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**Incumbent: Linda Enberg is running unopposed for a four-year term. She is completing her first four-year term.**

agreed.

The forum was co-hosted by Farmington Area PTA Council and the League of Women Voters - Oakland Area. Voters on Monday, June 14, will decide a one-year term and four-year term for the Farmington Board of Education.

Jaske's opponent, Gary Sharp, said election consolidation would muddy the partisan/non-partisan waters and end up confusing voters.

"It's not a good idea for our schools, it's not a good idea for our community," Sharp responded. "Elections and issues involving school boards are too important to consolidate within a partisan election. School boards are non-partisan positions and should be kept non-partisan."

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Linda Enberg, who is running unopposed for the only four-year term to be decided on Monday, June 14, said another problem is logistics.

"For one thing," Enberg said, "precincts for school elections are totally different from city precincts and we would have to increase our costs to man all of the precincts."

Enberg added that city, state and national issues and races probably would overshadow those for school districts.

"We would, I think, lose focus on educational issues because they would have to share the time with all of the national issues and city council issues."

Another subject where Jaske differed from the incumbents is over various parental choice funding proposals, such as tuition tax credits and vouchers.

"I am for parental choice and I do sup-

port tuition tax credits and vouchers," Jaske said. "But I have chosen public education for my daughter."

"Our goal here is one and the same. We all want an education for our children."

Most vocal of the two incumbents was Sharp, who was appointed to the board last September to fill a vacancy.

"I can't get on the highest soapbox possible and scream at the top of my lungs," he said, "that vouchers are bad for education and bad for American democracy."

Sharp and Enberg both said a tax credit plan or voucher system would divert state per-pupil revenue to private and parochial schools, even though public schools would be required to offer the same programs and services.

In closing, Jaske asked voters to consider bringing someone with a different per-



**Choice: Challenger Melody Jaske says she is the only candidate for parental choice. She is running for a one-year seat.**



**Vocal: Gary Sharp is seeking election to a seat to which he was appointed to eight months ago when board member Joe Suoke resigned.**

spective to the board, someone who is willing to work closely with parents and bring their views to the table.

"I believe I am the best candidate because I will bring new ideas and deal with them with a fresh approach," Jaske said.

Sharp had a retort. "I don't know if serving eight months on the board has made my ideas stale, but I don't think so."

Enberg, who will be re-elected to a second four-year term, pledged to seek continuous improvement in key areas such as student achievement and construction.

Moderating the hour-long session was Priscilla Kios, of the League of Women Voters.

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vices director. "It's the excess water you have to take out that is the problem."

At a recent city council meeting, Lincolnshire Estates resident Jeanne Jones questioned

why a 14,000-square foot convent is allowed to be built on Middlebelt, south of East Middle

School, in light of repeated flooding. Jones is one of a number of residents suing the city over

sewer backups in August.

In the past, Jones asked city council to put a moratorium on new development until a flooding cause is found. But such an action would put the city at risk for further litigation, a city attorney has said.

"This whole issue of what caused what is going to shake out," said Dale Countegan, Hills planning director. "The connection of this home is not going to make a bit of difference."

The Chaldeen Sisters Residence has already received the go-ahead from the city. The two-story house will sit on a 20-acre site owned by the religious order. The Reserve at Woodcreek is still in the planning stages. Farmington Hills City Council approved a preliminary site plan May 17.

A spokesman for Woodcreek Civic Association, which represents nearby homeowners, believes the plan will fit in with

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**Dale Countegan**  
—Planning director

the existing neighborhood.

The development more than meets existing zoning ordinances with less than one unit an acre. The large lots will also have 140 feet of frontage to the street.

Under RA1-A1 single family residential zoning, the developer could put up to 1.2 units per acre.

Homes in The Reserve at Woodcreek will range 3,000 to 4,000 square feet and are expected to go for \$400,000 to \$600,000 each.

The developer, Southfield-based Franklin Property, has been granted a Department of Environmental Quality permit because the project is next to wetlands.

"We're pleased when we have a development that conforms behind the zoning requirements," Countegan said. "Reserve at Woodcreek is an example of this."

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The other reason physicians are cautious giving elderly individuals new drugs, is because the elderly often are already taking a number of medications. The interaction of the new drug and any one or a combination of familiar drugs usually is unknown. It takes months to years to sort out these relationships. The elderly individual has too much a reserve to recover from a damaged liver or kidneys after discovering the new drug gave such an untoward effect.

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