

Precinct four defeats 4 mill school levy

FARMINGTON — Voters in the Farmington school district defeated the district's request for a four mill increase in operational taxes by 33 votes, Tuesday night. Almost 7,000 voters went to the polls Tuesday, an increase of 2,000 over the June 10 regular school election.

This defeat means that the district will be \$1,700,000 short of what it needs to maintain its present level of education.

THE SCHOOL BOARD called a special meeting for Wednesday afternoon to discuss the defeat and how it will affect the district.

Following the election school board president Gary Lichtman said, "A great deal of effort has been put forth by a lot of people

who cared about the children of Farmington.

"It has been determined by the voters that the Farmington Public School District should not have the additional revenue of four mills.

"It is now the task of the board to decide whether to seek the millage again or to address itself to the problems created by this deficit.

"The board will be meeting soon to pull itself together, pull the pieces together, and see where we go from here.

"I think every member of this board views this as a tragedy not only for the children of this district but for themselves personally.

THE REQUEST WAS only de-

feated in one precinct, precinct four. The defeat in that precinct was so substantial enough to defeat the entire proposal.

Precinct four is the same area which overwhelmingly defeated the request in the June 10 election.

There were 985 people who cast "no" votes in precinct four, and 757 who voted "yes" — a difference of 227 votes.

The strongest turnout was in precinct two where over 2,300 people voted. The millage was passed by 148 votes in that precinct.

Precinct three passed the millage by 11 votes, and precinct one passed it by 15 votes.

Precinct two was the only area that passed the millage request in the June 10 election and even there, there was only a three vote difference.

THE SCHOOL board had asked the voters to pass the four mill increase during the June 10 election.

The request was defeated by 268 votes at that time. Following that election the school board decided to hold a special election July 30 asking the voters to reconsider the issue.

The district would have needed \$20,840,841 to maintain the present level in the district. That figure provided for increased wages and salaries called for in contracts and the increased cost of supplies and materials.

It did not allow for any improvements in the district.

As a result of Tuesday's defeat the district will be \$1,700,000 short of that figure.

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Voters prepare for primary

Farmington voters will be casting their ballots for Congressional representatives, state senator, state representative and county commissioner in the Aug. 6 primary election.

The following information for Congressional candidates for the 17th district was taken from the Voters Guide published by the League of Women Voters of Oakland County.

William Brodhead (D), 32, is a member of the Michigan House of Representatives since 1970 and a former practicing attorney.

Brodhead said the priorities for the next Congress should include dealing with the problems Watergate has revealed, enacting a national health care program, reform of the welfare system and solving the problems of crime, drug abuse and inflation.

Robert Fitzpatrick (D), 40, is the co-owner of the Suburban Medical Clinic. He is presently chairman of the Wayne County Board of Commissioners.

Fitzpatrick's priorities are to stop inflation, continue revenue sharing, welfare reform and instituting a national health insurance program.

KENNETH C. GALLAGHER (R), did not respond to the questionnaire.

A. J. Goldenthal (R), 37, is an urban and transportation development specialist.

"... greater national unity and confidence in our society, better quality of life, greater confidence in Congress, plus liberty, equality and brotherhood," Goldenthal said.

Carl Patrick Jones (D), 47, is a legal assistant and data processing consultant and assistant for the instructional department at Wayne County Community College.

"There is a great need for preserving American political democracy. I would demand a massive educational revolution," Jones said.

Joseph Levin, (D), 36, is an attorney. He was treasurer of the 1968 Michigan Democratic presidential campaign and finance director of the 1970 Democratic gubernatorial campaign.

"His top priority for work if he is elected will be to provide economic security for hard working people."

Patrick A. McDonald (D), 38, is an attorney and adjunct professor of the University of Detroit Law School.

The economy, education and health care are his priorities.

Dennis F. Shrewsbury (D), 33, has been a claims adjuster for six years.

"I consider the problem of inflation and its impact on the middle and lower income groups to be of extreme importance," Shrewsbury said.

Kathleen Strauss (D), 50, is the inter-agency liaison officer for the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG).

She said her two priorities are to restore faith and confidence in the government and continue the work done by Martha Griffiths in the area of social security reform.

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It's the real thing

With the temperatures climbing into the mid '80's, summer has finally fallen upon Farmington and Farmington Hills. But with summer comes boredom, and many local youth are finding it difficult to fill the hours. But this Farmington girl

fills part of her afternoon dabbling in a drinking fountain at Drake Field. (Photographed by Craig Newman)

Founders Festival draws large crowds

FARMINGTON — Months of planning and hard work paid off last weekend as the Farmington Founders Festival drew to a close.

The weather was nice, the crowds were receptive, and most of the events took place without any problems.

"It was fantastic," festival chairman Gerald Potter said. "The crowds were happy, we were happy, and everything worked out really well."

The big cent of the weekend, the Founders Day Parade drew over 1,000 participants from various parts of the United States and Canada.

MICHIGAN'S Governor, William Milliken, acting as grand marshal of the parade, led the long line of drum and bugle corps, majorettes, bands, and clowns down Grand River Avenue, Saturday morning.

The Townsman, Drum and Bugle Corps from Leamington Ontario, Canada, won the Drakeshire Cup, for the second year in a row.

The Drakeshire Cup, one of the two major awards of the parade, is given to the Outstanding Marching Unit by the Drakeshire Merchants Association.

The Drakeshire Cup is a three year trophy, if the Townsman win it again next year, they will keep it.

The other major award of the parade was given by the Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce.

Their award, which was given out for the first time this year, is given to the outstanding unit from Farmington.

The Farmington Elks Motor Drill Team, with their trail bikes won that award.

The Pontiac Unicyclists won the award for the Best General Effects.

The Chairman's Grand Award went to a marching unit sponsored by the Village Mall Association.

The unit was made up of local members from four national groups who march together. The four groups participating were, the Third Continental Artillery, the 6th Regiment of Foot, the 42nd Royal Highlanders, and the Three Fires.

THE WINNERS of the float division were Farmington Historical Society, first place; Fancy Farmers Square Dancing Club, second place; and the City of Farmington Beautification committee, third place.

The Shriners Cycle Patrol won the first prize for the drill unit division. Second and third prizes went to the Legion of Honor and St. Robert Cardinals.

The winners in the band division were Shrine Oriental, first place; The Farmington Schools Summer Secondary Summer Band, second, and the 70th Division Army Band, third.

First place in the Senior Musical Unit category went to the Guardsmen from Flint.

The Shriners Drum and Bugle Corp took second place and the Shrine Highlanders were third.

This year a new division was created for those groups which do not fit into any of the other categories.

The division, appropriately, is called Miscellaneous Units. Winners in that division were the Moslem Key Stone Cops, first,

the Moslem American's, second, and the Moslem Lancers, third.

Mrs. Betti Huff was the chairman of the parade committee.

This year for the first time the parade had announcers similar to those used in the Thanksgiving and Rose Bowl Parades.

Pete Ferguson and Ms. Ronnie Burton acted as the announcers. This year the loud speakers were only in the areas near the grandstand, however, Mrs. Huff said the committee hopes to have loud speakers all along the parade route, in the future.

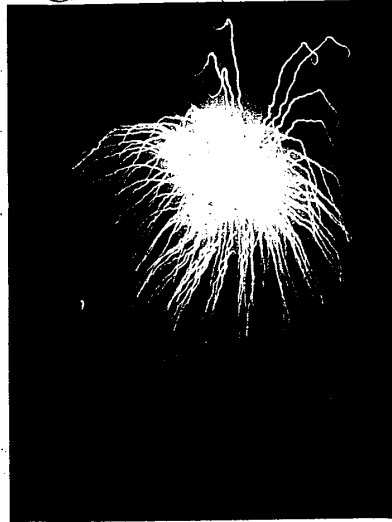
Although Sunday in the Park picnic drew a relatively small crowd this year, Potter predicts it will be one of the biggest events in next year's festival.

"This has the potential to be the big event next year," he said. "Just because of the fun things that the people were doing, like playing children's games and skating in the skate mobile and the bagel eating contest. It was really great. People were bringing their blankets, spreading them out on the grass and having a picnic."

THE PET SHOW which was held on Friday, July 26, drew 101 entries.

Dr. John Richardson, D.V.M., who helped plan the show, estimated that there were over 600 people present to watch the event.

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Friday night's fireworks were a highlight of the weekend for the Farmington Founders Festival (Photographed by Ralph Ewert)

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