

School tax

Board to seek 2 collections

By JUDY OWEN
BLOOMFIELD HILLS — The board of education Monday expanded its efforts to seek semi-annual tax collection by agreeing to ask the City of Orchard Lake to cooperate.
 The district already receives tax funds collected on a trial semi-annual basis in Bloomfield Township.
 TO DATE, the district has received \$3.3 million in the township's semi-annual collection.
 West Bloomfield Township also has been asked to participate.

The twice-a-year collection is being sought to save the district funds on tax anticipation loans.
 By law, school districts must operate on a July 1 to June 30 fiscal year, although most municipalities do not collect taxes until Dec. 31. In order to have funds to meet expenses incurred between July 1 and Dec. 31, school districts have had to borrow funds each year.
VOTERS in Bloomfield Township will be asked to decide whether they would like the semi-annual tax collection to continue.

In other action at Monday night's meeting, the board approved a proposal to allow 400 Andover High School students to participate in a simulated tornado disaster program.
 Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer make-up artists will work with the students for the drill, which is expected to involve public safety officials from the entire county.
THE DRILL will be conducted by the Oakland County branch of Disaster Control, an arm of the county government.

The board stipulated that each student volunteer must have written permission from a parent or guardian.
 The board also:
 • Approved a pilot music program for the 1974-75 school year.
 • Approved final plans to seek bid for a student radio station at Andover High School.
 • Accepted a low bid of \$4,527 from Ward Baking Company for bread and buns.
 • Accepted a low bid of \$10,638 from Nationwide Papers for paper towels and tissue.

Rail transit costs differ from motor

Moving commuters to and from their jobs in most metropolitan areas is a complex problem that cannot be easily solved. Highways in many areas are inadequate to handle peak traffic loads and rail transit systems do not offer the flexibility of movement provided by motor vehicles.

While many factors fuel the transportation problem, one of the more important is the economic impact of the rail versus motor vehicle question.
 All U.S. metropolitan area rail mass transit systems — with the exception of Philadelphia — reportedly are currently operating at a loss and, therefore, must be subsidized by the general public whether or not they choose to use the system or, in fact, can use it because of geographic location.
 Money for highway construction and maintenance, on the other hand, is produced primarily by the people who use the highways through taxes paid on gasoline and tires.

Construction cost for rail transit systems is staggering. In Washington, D.C., the projected cost of the rail rapid transit system now under construction has jumped from \$2.5 billion two years ago to an estimated \$4 billion now.
 The rail system to be built in Atlanta will be so expensive, it's reported that just the annual interest on the bonds sold to finance the project would be sufficient to pay for a 50 percent increase in bus service and let the passengers ride free.
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Class offered for diabetics

A first series of diabetes classes offered by the Oakland County Health Department will begin 7-9 p.m. Oct. 2 for children and parents.
 The free classes, held weekly for five weeks, will be offered at the South Oakland Health Center, 27725 Greenfield Road at Eleven and One-Half Mile Road, Southfield.
 Registration may be accomplished by calling the health department at 557-1400, education office.

The classes are taught by public health nurses and a nutritionist. Topics include the nature of the disease, dietary management and medications and suggestions for coping with everyday problems.
 Those attending must have diabetes or have a family member who has the disease and be under the care of a doctor. A written statement from the doctor is required for attending and can be presented at the first class.

Council sets film, talk

The Detroit Council for World Affairs will present Rabbi Sherwin Wine in a lecture at 8 p.m. Monday at the Royal Oak Library, 222 E. Eleven Mile Road, Royal Oak.
 The film "Reynard the Fox" will be shown and the rabbi will comment and hold an open discussion.
 Narrated by Marlene Dietrich, the film depicts the German's point of view of Fascism.
 The event is free for members. A \$1 charge will be made for guests.
 This is the first of a series of five lectures for the group.

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