

POINTS OF VIEW

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for the help

I want to thank you for the item in the Farmington Focus column on July 11.

I can not give you an actual count but we did have many people that visited the museum during the festival that mentioned seeing the article and came to see the paintings.

As some of these people were first time visitors we were doubly pleased that we had found something that was interesting and attractive.

Again, we thank you for your help in letting the Farmington area know what is happening in the Farmington local.

Your newspaper does make a difference in regards what is happening in Farmington and their success.

Dick Carroll,
Farmington Historical Museum

Police were great

I wrote Police Chief William Dwyer and informed him about two of his officers, M. Fluhart and M. Haro, because of the thoroughness of their investigation when they found an empty wheel chair parked on Farmington Road between 13 and 14 Mile Roads alongside a small lake.

My wife and I were concerned and were about to call the police when they came by in a scout car and took over.

These two officers combed the woods on both sides of the lake and then crossed the road and did the same on the opposite side.

We all had the same thought in mind, that somebody left their wheel chair and went into the lake. I learned later that they found the owner of the chair and returned it.

People are too quick to criticize the police. Where would we be without them?

Milton Rose,
Farmington Hills

Thank you, coaches

I would like to report a very positive coaching combination in

NFWB boy's baseball.

Kudos go out to Coaches Peterson, Foon and Pinkston in the Mustang Division B, Indians team. These three men are to be congratulated for the manner with which they coached the boys. They were firm but kind.

I was impressed with the positive reinforcement they demonstrated, even when the team was losing. Too many times coaches are hard-nosed and competitive.

I believe the intent of these three coaches was to teach them the game, include every boy in the game, and to have fun. I believe they did a wonderful job accomplishing these goals.

For my part, I have seen tremendous changes in my son since the beginning of the season. Initially he hated baseball. Now he can't wait to play next year. This was his first exposure to the game. Though he was at best a mediocre player, the coaches made him feel great about himself. This is what I think sports should be about.

Heartfelt thanks again coaches for the very positive and self-affirming playing environment you provided for these boys.

Kathie Boguslawski,
Farmington Hills

She's so funny!

I would like to express thanks on behalf of several friends and myself for your column July 1 about the "messy mom." by Kathy O'Donohue.

We laughed and giggled the whole time we read it. We could sure relate with her experience. Who is she, the new Erma Bombeck of Farmington Hills?

Please, more of her material soon — she's funny.

Gail and Nina Brandeis,
Farmington Hills

Column was great

The column (July 11) written by Kathy O'Donohue in the Farmington Observer was excellent.

She captured the feelings most moms are trying to express very well.

Kathy could be the new Erma Bombeck of Farmington Hills.

I am writing in the hopes that more of Kathy O'Donohue's articles will appear in the Farmington Observer.

Carol Wand,
Farmington Hills

He's for Linda

As I sit and read today's articles regarding the Republican Primary, a few things have stood out:

■ There are two candidates in this race who have personal agendas and can't put their personal feelings aside and campaign, as should be, on facts and merit. Do we want someone in office who might vote a certain way because of their personal feelings toward someone?

■ On March 7, Mrs. Webb said she didn't want the primary to resemble the tenor of the current divisive Republican Presidential race. "It's not my style, and I certainly hope any challenger would not campaign in that manner," who was the first one to campaign that way and who joined her?

■ I find it very hard to believe Andy made an honest mistake in his literature by referring to the endorsement by Farmington Hills firefighters and claiming to have a law degree. Wouldn't most people know if they had a law degree or not?

■ Mr. Raczkowski says it was a mistake, but some of this literature was handed out as recently as the Farmington Hills Founders Day Parade. Doesn't Andy proof-read his own campaign literature?

Through all of this there is one candidate who has not joined the mud slinging and dirty politics.

That is, without a doubt, Linda Jolicœur.

That's why I am supporting Linda Jolicœur on Aug. 6. You should too.

Louis T. Kordus,
Farmington Hills

No fan of Andrew

I expect any candidate for public office to have principles. The past conduct of one candidate in the race for state representative is unacceptable to me.

Andrew Raczkowski, as campaign manager for John Pappageorge in 1992, admitted to calling the office of a rival candidate, (Ron Chapman) and pretended to be a worker from the Bush campaign.

He was trying to get detailed, personal and financial information (Social Security number and mother's maiden name) on his opponent to use for who only knows what. He resigned as Pappageorge's manager when he got caught.

Raczkowski was 23 years old at the time. He should have known better. Now that I know that he is a man of question when it comes to good judgment and honesty, I certainly know better. He won't have my vote.

Chris Miller,
Farmington Hills

Andrew is their choice

The Farmington Hills Police Officers Association is endorsing Andrew Raczkowski for state representative of the 37th District which includes Farmington and Farmington Hills.

We believe Andrew possesses a unique combination of personal and professional qualities which make him the best choice to represent our community in the State House.

Andrew has distinguished himself through education (he has two bachelor's degrees and a masters degree) and leadership (he is an Army Reserve Officer). As a lifelong Farmington Hills resident and business owner, he has unquestioned loyalty to the citizens of our cities.

The most significant factor is Mr. Raczkowski's thorough knowledge of the Michigan legislative process and his efforts to educate himself on local issues and concerns of the community he will represent including a wide range of law enforcement issues.

Andrew Raczkowski's abilities will

be an enormous asset to our District as well as to the State House.

In a recent (July 25) letter to the editor written by Farmington Hills Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi, the mayor takes exception to statements made in campaign literature endorsing Mr. Raczkowski.

Although the mayor's attack on me detracts from the real issue of the candidates qualifications I will briefly respond.

Andrew is the only candidate to seek out the input of the FHPOA with regard to current law enforcement issues facing our community and state.

Asking the advice of the front line officers about how to combat crime seems to me to be an important source of information each candidate should invest in. Only one candidate did and he has our support.

Wayne Beerbower, president,
Farmington Hills Police
Officers Association

A Nichols booster

On Aug. 6, Oakland County voters will cast their votes in the primary election for Sheriff. This election has quite a few qualified candidates, but only one proven leader: Sheriff John F. Nichols.

Sheriff Nichols has the experience our growing county needs: 32 years with the Detroit Police Department, three years as Undersheriff of Oakland County and seven years with Farmington Hills as Chief of Police. Sheriff Nichols also served his country well as a military police officer for the Department of Army for 22 years.

The residents of Oakland County have counted on Sheriff Nichols for 12 years to lead an efficient and effective Sheriff's Department into the fast changing world of law enforcement and the results have been well documented. Sheriff Nichols has embraced the electronic age technology by installing Mobile Data Terminals and video camera/recorders in patrol cars. Sheriff Nichols' auto theft unit is one of the most effective in the country.

Larry Wesson,
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