

More millage will help schools grow

BY DIANE HUBEL

FARMINGTON—Following the June 10 school election when a four mill increase request was defeated by 288 votes the Farmington school board decided to hold a special election, asking voters to reconsider the millage.

That election will be held on July 30. Board members said they did not consider a defeat by 288 votes a positive turn down.

At the time the board was considering the second elections Mrs. Lillian Allen, board trustee, said, "If we have failed to explain the need for it (the four mills) to the community, let's go back and try again. I don't think this community needs compromises in its educational system."

TWO SEPARATE groups are attempting to explain that need to the community.

The first is the board itself. Board members, individually and as a group, are going into the community and discussing the issue with residents.

Board members have said that they will be available to talk to any group about the millage. The board has also requested space at the Founders Day festival for booths.

Newly elected board president Gary Lichtman said the board is moving away from its past policy of conducting a "low key campaign."

"We need that millage to offer the kind of education to the boys and girls of this community that we feel they deserve. I, for one, certainly intend to work to see that they get it," he said.

The Citizens Committee for the Millage, a citizens group co-sponsored by Aldo Vagnozzi and Mrs. Vivian Jurosek, is the second group which is actively working for the millage.

The citizens committee which organized toward the end of the last campaign is working through each of the schools in the district.

According to Mrs. Jurosek volunteers are contacting the parents of all school-age children urging them to vote.

"A lot of people did not bother to vote last time," Mrs. Jurosek said. "We are hoping that they will go to the polls this time."

"IT IS OUR feeling that most of the people in this community are not opposed to the millage," Vagnozzi said. "We think that if everyone in the district voted the millage would probably pass."

School superintendent Marinus VanArman said, "The more people who vote the more accurate assessment we have of how people in this district actually feel about millage."

According to school business manager William Prisk the schools need over \$200,000 merely to maintain the districts standards and meet its present obligations.

This figure represents a 3.5 increase over last year.

The school board has set a tentative budget which sets expenditures at \$21,633,000, a 12 per cent increase over last year, according to Prisk.

In terms of mills, the school district needs three mills to maintain the present system. The additional mill is for improvements in programs and repairs.

SPECIFICALLY THE ADDITIONAL mill will be used for supplies for a new math and SWRL program, the addition of a social worker, a new psychologist and additional counselors and testing personnel, among other things.

The funds would also be used to hire several new teachers, particularly those in the social services area, such as speech, deaf, and learning disabilities, and additional teachers aides.

A large part of the money will be used for replacing textbooks, buses, building and grounds repairs and furniture replacement.

"Many of these improvements are needed just to bring us back to the level we were at three years ago before we had to make so many budget cuts," Vagnozzi said.



Keeping busy

Mike Mayville and his brother Bruce were bored. Inspiration came when the two brothers held a carnival in the back yard of their home at 35534 Lansbury Lane. "I don't know why, we just decided to do it," said Bruce. The result was a couple of hours of entertainment for both the brothers and the kids. Mike (above) put on a juggling act and read stories to entranced listeners like Sandra Kolodziej. (Evert photos)

Pet show entries being solicited

The 1974 Farmington Founders Festival Pet Show will be held Friday, July 26, at 3 p.m. at the Farmington Plaza Shopping Center on Grand River just west of Orchard Lake rd. The Pet Show is open to anyone 14 years or younger who may enter his or her pet in the contest by obtaining an entry blank at the Pets 'N' Particulars Shop, 22800 Mooney. Deadline for entry is Noon on the day of the contest.

Each contestant may enter only one category in the show; however, another member of the family may enter the same pet in a different category,

using a separate entry blank.

Contestants must keep their pets on leash or in proper containers at all times. Parents should not allow children to bring pets into the show ring that they cannot control since contestants are required to handle their own pets and parents are not allowed in the show ring.

Dr. John Richardson, D.V.M., said trophies will be awarded for first and second, while third place winners in each category will receive ribbons. Each category's first place winner will compete for the "best pet in the show" Trophy.

2 injured in crash

FARMINGTON HILLS—A Farmington woman is reported to be in satisfactory condition after a car in which she was traveling was hit by another car at Halstead and 12 Mile Rd.

Mrs. Alice Jamison was taken to Botsford after the accident.

The driver of the car, Charles Edward Jamison was taken to Botsford hospital and later transferred to Veterans Administration Hospital.

Witnesses told police that the Jamison car entered the intersection without stopping for a stop sign which was posted there.

As the Jamison car entered the intersection it was hit by a car being driven by William Wilson Fox of Wall Lake.

Fox told police the Jamison car pulled into the intersection without warning, and he could not avoid hitting him.

Jamison, who was cited for hazardous driving, told police he had not seen the stop sign.

How to lose friends

Muddy Farmington roads don't stop the mail from getting through. The old "neither rain nor sleet nor dead of night" motto apparently is still holding true. But there is one slight problem.

"The mailman hates us," one muddy road resident explained. Well, you can't have everything.

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