

Moody withdraws, supports Posthumus for governor

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Farmington Hills businessman Jim Moody said he concurred with the state board of canvassers that his signature count to run as a Republican for state governor didn't add up.

"We did some test counts," he said, explaining he traveled to Lansing Thursday where the board confirmed he did not meet the 15,000 signatures required to have his name on the ballot for the state's top job.

So what went wrong? "I think we may have counted one packet twice," he said. "It's the only thing I can think of."

But he's not out of politics altogether, it appears. Moody said he's backing gubernatorial candidate Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus after spending \$30,000 of his own money on his failed campaign.

"I like what he thinks," Moody, 59, said. "I met all five candidates and they were all good people. But I'm conservative and Dick is more in line with where I

am heading."

In a press release, Posthumus said, "I am grateful for Jim's support. Jim brought a great deal of energy to the campaign and he should be proud of what he was able to accomplish as someone who was virtually unknown by most political observers in this state. I admire Jim's enthusiasm and his willingness to step into the arena and not just sit on the sidelines."

Moody's quest for the state's top job was his first bid for public office. He said he wanted to bring his common sense approach to Lansing with his business sense. He runs a wood installation and refinishing business.

"I'm pragmatic in the way I look at things," he said. "This is not rocket science. You do it by the numbers."

Does he think he'll run again for governor in four years? "If no one grabs me (for a job), I might just do that," he said.

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The Board of Directors for the Farmington Area Republican Club has announced its endorsement of the following candidates for the August 6 primary election:

47th District Court Judge: Larry Leib

The five candidates who returned the club's questionnaire and were interviewed on June 4 are Paul Blizman, Jim Brady, Barry Brickner, Leib and Annette Raczkowski. Candidates Sidney Kraizman and Alan Vosko did not participate.

U.S. Senate: State Rep. Andrew Raczkowski. Raczkowski's opponent is incumbent Sen. Carl Levin.

County Commissioner: 16th District-David Moffitt, 14th District-Michael Rogers

Moffitt's opponent is James Nash; Rogers' opponent is Ryan Gesund. The 14th District includes all of Farmington and 12 western voting precincts in Farmington Hills. The remaining 16 precincts in Farmington Hills comprise the 16th District.

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"We're virtually sold out on sponsorship," said Lichtman. "The sponsorship has worked out well."

She said she attended a seminar on ideas for sponsorship and decided to give title method a try.

There are also plenty of other sponsorships for lower costs.

"We do have some banner sponsorships available at \$600, then we have Friends of the Festival still open," she said.

Main sponsorships are pretty much gone because the brochure for the event has gone to print.

The sponsorships help businesses by offering them exposure, Lichtman said. We had in excess of 100,000 people last year attend. We're a non-profit event. What we're giving is a marketing opportunity for a lot of businesses."

Nancy Dumas, spokeswoman for Botsford, said the hospital has been the sponsor of the parade for many years.

"It's an important way we support the community," she said. "We're a part of the fabric of this community and this is one way we do it. We receive great support from people and this is one way we work together. It's part of our tradition and history and we're glad it's continuing."

Richard Bell, assistant sales manager for Varsity Lincoln Mercury, said the automotive group wants to help with the event.

"We've always been one to help out the Farmington Area Chamber or any other opportunity that involves the community. As long as we have money in the budget we're willing to help out. We hope people are going to come and see us for their new vehicle needs - and servicing their Ford products."

He said the festival is an important event that needs local support to continue.

"We help keep these festivals going," he said. "I believe they are important. How do we know who we are if we don't learn from our past?"

Other title sponsors include LOC Federal Credit Union, which is sponsoring the Magical Mystery Tour.

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of us will not be millionaires or be successful," Inch said. "Our kids are a rebirth for ourselves."

The most total ballots cast were at Forest Elementary, 94 (1.12 percent) and Dunkel Middle School, 90 (1.12 percent).

In terms of most votes cast for each candidate, Webb received 70 votes at Forest Elementary and 69 votes at Longacre Elementary. Inch received 70 votes at both Forest Elementary and Dunkel Middle School.

The ballot also included candidates for the Oakland Community College Board of Trustees.

The two top vote-getters in that race were Sandra Ritter with 227 votes (24.92 percent) and Phillip J. Abraham (23.71 percent).