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# Tax Backers Smell Victory

FARMINGTON Leaders of the citizens' campaign effort to pass the Farmington Schools' millage question on the ballot of April 24 predicted this week that "the third try to the polls will be a home run for the schools and kids."

The district suffered two "strikes" last summer when voters defeated two millage requests.

As a result, this year's school budget has been trimmed in several areas and class sizes are increasing. Positions of those leaving the school system because of retirement, resignation or other reasons are remaining unfilled.

Emma Maniken, says: "We feel our total communication effort will reverse the previous negative trend in the district. We see positive signs of this happening throughout the district."

"We knew if we got the factual information to citizens they would support us," Crudele says.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS report a "large number" of absentee ballots had been filed through Wednesday, and the count was expected to top 300 before the weekend. School officials indicate this is "unusually high for this time of year." Last year absentee ballots were heavy in favor of the millage.

Other positive signs include the approximately 3,000, 4,000 new voter registrations which include a large number

of parents "thanks to an effective voter registration effort," Crudele says.

"I can't help thinking they'll be willing to stop their children's education program from sliding further backwards," he adds.

As far as opposition to the millage issue, Crudele notes: "The reason the negative element hasn't been and won't be effective in this election is due to the positive approach being conducted by hundreds of volunteers armed with accurate, understandable information."

Crudele observes the one question heard most often from citizens continues to center on the bussing case before Federal Judge Stephen Roth. Crudele points out the millage request is for next school year only and that legal appeals would hold off any

bussing order for at least that long.

Crudele explains: "Michigan Atty. Gen. Frank Kelley has said it's not possible to implement any bussing order for the coming school year because of the entangling legal and constitutional questions that would still have to be tested."

"In every one of my conversations with people from throughout the district, I've yet to meet one person who is for bussing."

"That's the very reason we ought to approve the 3.5 mills," Crudele adds. "It takes money to fight these kinds of problems. Supporting our local schools is our strongest voice against bussing."

Association recently completed evaluation of North Farmington High School and reported that, although the school passed with flying colors, there were serious problems pending if the community continued to withhold support of the schools.

Their report stated: "Financing of the school has created problems in the day-by-day operation of the program. This impact has been felt in the depths of programs, maintenance of building, morale of staff and students, and effectiveness of the activity programs."

"The information we've provided the community throughout the campaign has been verified by this team of outside experts," adds Mrs. Makinen.

RICHARD CRUDELE, co-chairman of the Farmington Citizens for Better Schools Committee along with Mrs.

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## Marilyn Jean Kelly To Speak To Dem Club

FARMINGTON Marilyn Jean Kelly, member of the State Board of Education, will be the guest speaker for the annual dinner of the Farmington Democratic Club on Sunday, April 30.

The dinner will be held in Vladimir's, 28125 Grand River, Farmington, with cocktails at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m. Tickets at \$10 each may be obtained by sending a check payable to the Farmington Democratic Club to Brian Olmsted, 30401 Patricia, Farmington 48024.

GERALD FREEDMAN, dinner chairman, announces that as a special first there will be dancing to live music that will appeal to lovers of Glen Miller, Xavier Cugat, the Beatles and even Lawrence Welk fans.

Miss Kelly was first elected to the State Board of Education in 1965, served two years as vice president, and was re-elected in 1968.

She is a practicing attorney in the City of Detroit and has taught elementary school in Grosse Pointe, French at Cleary College in Ypsilanti, and has taught at Albion



MARILYN JEAN KELLY  
 State Board Member

## Cleaner Air Saturday Aim

FARMINGTON An effort to improve the quality of Farmington's air by reducing automotive exhaust emissions will be launched today (Saturday) from 1-4 p.m. in the Downtown Farmington Shopping Center.

A free 12-minute, three systems engine check will be given to show level of

emissions and the general condition of the engine.

The service is being offered by technicians of Astro Tune-Up of Grand River, Farmington. If all residents have the check and make necessary corrections, experts say it could reduce Farmington's air pollution by as much as 40 per cent.

Included in the dinner price is a souvenir dinner book prepared by Harry Zuchlinski, dinner book chairman. Club Chairman Mrs. JoAnne Smith urges all to attend the 10th annual dinner and first annual club dance in Vladimir's just north of Eight Mile on Grand River.

## Community Calendar

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
 Sunday, April 23, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the Farmington Masonic Temple Association will sponsor a pancake breakfast in the Masonic Temple at Grand River and Farmington Rds. Cost is \$1.25 for adults and 75 cents for children's serving for all the pancakes you can eat and a generous portion of country sausage.

**OAKLAND OSTOMY GROUP**  
 Sunday, April 23, at 2 p.m. the Oakland County Ostomy Group, a self-help organization for ostomates, will meet in the nurses' residence at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac.

**DROP-IN CENTER**  
 Monday, April 24, and Wednesday, April 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Farmington Drop-In Center will meet in the Farmington Masonic Temple at Grand River and Farmington Rds. Bring a sandwich, coffee and tea is furnished by the club.

**WOMEN OF NORTH FARMINGTON**  
 Tuesday, April 25, at 8 p.m. the 13th annual card party sponsored by the Women of North Farmington will be held in Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, 23615 Powers Rd., Farmington. Tickets are \$2.50 each and proceeds will benefit New Horizons in Farmington, a workshop for handicapped young adults. For tickets, contact Mrs. Nadine Justusson of 30145 Woodbrook Ct. or Mrs. Ann Oppenbacher of 32216 Baintree, both of Farmington.

**WILLIAM GRACE PTA**  
 Tuesday, April 25, at 8 p.m. William Grace Elementary School PTA will hold its monthly meeting in the school. Program will include a presentation from the children on what they have been learning and information about the Farmington Bloodmobile which will be at Harrison High School from 3-9 p.m. on May 15.

**FARMINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
 Wednesday, April 26, at 8 p.m. the Farmington Historical Society will sponsor a show and tell evening in the Farmington Community Center on Farmington Rd. between 10 and 11 Mile Rds. Bring an old photo, anecdote or clipping about Farmington for an informal discussion and social evening.

**PIONEER GOLDEN AGE**  
 Wednesday, April 26, at noon the Pioneer Golden Age Club of Farmington will hold its potluck luncheon in the social hall of St. Alexander Catholic Church on Stiuwassee Rd., Farmington. Bring a covered dish.

## Art, Rock Are Coming To Center

FARMINGTON The second annual teen art show and rock concert will be sponsored by the Farmington Community Center with the concert being held today (Saturday) from 7-10 p.m.

Included in the displays are oil paintings, batik work, pottery, water colors and jewelry. Coordinating the art display are Mrs. Donna Garrod and Mrs. Donna Buckingham, both from East Junior High School of Farmington Public Schools.

The teen outdoor rock concert was arranged by the newly formed youth activities committee of the center under the direction of Mrs. Carol Kennedy, youth activities chairperson for the center. Mrs. Ellen Dietrick and Allan MacPherson.

"We, as a community, should be very proud of our talented young people and their teachers," says Mrs. Kennedy who invites residents to "please come and enjoy our beautiful center."

Admission to the concert is \$1 per person and tickets may be purchased from any of these committee members who are youth in the community: Steve Merritt, Lisa Link, Brenda Scaglione, Pam Chapman, John Carney, Lynn Kean, Malcolm Fenton, Mary Fine, Sue Finkbner, Beth Howde, Keith Will, Linda Angell and Denise Knapp.

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The show features an impressive display of talents of Farmington Junior and senior high students and the results of their art instruction.

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