

Getting him out



PETER BALDWIN

Jaws of life: Farmington Hills firefighters John Wells (left) and Wally Kurzeja use an extrication tool to remove the door from a car involved in a two-car accident at Country Club Drive and Haggerty Road Wednesday morning. The driver suffered minor injuries.

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ground and who worked on a 1984 political campaign for state Sen. David Honigman; and Auburn Hills resident Robert Sabell who works for the Detroit Business Assistance Consortium at Wayne State's Center for Urban Studies.

In addition to her current post, Downey also sat on the Lapeer Downtown Development Authority board for several years and had a 22-year career in banking before purchasing her own business, which is currently up for sale.

Farmington DDA board members said they were impressed with Downey's experience, her approach and her self-confidence.

"I, personally, think experience is necessary in working with a DDA," said board member Michele Jakacki. "She is so fine-tuned to what we need, and she exudes warmth."

Board member Ron Oglesby said he believed Downey would deal well with different personalities. "I just get some feelings and vibes that she would be a hands-on person," he said.

Jody Soronen said she was encouraged by Downey's expertise in the area of business recruitment, saying that it was something that needs to be addressed here in Farmington. "This will give us a chance to make journeys forward in that direction," she added.

Farmington's DDA board faces a number of challenges in the coming years. The tax increment financing tool currently being used to finance streetscape improvements, maintenance, promotions and the director's salary expires in December of 1993. City Manager and DDA board member Robert Deadman told the board the new DDA director would need to immediately begin the process of planning for the future and looking into the procedure for forming a new TIF.

"There's a big project to be done yet — a vision and planning for the future," he said. "There's a major task to be undertaken here."

The overall concern is in keeping a viable downtown, he added.

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impact on the people and pets. One of the clippings discussed the animals' plight and gave the name of a veterinarian who was coordinating animal relief efforts.

"I saw that and I thought, totally, this is a job for me," Stephanie said. She and her teacher did a filter which was distributed to other teachers at Hillside and students brought in all kinds of food last week.

Stephanie's mother came with boxes, helped pack the food and on Friday delivered it to the Drake Road station of the Farmington Hills Fire Department — a drop-off point for the Salvation Army.

Stephanie even approached The Pet Supermarket on 12 Mile Road which gave her samples for the food drive.

Harris called the Florida vet, who said the food donated by Hillside would be used for pet "foster homes" in the area. Because so many families are living in temporary tents, they cannot keep their pets with them and a network of pet foster care homes has been established.

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para-professionals in the Educational Support Personnel unit.

An average teacher in the district currently earns \$45,800 per year.

The district and unions agreed to a one-year contract last year with a 6 percent wage increase; this agreement is expected to be a multi-year pact with a lower percentage.

When asked whether she expected union members to ratify the agreement, Alley said, "I would hope so." Union members were briefed on the major contract issues on the afternoon the settlement was reached, and copies of the settlement proposal were sent to all members by mail, she said.

Alley said the CMC unit was scheduled to meet this past Saturday, then will vote at 10 Mile School on Thursday; the ESP will hold a membership meeting on Wednesday where they will cast ballots and the FEA will vote at individual school buildings throughout the day Friday.

AAUW celebrates 40th with big book sale

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Bigger and better than ever is how the annual book sale for the American Association of University Women is described.

"We are celebrating our 40th anniversary. Hopefully, it will be the biggest sale we have ever had," said Mary Ann Gibson, chairwoman of the book sale committee for the Farmington branch of the AAUW.

When patrons stop at Livonia Mall, Oct. 15-18, they will find 40-45 tables full of used books for sale. This year, Gibson said, promises to have even more books than before. Books will be available in 45 different categories.

"We cover the universe, from art to zoology," Gibson said of the book categories. "All of the books are out on the first day. And we don't sell damaged books."

The sale runs from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 15-17. On Sunday, Oct. 18, the sale is on from noon to 6 p.m. "We are going to emphasize the AAUW and our local branch at the sale," Gibson said.

The Farmington branch usually has about 500 boxes of books — about 10,000-12,000 books — for sale at the mall, where the annual book sale has been for the last 24

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years. Children's books also will be available and are reasonably priced so kids can buy them themselves.

"We emphasize reading. Our goal is to get books into the hands of people who cannot otherwise afford them," Gibson said.

Proceeds from the book sales — \$9,000 was raised last year — go to the group's education foundation, which provides post-graduate fellowships and scholarships for women.

Local scholarships also are provided. Another half of the proceeds go toward community groups, such as the Farmington Community Library, Farmington-Farmington Hills Community Center and Farmington Advisory Committee.

"We don't retain any money from the sale for general operations," Gibson said.

The goal of the organization "is furthering education, particularly for women," said president Gill

Perrin. "We are open to men and women."

The Farmington branch has sponsored seminars in the local schools setting the bar to get girls into math and science. The organization also works with the Girl Scouts.

"We are interested in education for women. And we want to help ensure equal pay for equal work," Gibson said, of the organization which boasts 50-60 percent of its members as teachers.

The organization is also involved in issues such as sexual harassment, educational equity and female self-esteem. "We are trying to have a local contact working with the schools," Gibson said.

A table at the book sale will be devoted to literature about the organization and its causes. Memberships are also available. The only requirement is that members — men and women — must have a degree from an accredited college or

university.

When the book sale is over and books are left behind, organization members will pack them up and send them to the Detroit Rotary. "From there they will be shipped" to a university in Poland," Gibson said.

Since last year's sale, members of the book sale committee have been working to gather books and organize them for the sale. Right now, members are spending their Mondays sorting the books. "We have a storage depot in downtown Farmington," Gibson said.

Books for the sale are donated by the public. Donation barrels are located throughout the community. "We get a wonderful response with donations."

The branch's 150 members are from Farmington, Farmington Hills, Southfield, Novi, Livonia and West Bloomfield.

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Program Note

The facilitator for our September lunch program will discuss a number of ideas and possibilities to increase your business. Even though business is beginning to pick-up, the memories of this and the previous recession are still fresh. "The life and growth of business is why we exist". (Kadlec)

Facilitator: Frank Kadlec

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