

## Farmington Area Jaycees to name Citizen of the Year

The Farmington Area Jaycees invite people in the community to its Citizen of the Year Banquet on Tuesday, April 16, at the Farmington Hills Manor, located at 23666 Orchard Lake Road, between Grand River and 10 Mile Road, from 7-9:30 p.m.

Everyone who attends will enjoy an assortment of appetizers, a dinner and dessert. Cost is \$40 per person. A cash bar will be available.

The big question of the night will be which one of three outstanding nominees will be chosen the next "Citizen of the Year?"

The three finalists are: Paul and Fern Barber, Karen

Bolsen and Kim Jaske.

The Barbers are associated with the Community Band for youth and adults. Bolsen chairs the Multicultural/Multiracial Community Council to better understand issues of ethnic, religious and cultural differences in the community. Jaske is affiliated with the American Legion, an organization that supports veterans of all wars.

The Jaycees also noted the four other nominees: Brian Golden, Marj Sayles, Robert Chappell and Elizabeth Adams for their dedication to the Farmington and Farmington Hills communities.

Organizers are inviting people

to celebrate these special people and show appreciation for their selfless services to the Farmington and Farmington Hills communities. For more information or to attend, contact Stephanie Besen at (248) 477-JCCS (5227) or visit the Jaycees Web site at [www.fajc.org](http://www.fajc.org) and download a registration form.

The Farmington Area Jaycees is a local organization designed for people between the ages of 21 and 39. It offers young people an opportunity to develop personal and leadership skills through local community service and organizational involvement.

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Show of support: Florence Nitzkin of Southfield holds her sign high at a rally held Thursday at Orchard Lake and Maple roads.

## Clarenceville board questions films for new class

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When Clarenceville High teacher Josh Green learned block scheduling would allow for new elective classes, he got to

thinking about what first piqued his interest in social studies.

"It was films," he told school board members Thursday.

Green pitched them his ideas for a new class he calls "Issues and Themes in Social Science Film." While school officials had

a few concerns — one of them being the movies themselves — they liked the concept.

The aim of the class, Green said, is to deal with the problem of having a lot of material to cover in a short amount of time.

"You end up spending four days on Viet Nam. That breaks my heart," he said. "That's what I was thinking, is maybe I could cover some of the depth."

He said the class also fits with his teaching style, because he likes to make lessons a story.

Even with the longer class periods associated with block scheduling, students would need two days to view the movies. Related activities will include field trips, reflection papers, journaling and computer simulations. Green also planned to spend time this summer searching the Internet for additional information about each area of study.

### Course concerns

Board president Matthew Boettcher asked whether the course would be defined by the list of films, because new films could surface in later years that might also be worth considering. Green said the review of films

■ Clarenceville School Board members will discuss "Issues and Themes in Social Science Film," a new high school elective, prior to their April 25 meeting to be held at Botsford Elementary.

would be on-going, and that he would determine at the end of the year whether they worked with his objectives.

"As I look at this list, this seems like a poor way to teach history," Boettcher commented. "Then I remind myself this is to invoke social discussion."

He suggested students be reminded these films are just one person's interpretation of historical events, especially appropriate with movies like Oliver Stone's "JFK," because of Stone's very public political views about the Kennedy assassination.

While supporting the class concept, Boettcher and other board members also stressed great care would have to be used in how the movies were presented to students and their parents. Curriculum Director Barb Church said a permission slip would be created to ensure parents were comfortable with what their children were seeing.

Superintendent of Schools Thomas Tattan is particularly sensitive to the content of Green's list of 18 movies, some of which are rated "R."

"This is a major concern because in a previous life, I spent a lot of time on Channels 2, 4 and 7 over R-rated movies being shown in Canton schools," he said. "I understand the need for communication."

The list, which Green said would be winnowed over the summer to 13 or 14, includes "Schindler's List," "Saving Private Ryan," "Mississippi Burning," "Platoon," "M\*A\*S\*H," and "Roger and Me."

Green said the class was

already on a list of those offered first semester next year. Principal David Simowski noted the transition to block scheduling had full class scheduling about two months behind.

If board members declined to approve the class in concept, he said staff would go back to the drawing board. The class was offered "pending board approval."

"That's my problem," Garrison said. "I think the films should be listed before the selection process."

Simowski said students who signed up for the class and then changed their minds based on the film list could still sign up for a different class. "We're okay so long as we can deal with those kids before we leave in June, and I think we can do that."

Garrison also felt any issues about the class content would be addressed with parental permission slips. Board members were encouraged to send any other questions or concerns about the course to Tattan, who will compile and distribute them prior to the board's April 25 meeting. They'll discuss the class at a 6 p.m. study session prior to the meeting at Botsford Elementary.

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