

Grand finale Tuesday for 'Hygrade's week'

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went out and bought a pack of hot dogs and are going to eat them tonight," he said. In fact, my mother even called me from Grand Haven to tell me she had bought two pounds of hot dogs. The word is out and the sales must be booming. We will reach our goal — absolutely."

James Shay, assistant manager of Danny's Foods Livonia Inc. on Farmington Road, said hot-dog sales had doubled in the first two days of the promotion.

"We had to order four extra cases early last week, and we are ordering seven (more) extra cases," Shay said.

MANY LIVONIA businesses have jumped on the hot-dog bandwagon. Chuck Smith, an employee of the Michigan National Bank of Livonia, said the bank will give two pounds of franks to anyone who opens up a new account. An employee of the Holiday Inn on Plymouth Road, said franks can be bought in the lounge for a dime from 4-10 p.m. nightly. Peenstra said Spectrum Automation Co. on Schoolcraft bought \$1,000

worth of franks to donate to a local charity and that Metropolitan Cable Co., which has local offices in Redford, is donating a pound of hot dogs to be put in all Goodfellows' Christmas baskets. He also said Erb Cashway Lumber on Farmington Road is offering free hot dogs to customers until Tuesday.

Also until Tuesday, St. Mary's Hospital, the Livonia Parks and Recreation Department, the Livonia and Clarenceville school districts, Ladywood High School, Madonna and Schoolcraft Colleges and the Livonia Chamber of Commerce are planning special hot-dog sales, menus and events.

LEDGERWOOD, CITY officials and approximately 200 onlookers attended the raising of the Hygrade's flag over city hall on Tuesday. After the flag raising, franks were grilled on an outside patio.

On Friday, radio station WRIF broadcast live from the front porch at city hall, and disc jockeys interviewed customers as they went through a barbecued-hot-dog line.

LWV considers pro-abortion stance

By Mary Lou Callaway
special writer

The Oakland County League of Women Voters are joining hundreds of other leagues around the country in considering one of the most controversial subjects ever tackled.

Delegates to last May's national LWV convention voted to ask local leagues whether they concur with the statement that the League of the United States believes public policy in a pluralistic society must affirm the constitutional rights of privacy of the individual to make reproductive choices.

"To many league members, that statement is a euphemism for supporting abortion.

But West Bloomfield-Farmington Area LWV President Charlotte Yaverski says sex education and contraception are also being considered as reproductive choice issues.

In Oakland County, so far, only Troy LWV's consensus is against taking a position on the issue. Birmingham and Southfield leagues have not completed their ballots.

West Bloomfield-Farmington members voted 45-9 for concurrence. Yaverski said one member has indicated she will drop her membership if the LWV takes a position.

IN PAST YEARS, the LWV has both lost and gained members over such issues as equality of opportunity for education, housing and employment.

Other Oakland County leagues concurring with the statement are Rochester, Royal Oak, West Oakland and Northville-Plymouth-Canton-Nov.

Some members say they would like "reproductive choices" better defined, Yaverski said. In Troy, members did not want abortion included.

"It deals with more than abortion. It

deals with sex education. For example, in China they have passed a law saying you may only have one child. As far-fetched as it seems, you could use the (league) statement to lobby against something like that.

"Through our study, we discovered only 10 years ago in Massachusetts, it was illegal for unmarried people to get contraceptives. In 1972, the court struck that law down," said Yaverski.

National LWV President Dorothy Ridings calls the issues, "one of our toughest challenges to date. Congress and various state legislatures are considering proposals to outlaw or restrict access to abortion and birth control information. Lobbyists on both sides are mounting massive campaigns to pressure lawmakers."

LEAGUE LEADERS say their discussions can clarify the often blurred line between the personal and public

questions involved. The object, they say, is to focus debate without aggravating the controversy over moral and religious differences.

"A few leagues have gained members because of this. One of the advantages of us (LWV) doing it is that we're probably the only multi-issue organization that would have a position on it," said Yaverski.

"No matter how this comes out after the Jan. 3 (response) deadline, you're going to have a lot of people unhappy," she predicted.

"The outcome determines whether or not there will be a position on this subject at all," said Paula Tobocman Creed, West Bloomfield-Farmington concurrence chairwoman.

Southfield LWV President Judy Lew says some of the questions include what contraceptives should be monitored and who decides.

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