

ON THE AGENDA

Below are highlights from the agendas of meetings this week. All meetings are open to the public.

**Farmington City Council**  
City Hall, 474-0500  
8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 6

**Agenda items include:**

- Establish public hearing of 1996-97 Community Development Block Grant Program.
- Traffic control order consideration for no turn on red provision on Shilwassee and Farmington roads.
- Cemetery rules and regulations.
- Grand River maintenance contract.
- Consider purchase of patrol vehicle.

**Farmington Board of Education**  
session  
Lewis Schulman Center, 489-3300  
8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7

**Agenda items include:**

- Staff recognition for Jean Warner of Hillside Elementary.
- Legislative report on the status of school reform.

**Advanced placement test results.**

**Process of involving community in district financial future decisions and ability to support Mission 2007.**

**Stepping into technology.**

**Preview Nov. 21 board meeting: Student recognitions and Billingual Department presentation.**

**Southwestern Cable Commission**  
Farmington City Council Chambers  
473-7268  
7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8

**Agenda items include:**

- Public school report by Peggy Schlund on the Farmington district's in-service and electronic field trip.
- Cable access committee report by Pat Isham.
- Info TV-12 report by Kevin Southers.
- Time Warner report by Tom Bjorklund on fiber optic upgrade.
- Merileem presentation by Bill Murray.
- Executive director's report by Caren Collins on state and federal legislation.

Faxon's suit against GOP unresolved

By JILL HOCKMAN STAFF WRITER

Lawyers representing former state Sen. Jack Faxon and the Michigan Republican Party on Friday failed to resolve a 6-year-old lawsuit over campaign literature that attacked Faxon, a Democrat who used to represent Farmington Hills.

Faxon filed the lawsuit in early November 1990 — a few days before he was re-elected to the state senate. Faxon beat Republican challenger Denise Alexander following a campaign that was criticized by the candidates themselves as being negative and dirty.

In the suit, Faxon claims brochures distributed by the state Republican Party contained "outright lies" regarding a 1992 civil case in which a Southfield doctor charged Faxon with a false Ming Eymaszewski case. The brochure said Faxon used a loophole to get out of both the lawsuit and a speeding ticket.

In the suit, Faxon asked for \$10,000 and a written apology.

On Friday, lawyers from both sides appeared before 6th District Court Judge Kenneth Hempstead for a pretrial hearing. Hempstead did not rule on a motion to dismiss the case. Another hearing is scheduled for



Jack Faxon

Dec. 12, a court spokeswoman said.

"It's a political lawsuit," said David Potts, attorney for the Michigan Republican State Central Committee.

Republicans have claimed the suit was one of several "outrageous" suits filed by Democrats in targeted Senate districts during the final days of the 1990 campaign.

But Faxon's attorney, Neal

Bush, said the suit was simply a response to GOP lies. A vase pictured on a brochure wasn't even the vase involved in the earlier lawsuit, he said.

Potts would not comment on specific claims made in the brochure, but he said statements made were "substantially accurate."

"The First Amendment protects free speech and the documents that are at issue are substantially true," Potts said.

Faxon could not be reached last week for comment on the case. He retired from politics earlier this year after serving some 30 years as a state legislator.

Faxon maintains residences in Southfield and New York, Bush said.

Faxon has said in the past that he used a constitutional privilege of legislative immunity until the Southfield doctor's complaint against him was properly served. Michigan newspapers criticized Faxon at the time and called for ending legislative immunity.

Faxon has also said that he set-

led the case by paying the doctor \$12,000 and taking back four of six art objects that were sold to him. "The cost of settlement was less than the \$10,000 cost of defenses," Faxon was quoted as saying in 1990.

Bush said the lawsuit is still alive after five years because it has been moved to three different courts. It was originally filed in Oakland County Circuit Court, but then was sent to Southfield district court when a mediator advised that the settlement amount be reduced to \$7,000. Damages of less than \$10,000 are handled by district courts.

The suit was then sent to Waterford district court because the Southfield judges were familiar with both Faxon and Alexander, who was a Southfield City Council member at the time. The case was then reassigned to Hempstead, Bush said. Alexander was originally named in the suit, but was later dropped from it because her campaign was not involved in the brochure mailing.

Despite the delays, Bush said he is still confident that the suit can be settled. "I'm hopeful, as I am in most cases, that it can be resolved without a trial," he said.

Milestones from page 6A

Brian Durocher of Farmington Hills was promoted to vice president, account supervisor servicing the Pontiac account managing both the Bonneville and Grand Prix brands at D'Arcy Masius Benton & Bowles/Durocher Bloomfield Hills (DMB&B).

Durocher joined the agency in 1990. He earned a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Michigan.



Marilyn R. Natchez, CPA, M.S.T., has been appointed to manager in charge of taxation at the accounting firm of Mowbray Shepley Weinstein, P.L.C. She specializes in taxation and concentrates her professional efforts in tax planning and research for closely held businesses and their owners.

Natchez is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and its Tax Division, Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants, National Association of Female Executives, Michigan Tax Information Council and the American Women's Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Marshall Solomon, D.P.M., of Farmington Hills was the recipient of the Michigan Podiatric Medical Association's Shining Star Award. He has dedicated more than 10 years of his professional life in training of residents.

Dr. Solomon is a graduate of Wayne State University and the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine. He is board certified by the American Board of Podiatric Surgery and Fellow of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons. He practices in Center Line and Farmington Hills and is

affiliated with Botsford Hospital. Pain and Rehabilitative Medicine Center, P.C., announces its expansion and new location to 31800 Northwestern Highway, Suite 120 in Village Park of Farmington Hills.

Dr. Jacquelyn G. Lockhart, M.D., and her staff specialize in all areas of rehabilitation and pain management of neurologic and musculoskeletal injuries including sports injuries, joint injuries, fibromyalgia and myofascial pain syndromes, traumatic brain injuries, and pinched nerves. Information, 539-8446.

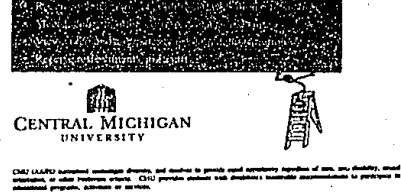
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- W. Bloomfield .....12/7/95
- Grosse Pointe .....12/12/95
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**Future Seminars:**  
Thursday, Nov. 9  
W. Bloomfield, Conf. Rm. B  
Tuesday, Nov. 14  
Fairlane, Conf. Rm. 5

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