



Music food

COOKS IN THE KITCHEN - Principal James Geiger tests the results of the work of Alice Toth and Eleanor Potlicki, parents of band

members who worked on preparations for the band festival held in Farmington for the past two weekends. (Evert photo)

Date set for school tax vote

FARMINGTON -- After discussing the subject for more than a month, the Farmington Board of Education has selected April 2 as the date for a special election on the five mill tax renewal.

The date was set Tuesday night in an air of optimism as it falls right before the spring vacation. The vote for the election was unanimous, and not a word of complaint came from the large gathering that attended the meeting in Alameda school.

For some time, it had been rumored the board would ask for extra millage, but Board President Mervyn Ross ruled that out when he stated it would be bad timing to

request more money in the present state of the economy.

If the renewal of five mills is approved, the tax rate for the schools will remain as it is.

The present rate is 37.53 mills and is broken down in this fashion: allocated 9.53 mills, extra voted, 22 mills, and debt retirement six mills.

Renewal of the five mills will be for a term of 10 years, but because of the continued growth of the district, it may be necessary to go to the taxpayers and ask for more money.

At the moment, the five mill renewal is considered sufficient.

Is sled hill too dangerous?

FARMINGTON -- The Farmington sled hill in front of the Farmington Board of Education offices at Shawassee and Farmington Rd. drew some criticism from a Lathrup Village resident, who in turn drew some criticism from the mayor of Farmington.

Anthony Carnacchi, of Lathrup Village, wrote the city council saying he was a long - time user of the hill, both when he lived in Livonia

and after he moved to Lathrup Village.

He said he had witnessed several accidents on the hill and wanted formal supervision.

Mayor Ralph Yoder admitted the hill was a long - standing problem, but represented the criticism coming from someone who was never a city resident.

A city manager's report indicated the land is owned by

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Farmington crime rate drops last year -- services improve

FARMINGTON -- A noticeable drop in serious crimes in the City of Farmington during 1973 was reported by Capt. Dan Byrnes of the police department.

"It's nice to know some place is still safe," Councilman John Allen said when he heard the report.

"Type one" crimes, which include rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny and auto theft, dropped in all categories 10 per cent from the year before.

Figures for Farmington Hills have not yet been released.

The two most common serious crimes in the area, burglary and larceny, both dropped. Burglary reports were down 33 per cent, with 91 cases last year compared to 136 the year before.

Larceny dropped two per cent, from 432 to 424. Robberies were down to three from seven the year before.

Aggravated assault showed the only increase, from 10 cases to 12.

City Manager Robert Deadman, who is also head of the police department, commended the department on its high clearance rate.

The total clearance rate

for the department (cases solved by an arrest) was 35 per cent, compared to a national average of 21 per cent.

Clearance for burglaries was 35 per cent, compared to 19 per cent as a national average.

While serious crime showed a decrease, total complaints and services increased 26 per cent according to the report.

"Part two" offenses, minor categories, increased four per cent, while part three, complaints and services, jumped 37 per cent, with the largest increase in the service category.

Drug arrests leveled off, according to the report. "Some of the leveling off is due in part to a new department policy of releasing young adults to their parents where very small quantities of drugs are involved and the individual is a first offender.

"The intention is to bring the matter to the attention of the parents for corrective action rather than involving the courts."

There were two employees added to the department last year, a clerk-typist for the detective bureau and a fire inspector.

Committees are filled

FARMINGTON -- Dr. Mervyn Ross, president of the Farmington Board of Education, appointed the following committees at the board meeting Tuesday night:

Operation -- William Cor-

liss, Elizabeth Brennan and Hugo Stewart.

Curriculum -- Dr. Ross, Gary Lichtman and Katherine Stirling.

Policy -- Rev. Stewart, Emma Makinen and Katherine Stirling.

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