

School candidates on the stump

Farmington Public Schools' annual school board election will be held from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, June 12.

AKOURI MEETS

School board candidate John Akouri will meet with Farmington Public Schools principals and building administrators at a district principals' meeting today in Farmington Hills.

Akouri said he "recognizes that the district's principals have an advantaged perspective of the school system."

Akouri supports greater autonomy for principals and teachers with a track record of success. He

said he would like to see more direct communication between the school board and district teachers and building administrators. He would encourage this via regular meetings with district principals and regular school visits, according to a press release he issued May 31. Akouri's platform includes greater fiscal responsibility, better definition of goals for student performance, accreditation of all elementary and middle schools, improving the district's weak performance on MEAP and SAT tests, and improved public communications with the board.

RANNEY'S CARDS

election '89

Farmington school board candidate Robert Ranney is distributing different polling place cards in each of the district's voting precincts. The cards tell where to vote. Four voting precincts means four sets of cards.

Ranney also has issued a position statement.

INCUMBENTS STUMP

Farmington school board candidates John Cotton and Helen Ditzky, each seeking re-election af-

ter one four-year term of service, have put together individualized campaign literature. The literature recounts their community service and education-related credentials.

ENDORSEMENTS

The Farmington Coordinating Council political action committee, which represents four Michigan Education Association-affiliated unions in the Farmington Public Schools, has endorsed incumbents John Cotton and Helen Ditzky for re-election to the Farmington school board.

The Farmington Area Republican Club has endorsed challenger John Akouri.

on the agenda

Below are highlights from agendas of government meetings this week. All meetings, unless otherwise noted, are open to the public.

Farmington City Council
City Council Chambers
23600 Liberty
8 p.m. Monday, June 5

Adjustments to the current year's budget and adoption of budget and tax rate for 1989-90 budget year are slated for action tonight.

The council will also:

- Discuss concerns with traffic along State Street.

- Schedule a special meeting to

interview candidates for the city's new traffic and safety board.

- Hear reports on trash bag purchases, buy of computer equipment and a tax receivable system with Oakland County.

- Consider the resignation of Nancy Kusma from the Farmington Area Arts Commission.

- Hear a sign variance request from Mobil Oil for the station at Grand River and Drake.

- Consider taking a position on state legislation regarding road salt alternatives.

Downtown Development Authority
City Council Chambers
Meeting Room
23600 Liberty
8 a.m. Tuesday, June 6

clarification

The Farmington Hills police officer appearing tonight in a panel discussion on the signs and symptoms of adolescent drug use is Bertis Cook. He was wrongly identified in the Observer last Thursday. The dis-

cussion is 7-8 p.m. in the living room of the Community Center of Farmington-Farmington Hills. Plymouth-based Straight Inc., which treats adolescents for chemical addiction, is sponsoring the free event.

The DDA board will consider using the Michigan Youth Corps program again this year for use on downtown projects. Expanded holiday lighting and the new DDA promotions program would be this year's focus. The board will consider a recommendation of hiring two part-time workers for 20 hours per week for 12 weeks.

The board will also approve payments, hear a treasurer's report and conduct other routine business.

Farmington Board of Education
Schulman Administrative Center
32500 Shawwassee
Tuesday, June 6

6 p.m. — new school groundbreaking
6:30 p.m. — Building and Site Committee

7:30 p.m. — regular meeting

The school board and administration will formally break ground for the district's new elementary school on a site on 11 Mile, just east of Halsted.

During the building and site committee meeting, a subcommittee of the board will discuss developing a building usage policy, and will consider a letter from the Farmington Hills Beautification Commission which has offered to help the district

in landscape planning. An overview report will be given during the regular meeting.

Adoption of the 1989-90 budget and tax rate is slated for action during the regular meeting. Also on the agenda:

- Bid openings for a loading dock at Lakeshore Elementary and carpeting for Wood Creek Elementary.

- Bid awards for Phase I of the new elementary school construction including earthwork, site utilities, temporary fencing and concrete curb and gutter.

- Bid awards for remodeling projects at Cloverdale Center, Fairview Early Childhood Center, Harrison and North Farmington high schools, Farmington Community School and Warner Middle School. A bid award is also slated for roof work at Farmington High School.

- A report on the district's property liability insurance carrier.

- Consideration of deeding Highmeadow Street to the city of Farmington Hills, owned by the district, so the street can be paved.

- Consideration of membership in the Michigan Association of School Boards.

Gill-Cloverdale bond is formed

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Douglas Smith, supervisor/principal for Cloverdale, said he is encouraged by the joint Gill/Cloverdale effort. "This is really a first," he said. "Out of these seminars has come a natural curiosity. We've had a very special relationship with Gill."

Sandra Eiling, a teacher of severely mentally impaired students at Cloverdale, has been involved in the "Kids R Kids" program since it began two years ago. The first year, the staff had limited resources, but have since received a \$3,000 state grant, which is helping get the word out to other schools.

"We want to show that they enjoy the same kinds of things, even though there are certain things we may have to do differently."

follows a national trend toward making the general public more aware and comfortable with others' disabilities. "The more we can change attitudes . . . the better it will be," she said.

Beth Ballie, resource room teacher at Gill, said the visit to Cloverdale was a natural after students watched the "Kids R Kids" videotapes and asked many questions about the center. Each video starts with scenes of the Cloverdale playground, specially designed for students with handicaps.

Especially appealing to the Gill students was a slide built into a hill, making it impossible for children to fall off. "They saw that on the tape — they wanted to try it out," Ballie added.

This summer, Cloverdale staff members will review data from a survey done after viewing of the "Kids R Kids" program. This will be compared with data from a survey done before the videos were shown, showing public attitudes towards handicapped students.

SO FAR in the "Kids R Kids" program, five shows have been taped and have reached 33 classrooms. They are also broadcast on local cable television.

Eiling said the Cloverdale effort

Last call made for gazebo donations

The Gazebo-Pergola Fund Committee is winding down its effort to raise \$40,000 for the construction of a gazebo and seating area on the north side of Grand River between the Village Commons and Farmington Place.

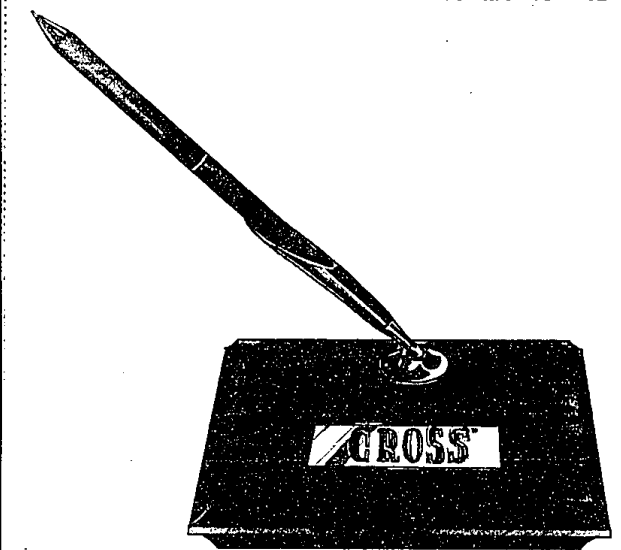
The group is \$6,000 from its goal. Thirty-five individuals, businesses and community organizations have contributed amounts of at least \$50 and will be permanently acknowledged on the site. Another 25 donors have also made contributions. Through June 15, Potpourri

Cafe, at 34637 Grand River, will donate 25 cents from each lunch and 50 cents per dinner served.

Sierra Pines Construction Co. of Farmington has been awarded the contract to build the structure, which includes a 20-foot gazebo flanked by two pergolas (seating areas). Both pergolas will contain benches selected to complement the structure and surrounding area. Four pedestrian lights, to match those on Grand River, will be installed in the concrete plaza area on the site.

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Canton Parks & Recreation (1150 S. Canton Center Rd.) *T/Th 9:30 a.m. 20 hrs/\$40 June 20 Staff Low Impact Exercise *T/Th 10:30 a.m. 20 hrs/\$40 June 20 Staff M/W 7:00 p.m. 20 hrs/\$40 June 20 Staff Unlimited/\$60	Pleasanton (38500 W. Nine Mile Rd., E. of Haggerty) *Monday through Friday 9:30 a.m. 20 hrs/\$40 June 19 Debbie Understate 10:00 a.m. 10 hrs/\$20 June 24 M/W 7:00 p.m. 20 hrs/\$40 June 19 Jody T/Th 7:00 p.m. 20 hrs/\$40 June 20 Linda
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Garden City (Register through Schoolcraft - 482-4400 x5160) Schoolcraft College Red Cliff Center (1751 Red Cliff) M/W 6:30 p.m. 10 hrs/\$32 May 15 Jeannette	Baby-sitting 1/child \$2/family Low Impact Exercise T/Th 7:00 p.m. 9 hrs/\$18 June 13 Martha T/Th 7:00 p.m. 10 hrs/\$20 June 18 Martha
Plymouth 1st Presbyterian Church of Plymouth (701 Church, sponsored by Women's Association) *M/W 6:30 p.m. 18 hrs/\$32 June 12 Carol W/F 9:30 a.m. 18 hrs/\$32 June 14 Carol	Novi Civic Center (45175 W. 10 Mile Rd.) PHASE I *Monday through Friday 9:30 a.m. 16 hrs/\$32 June 5 Roseanne M/W/Th 7:00 p.m. 16 hrs/\$32 June 5 Carol Unlimited/\$50
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Schoolcraft College (18800 Haggerty) Register through Schoolcraft, free use of the pool, weight room, etc. - call 482-4400 x5160 M/W 9:30 a.m. 18 hrs/\$32 May 15 Joanne M/W 7:30 p.m. 16 hrs/\$32 May 15 Laura T/Th 7:00 p.m. 16 hrs/\$32 May 16 Staff	Sponsored by: Novi Community Education (Register through Novi Adult Ed.) Vital Options by the Fitness Factory Novi High School M/W 7:00 p.m. 16 hrs/\$40 June 10 Terry 20 hrs/\$40

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