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FUND-RAISING

Farmington Community Center has kicked off its annual fundraiser with a goal of \$100,000. The 20-year-old center is a nonprofit organization, independent of the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills. It relies on residents and businesses for financial support.

Proceeds are used for center operations. To contribute, write: Farmington Community Center, 24705 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills 48018.

FOUNDERS Fest sponsor. Metrovision of Oakland County will sponsor banners for this year's Farmington Founders Festival, which will advertise the midsummer event.

The banners, which will hang throughout downtown Farmington, will be green and sport a design with buglers.

SOUNDS of music. The East Middle School Choral Chorus' half-hour performance Wednesday, May 25, will be broadcast over 69.1 FM, Warren Consolidated Schools' educational radio station.

The Macomb County district invited the Farmington Hills youngsters after hearing them at their last concert. Each student will receive a recorded tape of their performance, which will air from 1:30-2 p.m.

MEET the candidates. The Farmington Democratic Club will host a candidates forum for the three Farmington school board candidates at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River, Farmington Hills.

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Hills to offer drug analysis service

By Joanna Maliszewski
staff writer

Anonymity and education will be the guiding rule of a new Farmington Hills police program designed to help parents help their children. Beginning June 1, Farmington Hills residents, particularly parents, may have any substance they suspect might be an illegal drug analyzed without fear of police action.

"There is no trick to this, there really isn't. We want to help set parents' minds at ease and provide some help," said Lt. Richard Murphy of the Farmington Hills Police Department.

The new anonymous drug analysis program is part of a yearlong substance abuse program established by the department's Citizens Crime Prevention Advisory Committee.

The program is part of the committee's 19-point action plan to educate and combat substance abuse in the community. The campaign was kicked off with the designation of April 17-23 as "Say No To Drugs" week.

Police will analyze marijuana and narcotics such as heroin and cocaine. Pills brought in will be analyzed with the help of a Physicians Desk Reference if they contain a brand name or serial number. If not, the pills can be sent for testing, Murphy said.

RESIDENTS WHO want a substance or pills analyzed should take the items to the police department's command desk and say you want to participate in the anonymous drug analysis program. Residents need not give their name for the items to be analyzed. Police will provide residents with a code number they may use when calling, five working days later, for the drug analysis results.

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Farmington High senior Jana Jensen (center) tutors ninth-grader Manoj Trivedi (left) in geometry. Senior Jason Ziadeh hands to Jensen a questionnaire that was given to the school's Academic All-Stars in preparation for a story in the school newspaper, Blue and White.

Teen is tops at helping others

By Louise Okrutsky
staff writer

It'll soon be over for Jana Jensen. School groups she helped propel into action will be still for the summer. But if a sure bet ever existed, it's that Jensen, a Farmington High graduating senior, won't sit still.

Her involvement in school and community activities led to a Farmington Youth Assistance Award in early May. Nominated by Farmington Families in Action, Jensen's list of volunteer activities leaves precious little free time.

"Senior friends last year encouraged me to do as much as I could do this year," the Farmington resident said. "This has been the best year."

Her activities include peer counseling in elementary schools for Students Against Driving Drunk (SADD) as well as membership on the Student Council and in the National Honor Society (NHS).

Through NHS, she has tutored, taken Farmington Training Center students bowling and participated in a home chore program.

"Service to others is always stressed," she says of her family.

Her parents, Katrina and Richard Jensen, are great believers in volunteering to help others. "My parents and grandparents are forever volunteering," she said.

HER MOTHER is active in Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills as well as the Farmington Community Center. She's also involved in parent groups at Power Middle School where son, Jay, is an eighth grader.

Evidently, the family commitment to helping others has taken hold in Jana. "I like knowing what's going on. I like helping make things a success and helping in the school and community," she said.

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"And I painted. It was hot and with the paint fumes, we were dizzy by the end of the day. We had paint in our hair for about three weeks afterward."

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Principal named for Highmeadow

By Casey Hans
staff writer

The new principal at Highmeadow Common Campus intends to make the school's two-year pilot program special, involving not only its 300 new students but parents and teachers as well.

"I really believe that schools are for learning — and not just for the kids," said Janice Colliton, whose appointment was approved last week by the Farmington school board.

"You have to provide that for adults as well."

Highmeadow's Colliton common campus program will include a core curriculum, enrichment classes and an integrated program for gifted students enrolled there.

Students representing all elementary schools across the district were selected for the new school by a lottery system last month. There are 12 classrooms: three for first graders, three for second graders, and two classes each for grades three through five.

Colliton's philosophy that "learning is for everyone" comes from her own background as a teacher in other districts and a staff development trainer in Farmington.

She plans to stay involved in the classroom as well as the front office. "I never want to forget how to be a teacher," she said. "I always want to be on the cutting edge of teaching."

ALREADY ACTIVE in her administrative role, Colliton is busy winding down her job in the staff development area while gearing up for the new building at Highmeadow this fall. She is meeting people, evaluating position needs and hiring classroom teachers. Readying Highmeadow again as an elementary school will make for a busy summer, she said.

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Health training pushed

By Casey Hans
staff writer

A three-year plan to educate students about the ills of drugs, drinking, the AIDS virus and other health issues has been proposed by a Farmington schools study committee.

The health report specifically addresses substance abuse problems, calling for extensive school staff training for handling problems and advocating a student support network.

It was compiled after one year of study and presented to school board trustees last week. They are expected to take action on it at the next meeting.

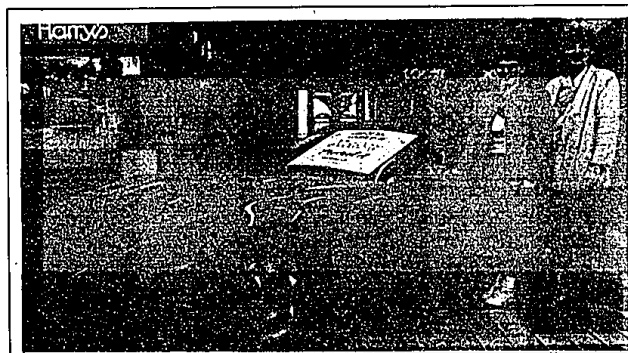
To date, the district's health education program has been "fragmented and piecemeal," according to assistant superintendent Judith White, who chaired the committee of 14 people.

Another 41 school employees and members of the community worked on subcommittees that studied health education models that can be applied in a variety of grades, family life issues and classes, substance abuse and student assistance programs and districtwide health policies.

ACCORDING TO the proposal, a student assistance program would be implemented in the 1988-89 school year. It would help students with chemical dependency problems, those from chemically dependent families and others who need peer counseling.

The report suggests:
• hiring a "student assistance" coordinator.

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Sweepstakes grand prize

This 1988 Chevrolet Corvette is the grand prize in the Farmington Founders Festival Sweepstakes. The car is on display at Tally Hall in Farmington Hills. Pictured are Kimberly Kain (left), hall manager, and Jody Boronen, executive director of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce, which oversees the annual midsummer festival. Drawing tickets are \$100. Call the chamber, 474-3440. Other prizes include shopping sprees. The drawing and a wine and cheese reception for ticket buyers will be at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 26, at the Farmington Community Center.

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