placed on the importance of enhancing natural beauty and pleasing the client.

This is a wonderful new field and such disparaging remarks may scare potential clients away from having any procedure done.

Anyone with a cosmetology license may call themselves "makeup artist."

Anna Newman,
Sylvan Lake

Signs spoil her view

To the editor:
While doing my usual Saturday errands, I was appalled to see the incredible number of campaign signs that polluted the landscape.

My route took me down several of the mile roads west of Farmington Road, and the beauty of the trees became almost secondary.

Isn't it enough that we have to see on TV and hear on radio campaign ads on a daily basis? For one will be glad when the vote is in. Let's hope that the signs are taken down as fast as they went up.

Pat Thoresen,
Farmington

Opinions are to be shared

Opinions and ideas are best when shared with others.

That's why the Farmington Observer encourages its readers to share their views with others in the From Our Readers column.

Submitting a letter to the editor for publication is easy. Letters should be typewritten or printed legibly and kept to 300 words. Letters must be signed and include the address of the sender.

Names will be withheld only for the best of reasons, and the decision to do so will be made by the editor.

Letters should be mailed to: the editor, The Farmington Observer, 21898 Farmington Road, Farmington 48336.

Opinion

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ELECTION



ENDORSEMENTS

County picks

Let Zolton have a chance; keep Wolf, Jaffee Oaks

IT'S TIME for a change of county commissioners in the 15th District, which includes the northeast corner of Farmington Hills, as well as Franklin, Southfield Township and parts of Bloomfield Township.

That's why we hope that the third time will be a charm for challenger Albert Zolton of Farmington Hills.

We think that Zolton, a Democrat who has made two unsuccessful runs at the seat, will be a good challenge for the Republican-dominated county commission. Having a few more Democrats on the board would improve the county's clout in Lansing, he reasons.

An outspoken theater and communications teacher at Detroit's Mercy College, Zolton tends to look at issues such as solid waste from a people — rather than political — point of view.

"It's time the commissioners got off their soft seats and made some hard decisions," Zolton said.

The incumbent, by comparison, described county government as an "opaque, slow-moving river."

Enough of that. Let's give Al Zolton a chance.

COUNTY COMMISSION — 21ST DISTRICT

IN THE 21ST District, which includes the southeast corner of Farmington Hills and the southern half of Southfield, incumbent Lillian Jaffee Oaks deserves another term.

Commission-watchers say that Democrat Jaffee Oaks, a longtime Southfield resident, has a good attendance record, asks intelligent questions and knows the issues.

Jaffee Oaks, a former Southfield Councilwoman, refuses to tell her age (some say she's in her 70s), but she's a vocal spokeswoman for the growing number of senior citizens in the district.

Democrat and challenger.

We won't speak disparagingly of D. Eugene Kuthy, who's signed up to take on Wolf. We don't know anything about him. He's refused to return the many phone calls we've placed over the past two weeks, and he didn't return his League of Women Voters questionnaire.

So, we're endorsing Donn Wolf, Farmington Hills resident and former councilman in that city. And it's likely we would have endorsed him even if his opponent had come forward.

Wolf, who handles consumer affairs for Detroit Edison, is a known quantity. He seems to know his way around county government and has a good grasp of the district's issues. He's hard-working and serious with 100 percent attendance at commission business.

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