

Eugene Lemberg

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"There's always talent," Lemberg explains. "It's a matter of collecting it and putting it to use for the community."

Lemberg views the board's role as one of policy-setting in making the Farmington district the best in the state. And he is convinced that the board's leadership should actively work for a better school financing system.

"School financing in this state stinks," he says emphatically. "It's inevitable that local school boards will have to get into this kind of thing, perhaps with a lobby to put some pressure on people in Lansing."

The school system is a business which doesn't end up with a profit but you can't operate effectively not knowing in June what you'll have in September when school starts."

Lemberg believes community involvement could lead to raising money for extra-curricular activities by interested residents.

"At North, we formed a boosters' club to raise money for the things the district couldn't afford. I don't know what the board's policy is on raising money specifically, but it's a matter that we could look into."

ALTHOUGH LEMBERG doesn't believe the board should interfere directly with curriculum or organizational operations, he does have a couple of pet peeves and priorities for Farmington education.

He would like to see district-wide department heads rather than building heads for better coordination. "To make sure a third grader knows third grade English," he says. And he would like to see the academically able program get off the ground, but not at the expense of current programs.

"You're talking about a lot of money when you consider almost anything," he says. "I don't think anybody could argue that you need programs but it comes down to dollars—"

and frills are anything you can't afford."

Lemberg places top priority on making sure the system does its job. "What good are high school degrees if the graduates don't have the confidence to provide some sort of service or job in the community?" he asks. "I'm interested in kids who have a sense of reality."

He's also interested in preserving the special education programs in the Farmington district. In fact, he thinks more emphasis should be placed on those programs than on the gifted program.

Richard Wallace

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says, and he believes both sides of the bargaining team must have a willingness to settle within reasonable terms.

Like most of the other candidates, he views a conflict of interest policy as an appropriate concern of the school board and one that should be understood by all, including the public.

But he views the financial disclosure policy as inappropriate and unneeded.

"I don't think a financial disclosure policy makes any difference. If someone is going to cheat, he's going to fudge on the financial disclosure."

Differentiating between those who hold full-time public office and school board members, who he defines as fundamentally volunteers, he adds that he has never seen misuse of school board office for financial gain in 26 years of working with finances.

ALTHOUGH WALLACE does not consider curriculum decisions as the prime responsibility of the school board, he does have priorities in terms of administering funds.

At the end of the 25 years of work in the June 13 election, he sees a definite

James Peponis

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Although Farmington may be self-sustaining financially in the near future, Peponis believes the state has to live up to its constitutional responsibility to educate students. And if the state mandates programs, financing should be comparable.

The state was financing schools at 66 per cent in 1962, a situation that is now reversed. It's possible to come back to that," he adds, without giving up total local control.

AMONG HIS goals for the district in the next four years, Peponis sees

an expansion of vocational education and learning disabled programs—"to better equip students to be in the community," he says.

"Right now, we are sending out students who are not skill equipped. To work for those goals, he would bring those items to the administration's attention and give administrators, and staff an opportunity to expand the programs.

If the variable millage fails, he sees across-the-board cuts as the only alternative.

Although he views consolidation of school districts as sometimes having a beneficial result in terms of eliminating duplication of administrative responsibilities and salaries, he doesn't believe Farmington is ready for consolidation.

"Consolidation has to be considered when the number of students is at the percentage point where the finances they receive are not benefiting the kids," he explains.

As a board member, he sees negotiating responsibilities as providing guidelines, and he is in favor of opening the books and indicating where the expenses are to be straight-forward with negotiators.

Early negotiations, so most items can be resolved before school starts, could move negotiations along further, he adds. "Sometimes a mediator or binding arbitration is necessary," he says.

PEPONIS FAVORS neither the conflict of interest nor financial disclosure policies recently presented to the board.

need for building repair for much-needed catchup work in the district.

"I feel that all the parking lots should ultimately be paved, which I don't consider a luxury in our school district."

Educationally, he would like Farmington to continue in the top third of state school districts—"if the financial ability is there and the voters' willingness."

And he would like testing and more extensive use of test results to be expanded within the district. He would also like to see a greater selection of courses in high school and more in-depth studies as options.

"I don't want everything designed for the college-bound, but 85 per cent of our kids do go on to college," he says. A greater selection of courses could accommodate all students, he adds.

Danger seen in tranquilizers

If animal studies are any indication, some barbiturate tranquilizers, commonly prescribed for pregnant women, could have detrimental effects on their babies' sexual development and behavior, say researchers at Michigan State University.

Dr. Lynwood Clemens, professor of zoology, and doctoral candidate Teresa Popham, found that pentobarbital (Nembutal) administered to newborn male hamsters produces a serious decrease in the animals' adult sexual performance.

"Hamsters are born in a very immature state," Ms. Popham said. "and their degree of development is very similar to that in the unborn of human babies when sexual development starts to occur."

Clemens added, "Barbiturates, hormones and other drugs are commonly administered to pregnant women with very little scientific knowledge of the long-term behavioral and physiological effects on the children."

Normal male sexual development requires the hormone testosterone, which is normally produced within the males' sex organs. Studies have shown that barbiturates can block the processing of testosterone by the body's biochemical machinery.

"It's a big step from hamsters to humans," Clemens said, "but the implication of animal studies make it clear that drugs given to human mothers must be evaluated in terms of their effects on the fetus as well as the mother."



NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION CLARENCEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OAKLAND, AND WAYNE COUNTIES, MICHIGAN

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Annual Election of the qualified electors of the aforesaid School District will be held in the Clarenceville School District of Oakland and Wayne Counties, Michigan, on Monday, June 13, 1977.

The polls of election will be open from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Local Time.

The places of voting shall be as follows:

Precinct 1: Clarenceville Junior High School

2010 Middlebelt

Livonia, Michigan

Precinct 2: Clarenceville Junior High School

2010 Middlebelt

Livonia, Michigan

Precinct 3: Bosford Elementary School

16015 Lathers

Livonia, Michigan

Precinct 4: Bosford Elementary School

16015 Lathers

Livonia, Michigan

Precinct 5: Clarenceville Senior High School

2015 Middlebelt

Livonia, Michigan

Precinct 6: Clarenceville Senior High School

2015 Middlebelt

Livonia, Michigan

Only registered voters are eligible to vote.

TAKE NOTICE ALSO that there shall be elected one (1) member of the Board of Education for a term of two (2) years (July 1, 1977 through June 30, 1979). The candidates are:

Frank Luzzo

J. Donald Nicholson

Barry M. Sherman

There shall be elected one (1) member of the Board of Education for a term of four (4) years (July 1, 1977 through June 30, 1981). The candidate is:

James H. Hatt

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in addition to the matters set forth above, the regular election for Schoolcraft Community College District will be held at the same time as the annual election in said School District on June 13, 1977, for the purpose of electing three members to the Board of Trustees, for a term of six (6) years commencing July 1, 1977.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the following persons have been nominated for said offices:

Jack Bologna

Michael M. Cicchella

George Gravia

Harry G. Greenleaf

Richard J. Hayward

Rosina Raymond

Karl M. Skogen

Laura M. Toy

Leonard E. Wozniak

The following proposition will be submitted to all qualified electors of said School District voting in said regular election for Schoolcraft Community College District:

PROPOSAL TO INCREASE SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE TAX LEVY

Shall the limitation on property taxes which the Board of Trustees of the Schoolcraft Community College District, Michigan, levies (except taxes levied for debt, which taxes are not subject to limit) be increased by \$4.00 per \$1,000 (1/10 of a mill per dollar) of State Equalized Valuation of all taxable property of the College District for the year 1977 and each year thereafter?

YES ☐

NO ☐

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of said School District.
Dated: May 19, 1977.

RICHARD J. WOOD, Secretary of
Clarenceville School District
Board of Education

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Peter Sanders

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ess could encourage more in-service and time for teachers to absorb new techniques, if finances allow, he says.

"One of the best ways to learn about teaching is to watch someone else, but there's a price tag on that."

Reducing class size is another important priority for Sanders and a goal that can be accomplished if the June 13 millage vote gets an approval, he contends.

"There's a clear need for an increase in millage," he says, but he's not convinced the money is being appropriately distributed. He doesn't see the academically talented program as a priority for Farmington schools.

"I DON'T think the Farmington schools are doing the best job possible for the general student population," he says. And he's not convinced that evaluation of pilot programs has been extensive enough to warrant their expansion.

"Some of the things I've heard about should be done in every classroom, not just for the academically talented," he adds.

Considering alternative tax bases for financing schools is another need for the board, Sanders adds, but not his field of expertise. He's in favor of considering alternative forms of financing, but with caution.

"If the tax base moves outside the community, you invite restrictions and influence may not be compatible with what you want to do; but it's important to have some concern about what Lansing is considering before it's thrust upon you."

He sees greater communication with faculty members as one way to

avoid outbreaks of blackboard flu and binding arbitration if a contract cannot be settled in a reasonable amount of time.

"I don't see the sense of that 18 month thing—it creates problems years down the line and those problems come out in the classroom. But we have to try and supply teachers with enough materials to accomplish their goal or explain to them why the board cannot meet their needs."

"The board needs to cultivate a dialogue with faculty, administration and the community as well."

Mercy students earn award

Students from Farmington Hills' Our Lady of Mercy High School captured three of 12 top awards in the American Automobile Association's (AAA) 33rd annual National School Traffic Safety Poster Contest.

They are: Bridget Nolan, 14, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. David Nolan, of Farmington Hills; Lisa Stevens, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stevens, of Dearborn Heights; and Cathy Van Antwerp, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D.J. Van Antwerp, of Detroit.

Miss Nolan, a ninth grader, won a first place award in the junior division and a \$100 U.S. Savings bond for her poster. Miss Stevens, an 11th grader, won a third-place senior division award and a \$25 bond. All three artists chose "Signal Your Intentions" for poster subjects.

Participants chose from among 20 safety themes for their poster subject.

Bottled metrics

Although some American consumers automatically wince at the thought of changing ounces to grams or quarts to liters, many are finding that the liquor industry's change to the metric system is making it easier for them to shop.

Instead of the confusing array of 38 different sizes sold under the old system, liquor will be bottled in six standard metric sizes.

For example, the old quart or 32-ounce bottle will be replaced by a liter holding 33.8 ounces. The fifth, which is 25.6 fluid ounces, will give way to a 750 milliliter bottle equivalent to 25.4 ounces.

The law allows a period of grace to the end of 1979 (1978 for wines) to convert fully to the metric system, and most distillers will switch over gradually.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual election will be held in Farmington Public School District, County of Oakland, and State of Michigan, on Monday, the 13th day of June, 1977, for the purpose of electing two (2) members of the Board of Education for terms of four (4) years ending June 30, 1981, for which positions the following persons have been nominated:

Eugene C. Lemberg

Emma S. Makinen

James K. Peponis

Peter L. Sanders

Richard J. Wallace

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the annual election will be held in Farmington Public School District, County of Oakland, and State of Michigan, on Monday, the 13th day of June, 1977, for the purpose of voting upon the following propositions:

PROPOSITION 1

Shall the limitation on the total amount of general ad valorem taxes which may be imposed for all purposes in any one year upon real and tangible personal property in the Farmington Public School District, Oakland County, Michigan, be increased as provided in Section 6, Article IX, of the Constitution of Michigan for a period of five (5) years from 1977 to 1981, both inclusive, by two and one-half mills (2 1/2) on each dollar (\$2.50 per \$1,000) of the assessed valuation of property as finally equalized for the purpose of defraying a part of the operating expense of the school district.

PROPOSITION 2

In the event Proposition 1, above, on this ballot, is not approved by a yes vote of the majority of votes cast, on Proposition 1, at this election, then in lieu thereof shall the limitation on the total amount of general ad valorem taxes which may be imposed for all purposes in any one year upon real and tangible personal property in the Farmington Public School District, Oakland County, Michigan, be increased as provided in Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of Michigan, for a period of two years (2) from 1977 to 1979, both inclusive, by one and three-fourths (1 3/4) mills on each dollar (\$1.75 per \$1,000) of the assessed valuation of property as finally equalized, for the purpose of defraying a part of the operating expense of the school district.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the polls for said election will be open from 7:00 o'clock A.M. to 8:00 o'clock P.M., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, and that the voting places will be as follows:

Precinct No. 1: Farmington Junior High School

33000 Thomas Street

Dunckel Junior High School

52800 Twelve Mile Road

Eagle Elementary School

29410 West Fourteen Mile Road

Middlebelt Elementary School

14600 Middlebelt Road

The following statement has been received from the County Treasurer as to previously voted increases in the total tax rate limitation affecting taxable property in the school district to wit:

COUNTY TREASURER'S STATEMENT AS REQUESTED ACT NO. 82 of the public acts of 1933 AS AMENDED

I, C. Hugh Dohany, County Treasurer of the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that according to the records in my office, as of April 28, 1977, the total of all voted increases in the tax rate limitation above the 15 mills established by Section 6 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 affecting taxable property in the Farmington Public School District, Oakland County, is as follows:

Local Unit	Voted Increases	Years Increase	
			Effective
Farmington Public School District	4.00	1968 to 1977 Incl.	
	5.00	1973 to 1982 Incl.	
	5.00	1974 to 1983 Incl.	
	4.00	1975 to 1984 Incl.	
	4.00	1976 to 1985 Incl.	
	4.00	1977 to 1986 INCL.	
Township of West Bloomfield	3.00	1973 to 1977 Incl.	
	25	1975 to 1979 Incl.	
	1.00	Unlimited	
	3.00	1978 to 1982 Incl.	
County School District of Oakland County	50	Unlimited	
	50	Unlimited	
Oakland Community College County of Oakland	1.00	Unlimited	
	25	1977 to 1981 Incl.	

C. HUGH DOHANY, Treasurer
OAKLAND COUNTY

Dated: April 28, 1977

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education of said school district.
MICHAEL RONALD SHIFFRICE
Secretary of the Board of Education

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Scouts these days are solitary men

By LOUISE OKRUTSKY

Boy Scouting involves more than making a campfire by rubbing two sticks together.

That's the way three Farmington Eagle Scouts sum up their experiences in scouting. Each member of the trio has managed to earn the 24 merit badges, earning for him recently the rank of Eagle Scout.

In addition to their outdoors accomplishments, the three scouts have donated time to community service with the rest of Farmington Troop 228.

Among their troop's service projects is a sometimes disheartening battle with vandals to keep Gill Elementary School's Nature Center ready for young visitors.

"We built an entrance sign and benches for the Nature Center. Vandals tear it down. Every time we clean up, it's the same stuff over and over," said Bob Lupini, 16, of Northville.

"I taped a tour of the center for kindergarten to sixth grade at Gill. It was on cassette. I explained things about the trees, the ground cover, the animal life and the earth life and vandals took the cassettes out of the center," said Todd Smith, 14, of Farmington Hills.

All three scouts participated in the recent search for a retarded scout who wandered away from an outing and was later found drowned.

The youths say scouting has lead them to explore interests that they otherwise would have ignored.

"I don't think I would have done things like painting if I didn't have to do it for a badge," said Smith.

Scouting helps its members to set goals for themselves and teaches them to work hard, according to John Barber, 16, of Farmington.

"They told us that being an Eagle Scout would look good on our resumes," said Lupini.

An aspiring veterinarian, Smith said that his scouting stint will help him be accepted into the college of his choice. Smith attends Power Junior High.

