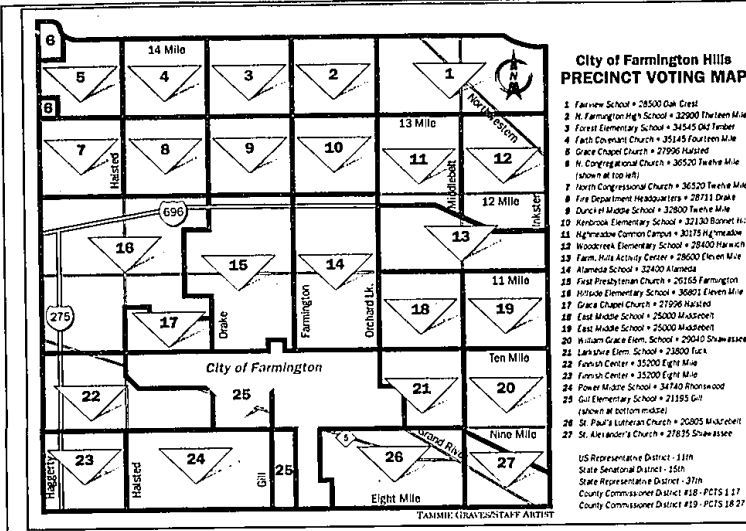


Where to cast your ballot



Absentee voters still important in area

This year's presidential election may not be as big a draw as in past years, but absentee voting may continue to be an even more important factor in Farmington and Farmington Hills.

In Farmington, absentee voters have not turned in as many ballots as in past elections, officials say.

"So far it doesn't look like we'll have as many as in the last presidential election (1992)," said Farmington Clerk/Treasurer Patsy Centrell, adding that as of Thursday, 1,518 AV ballots had been issued compared with 1,789 in 1992.

But in Farmington Hills, the absentee ballots continue to climb.

"It looks like we'll have something like 11,000, and that's higher than last time," said Hills City Clerk Kathy Dornan.

Dornan said the clerk's office will be open for business as usual on Tuesday. The Farmington Clerk and Treasury offices will only be open for election business Tuesday.

"We do not have a precinct here," Dornan said, adding that in Farmington, the city hall also serves as a voting precinct (Precinct 1).

In addition to selecting a president, U.S. senator, congressman, state representative, and Oakland County offices, Farmington and Farmington Hills voters will vote for state board of education members, University of Michigan regents, Michigan State University trustees, Wayne State University board of governors, justices of the state Supreme Court, court of appeals, 6th Circuit Court, probate court, district court and several state proposals.

Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. in both cities.

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North, 84 from Mercy and 174 from Harrison.

President Clinton won at all four schools. He won 61-43 at Farmington, 109-56 at North, 53-22 at Mercy and 101-38 at Harrison for a win of 324-159, 67-33 percent.

In a normally Republican district, two Democrats upset their GOP counterparts.

Steve Doherty beat Republican Andrew Raczowski, 264-233, a 53-47 percent difference, in the race for the 37th District State House seat. Raczowski is heavily favored in the real election.

In the race for county executive, incumbent L. Brooks Patterson lost to Democratic challenger Ed Hamilton, 265-223, a 54-46 margin.

In other races, students chose incumbent Democratic U.S. Sen-

ator Carl Levin over Republican challenger Ronna Romney, 353-157, a 69-31 percent margin; U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg defeated Democrat Morris Frum, 330-168, a 66-34 percent margin; Democrat Steven Kaplan defeated Republican Dave Corryen, 295-206, a 59-41 percent margin; and Republican Sheriff John Nichols narrowly defeated Democrat Matt Hogan, 249-246, a 50.3-49.7 percent difference.

The high schools have been conducting the mock election for years. And in recent years, due to the efforts of many including Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi, the results have been released before the general election.

"I'd like to compliment the students for participating," he said. "It's a good sign for the future."

But Vagnozzi, a Democrat, said he realizes the results may not be a reflection of Tuesday's outcome.

"The results don't necessarily completely reflect their parents' preferences," he said. "But there is some indication of change."

Students also voted on boards for the state universities and for the various proposals. Proposal D, limiting the bear hunting season and prohibiting the use of bait and dogs to hunt them, passed by a 116-34 margin at North and by 334-143 total.

"It was sort of a blood and guts issue," Davis said, adding that his son, a reporter in Gaylord, was getting a totally different reaction to the measure.

Unopposed Moffitt seeks more county efficiencies

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Oakland County commissioner David Moffitt looks at his political career philosophically. That may not be surprising for a former philosophy major from the University of Michigan who went to the University of Detroit Law School and is a practicing attorney.

But Moffitt, 43, is running unopposed in the 18th District, which he has served for 12 years.

"I sometimes get frustrated with government too," he said. "But my hope is to find a viable way to achieve an equitable allotment of resources and services to the citizens."

Moffitt and his wife Kathleen have two sons, David, 6, and Drake, 4. The attorney has political tradition in his family as the successor in the 18th to his mother Lillian.

He says the county has changed, becoming more efficient with the limitations of finances and the desire of citizens to curb big government. Still, county government has a quite, but needed role in people's lives.

"Because I'm running unopposed, this has been more of an informational campaign," he said. "I want people to know that I've voted for tax cuts, even though on some occasions I've voted with the minority."

As he becomes more adept at mixing work with politics, Moffitt said he has both spend more time working as a commissioner



David Moffitt

and becoming more accessible, and knowing his personal and professional priorities.

"That's one thing about this job," he said. "You have to be accessible. I mostly don't directly solve individual problems, but when someone calls, I make sure I direct them to the right person or find out what the problem is and see if there is a solution."

Another lesson Moffitt has learned: "Anytime you can find time for your family, you take it," he said, "with my schedule, it's not always possible to spend as much time as you'd like at home."

Moffitt said his is comfortable with the commission's present

role and isn't looking for more authority.

"We're the sixth largest employer in Oakland County, with some 4,500 employees and a \$500 million budget," Moffitt said. "And we've just gotten a \$100 million community mental health delivery system."

Those and other reasons make it necessary for professional management and staffing, something a 25-member commission can not directly oversee on a daily basis, he said.

County government can influence, but on its own, can't solve all problems, he said.

Roads funding is mostly a function of state government. Even though Oakland County has become the state's economic engine with the most economic growth, it has no direct control or additional source of road money for new and old roads.

"The demographics of travel have changed, with more people working at home," he said. "Unfortunately, that will not help us enough in the short run."

Holding down taxes while making services more efficient and keeping the county's far flung law enforcement operations in top condition are two of Moffitt's priorities.

Despite the county's many complex problems, Moffitt said he is optimistic about its future thanks to the quiet group of commissioners.

"But it's much more than a part-time job," he said.

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OCC's Empty Bowl Luncheon to benefit St. Leo's soup kitchen

The Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College will hold its annual Empty Bowl Luncheon on Wednesday, Nov. 6, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Farmington Hills school.

The event is sponsored by the OCC student group Students Against Hunger, and raises money for St. Leo's Soup Kitchen.

Held in the Studio Cafe in the college's Building, the luncheon features homemade soup and bread prepared by OCC culinary students. For a

\$5 donation, participants receive a serving of soup and bread and take home a handmade pottery bowl crafted by OCC art students and faculty.

In addition to sponsoring the annual fund-raising luncheon, Students Against Hunger members volunteer monthly at St. Leo's Soup Kitchen.

OCC Orchard Ridge is located south of I-696 between Orchard Lake and Farmington roads. For more information, contact Joan Kusak at 471-