

Search for new county schools head is underway

The Oakland Intermediate School District has begun a search for a new chief administrator to replace retiring Supt. Kenneth Brown.

The district, one of 58 regional educational agencies in the state, serves 28 K-12 school districts in Oakland County.

Brown, who has been with Oakland Schools 31 years, the last four as superintendent, plans to retire next June.

The chairman of the superintendent selection committee is Dorothy Beardmore, of Rochester, who is also vice president of the intermediate district's board of education.

Candidate recommendations are being sought from superintendents and school boards throughout the county, the state's major universities and from the Michigan Association of School Administrators and Michigan Association of School Boards.

Mrs. Beardmore said the committee expects to make its choice by next April 15. All candidate inquiries should be directed to her at 213 Nesbit Lane, Rochester 48063.

More than 214,000 public school children are in the intermediate district, and an additional 20,000 are enrolled in private schools.

State hosts train Seminar

Michigan, the state that pioneered in finding a new way to run a railroad will host a midwest conference next month to talk about the future of train service.

More than 250 industry executives, government officials and rail users are expected at Marquette Sept. 19-21 for what is hoped to be the first of an annual series of seminars, according to Gov. William Milliken's office.

The conference, on the Northern Michigan University campus, is expected to focus most of its attention on Michigan's new-found success in organizing and supporting privately owned short-line freight carriers.

The state now has six such recently established independent carriers, including the newest, the Kent-Barry-Eaton connecting railroad, a 42-mile line that is the first black operated rail line in the nation.

Michigan encouraged private operators to start small short line railroads on an experimental basis when the Penn Central, Ann Arbor and several other rail carriers were declared bankrupt, leaving the state with more than 1,100 miles of potentially abandoned track.

"The short lines this year alone will carry more than 55,000 carloads of freight," Milliken said. "Without them, Michigan would have suffered serious

economic consequences with some industries having to relocate or cease operation. The movement of farm goods especially would have been seriously hindered."

Li. Gov. James Brickley will be among several speakers to address the conference. He will appear the morning of Sept. 21.

Helping plan the conferences are three top executives of Michigan's short line railroads network:

• Elizabeth A. Andrus, president of Michigan Northern Railway Company, which operates 245 miles of track from Grand Rapids to Mackinaw City and a spur to Traverse City;

• Charles J. Lapp, president of the 44-mile Tuscola and Saginaw Bay Railway Company at Vassar; and;

• John Marino, president of Hillsdale County Railway Company which operates in Michigan and Indiana and is partially owned by shippers. Marino also is president of the Lenawee County Railroad Company at Adrian which has only 30 miles of track and two locomotives.

The conference is being sponsored by the Michigan Rail Users and Supporters Association, the Michigan Department of Transportation, Northern Michigan University and the Upper Great Lakes Regional Commission.

Topics that will be discussed during the three-day session include the impacts of the energy situation, rail passenger needs, abandonments, deregulations, innovations in railroading, Michigan's transportation needs, freight use and financing options.

LIT offers HS teens head start

Lawrence Institute of Technology is offering pre-college courses for high school students in art, architecture and interior architecture on Saturdays beginning Sept. 22.

Four classes will be offered, meeting at various times throughout the day. The classes run through Feb. 2.

College credit will be given for any course completed with a grade of C or better. Admission is limited to high school juniors and seniors with an overall B average.

Tuition fees vary from \$25 to \$75. Up to \$100 may be needed for supplies depending on the course.

For registration forms, call the LIT admissions office, 356-0200. Registration will be accepted through Sept. 20.

LIT's campus is at 21000 West Ten Mile Road in Southfield.

Belle Isle run to aid kids ...

A 10,000-meter marathon (6.2 miles), sponsored by the Children's Center of Wayne County, will be held at 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 9 on Belle Isle.

Founded by the late U.S. Sen. James C. Cozzens in 1929, the center now has five facilities in Detroit serving predominantly minority group children with serious emotional problems.

Proceeds from the run will provide additional support for the center, the largest community-based provider of children's mental health services in the state.

All participants will receive commemorative T-shirts and certificates. The first 200 to cross the finish line will receive medals. There will be a special award for the first male and female finishers.

For entry forms, call 831-5535.

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