

Renewal vote

Low turnout eyed for schools

By LeAnne Rogers
special writer

A low voter turnout is expected as Walled Lake Schools voters go to the polls today, to consider renewal of 14 mills.

"I expect that because this is a renewal and not a request for additional millage the election will be very quiet," said vocational education director Lester Carlson, who also serves as the district elections director.

As information about the election has been disseminated to the community, Carlson said the feedback from the public has been positive. "There hasn't been any negative feedback. People who have called wanted to ask about the millage question and get information about when the election was," Carlson added.

Originally the 14 mills was in two parts, 10 mills approved in 1976 and four mills approved in 1981. Both are set to expire Dec. 31, 1985. The combined total of 14 mills would produce \$10.2 million in revenues. "That is a sizable income," Carlson said.

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Renewal of the 14 mills would keep the district at the current 38-mill level, which does not include debt retirement. "I had some people ask why we are going for a millage renewal before the mills expire," Carlson said. "The reason is that once the millage expires we can't seek a renewal. We would have to reword the ballot proposal under state law and couldn't call it a renewal."

Based on the district's 1985 state equalized value (SEV) of \$729.2 million Carlson said the 14 mills would produce \$10.2 million in revenues. "That is a sizable income," Carlson said.

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Bus vandals immobilize

Walled Lake operations

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Bad weather couldn't keep classes from being held in the Walled Lake school district last week but vandals did.

"Classes were canceled last Tuesday after vandals damaged the district's 70-bus fleet. Superintendent Lee Bartman said the switches which operate the turn signals and the flashing lights

switches were destroyed in all the buses.

"It was rather clever. It was something to do that was quick and easy but would immobilize the buses," Bartman said. "There were a couple windows broken and some cracked mirrors on some buses."

The vandalism occurred sometime between 11 p.m. when the last employee left the bus lot and 3 a.m. when the

first employee arrived to plow snow from the lot.

"The first employee to arrive noticed what appeared to be a broken window and discovered the vandalism," Bartman said. "There is about \$3,500 damage in parts and we are not sure what the labor will cost. Considerably more I'm sure."

THE VANDALISM is being investigated by the Oakland County Sheriff's Department since the buses are kept at a facility on Laid Road in Commerce Township. Bartman said school officials and sheriff's deputies have some ideas on who was responsible for the vandalism.

A reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the persons responsible for vandalism has been offered by the district. Bartman said \$250 in reward money has been authorized and that figure might be increased.

Classes resumed later in the week. But Bartman said it was difficult to obtain such a large quantity of the same parts on such short notice. According to Bartman work had begun to repair the buses by mid-day following the vandalism.

Security at the bus depot will definitely be improved in some way, Bartman said. "I had been contemplating some changes out there," he said. "I didn't like what I saw. It is sort of out in nowhere."

Anyone with information on the vandalism is asked to contact Clyde Fisher, executive director of auxiliary services at 634-4001 or the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

Radio star is spokesman

Morning radio personality Jim Harper will act as spokesperson for the Arthritis Foundation, Metro Detroit Branch for 1986.

Harper will be doing various public service announcements and private sector initiatives that are being developed to assist the Arthritis Foundation, Metro-Detroit Branch in its campaign to raise funds for research, programs and services for arthritis patients and for the professionals who treat them.

Harper, program director of POP Radio 99 DTX-FM, said that he would like more people to know that arthritis

is not just an old person's disease. "More than 1.5 million people in Michigan suffer with arthritis and over 16,000 of those are children."

The Arthritis Foundation would like to increase public awareness regarding the seriousness of this potentially crippling disease, the importance of early diagnosis and supervised medical care.

For further information, call or write the Arthritis Foundation, Michigan Chapter, Village Plaza, Suite 605, 23400 Michigan Ave., Dearborn 48124. Phone: 561-0955.



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X-RAYS IN THE DIAGNOSIS OF BACK PAIN

The most accurate way for a physician to diagnose the cause of back pain is from your history and physical examination. Usually the pattern of the pain, what brings it on, and how you relieve it, provides the basis for the diagnosis of a pinched nerve or muscle strain. In general, the role of back x-rays is to assess for the presence of something unexpected. Examples of such unforeseen causes for back problems include an improperly formed vertebrae, bone cancer, or early inflammation of the back and sacro-iliac joint.

If the doctor informs you that "the back x-rays are all right," it doesn't mean that he believes you are imagining your pain! Such x-ray findings indicate that just as your physician expected, the problems lie with the muscles and ligaments and not with bones or cancer in your vertebrae.

How often should x-rays of your back be repeated? As long as your pain keeps its same pattern, repeat x-rays are not warranted. If the pain changes in intensity or location, then x-ray re-assessment is in order.



Coats For KIDS



Kmart WJLB/Detroit 1985

Coats for kids

K mart employees have taken a personal interest in this year's "Coats for Kids" community project. The Farmington, Farmington Hills, Garden City, Novi, two Livonia and two Southfield K marts have collected 1,200 coats among employees prior to receptacles being placed in the stores. The K mart on West 7 Mile in Livonia generated the most coats — 550. Donna Dureck (left) and Tim Stark, two store employees from the West 7 Mile store in

Livonia, presented the 550 coats to John McGuire, district manager of the eight stores, and Santa. "Coats for Kids" is a community project sponsored by Detroit-area K mart stores, WJLB-TV2 and WJLB-FM. The project's primary goal is to collect used, wearable coats for needy children in the tri-county area. Dropoff receptacles will be in all 50 Detroit-area K marts until Dec. 6.

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