

Harrison celebrates red ribbon month

Promoting community efforts to encourage a drug-free lifestyle, Harrison High School is again involved in a number of related activities this month.

Red ribbons supplied by Farmington Families in Action are being distributed to all students by the school's Students Against Driving Drunk chapter, cheerleaders will wear their ribbons at every October sporting event.

Harrison's staff members have received ribbons to display on their cars and will receive handouts about adolescent substance abuse throughout the month of October.

Led by SADD sponsor Cheryl Conn-Oeller, students are also

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cocaine were seized from around the world.

"It was a sobering talk," said Farmington Department of Public Safety director Frank Lauhoff. "It brought everybody into the problem. Parents and others walked out thinking 'I'm a big part of this.'"

"People tend to want to distance themselves from the problem. Today was different."

Farmington Hills Police Chief William Dwyer said Ramirez' remarks stressed the importance of keeping good local programs in place. In the Hills, officers are as-

Blood drives are planned

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will make several stops for blood drives in the Farmington area during October. Dates and places are:

- Tuesday, Oct. 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Oakland Community College, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Call Sylvia Berggren at 544-5563 for an appointment.
- Monday, Oct. 15, from 2-8 p.m.

Faxon relies on experience

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He is busy walking subdivisions and visiting groups during the last weeks of the campaign to keep what appears to be a strong base of support. Without any primary opposition, Faxon received more than 12,000 votes — more than all other candidates combined in the August primary.

"I thought that was extraordinary," he said. "For whatever reason, they did it."

His years in the Senate and six in the state House of Representatives as well. He is currently a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, chairman of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Arts and on sub-committees for education, retirement, budget and oversight, and transportation.

Faxon believes his experience and longevity

will be an asset with the difficult issues of budget, taxes and economic hard times. "The whole state of the economy is going to be hard hit if we have a recession," he said. "I will be on Appropriations — that's key."

"It's more important to have a senior legislator when times are tough."

Faxon is also focusing heavily on education issues, attempting to get categorical aid returned to school districts that lost it last summer. He remains pro-schools as he has been "all my life," is pushing for better eldercare legislation, and making polluters pay for dirtying the environment.

It is because of these issues, he said, that he is seeking another term.

"I never thought I'd stay this long," he said, but "I was raised to 'stay in the same job all your life.' The pattern of sticking to something is imbedded in me."

"I have always felt people have the right to take me out of the job, if they want to."

Faxon has strong ties to the Southfield area, where he is headmaster and founder of the private, bilingual International School. He moved to Farmington Hills eight years ago, and now lives in the Wood Creek subdivision. His mother, Pauline, who is suffering from Alzheimer's disease lives with him also.

District 15 includes the cities of Farmington, Farmington Hills, Southfield, Novi, Wixom, Oak Park, Ferndale, Huntington Woods, Pleasant Ridge, Royal Oak Township, Novi Township and a portion of Northville.

The next profile will focus on State Senate Steve Silver, a Huntington Woods Libertarian.

Advisory council slates 3 programs

The Farmington Area Advisory Council Inc., which sponsors activities related to substance abuse, has planned three events. They are:

- A five-week series focusing on adult children of alcoholics, beginning Friday, Oct. 19, at the Advisory Council facility, 23450 Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills.
- A "videorama" from 1-5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20, at the Advisory Council facility shown in conjunction with Substance Awareness Month. Videos shown include "Lots of Kids Like Us," "Soft Is the Heart of A Child" and others about families and substance abuse.
- A parent-support group which meets every Friday at 6:30 p.m. at the Advisory Council facility. Issues include parenting adolescents, communication skills and support. There is no fee.

For more information, call 477-6767.

Society meets

DIA curators William and Elaine Peck will describe the finds of their recent dig at the Temple of Karnak in Egypt during the Clinton Valley Chapter of the Michigan Archaeological Society meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 8, at the Cranbrook Institute of Science.

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