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Injured player

North Farmington's Dave Marchiori was injured late in the first half of the Raiders' 29-14 victory over Thurston High School Saturday night. Senior end Marchiori, who also plays defensive corner back, sat out the rest of the game with a

mild concussion but he should be ready for the big game Oct. 26 against Livonia Franklin. (Photographed by Craig Newman).

Board ok's \$20 million '75 budget

By JUDY OWEN

FARMINGTON—The board of education adopted a \$20 million budget Tuesday night.

Little discussion preceded the actual adoption, although continual references were made throughout the meeting to various cuts which the board made to realign the budget after voters twice rejected millage proposals this summer.

Tuesday, the district reported that it had \$20,317,943 available for expenditures.

The administration updated its income figures when the fourth Friday count taken Sept. 30 showed 42 more students than expected. Enrollment was 15,447, increasing the revenue by \$40,950.

Added funds were found in an expected state aid increase of \$22,004 for special education.

Earlier in the meeting, the board held lengthy discussions on athletics and outdoor education.

the sale of family game passes and sports night activities passes to increase income.

William Corliss, vice president, said that athletic budget was already \$3,000 out of balance.

When William Prisk, business manager, added that the administration would continue to seek a balance in that area, Corliss agreed to support the budget.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION also drew board concern. The program had been among those eliminated when cuts were made.

The board rejected parent offers to privately fund teacher salaries and assess children for field trips in order to continue the program.

The board asked the administration's priorities of reinstatement of programs.

"The reinstatement of every instructional program we've had to delete would be the A number one priority," Marius Van Armeide, superintendent, told the board.

"I am tremendously concerned and alarmed about the future of the district," he said.

The district like others is experiencing declining enrollments. He said that the district has 900 kindergarten-

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Cluster housing request to go before council

FARMINGTON HILLS—A request for one-family cluster units by Saperstein and Associates, twice denied by the Farmington Hills Planning Board, will be heard by the city council in December.

According to a report by City Clerk Floyd A. Cairns at Monday night's city council meeting, the proposed site plan didn't qualify under the cluster option. The cluster housing also was opposed by residents of the Meadowbrook subdivision, who didn't want a connecting street built between the two subdivisions.

The planning board rejected the request in June and again in September when it was determined the site plan was unsuitable and didn't qualify under the option.

Students attending the Shiawassee Elementary School now will be able to cross Shiawassee Road with the

benefit of a reduced speed limit and a flashing yellow beacon.

The beacon, part of a sign advising motorists of the new 25 mile per hour speed limit, will be set mornings and evenings by a city worker during the "peak hours."

THE ACTION was taken in spite of a report by director of public services, Ralph Magid, that the stop signs and lowered speed limits suggested by concerned residents were unnecessary.

Magid said enough natural breaks occurred in the traffic to allow the students to pass safely in the school grounds.

Of the six accidents which occurred in that area during the past three years, not one could be attributed to speeding, Magid said.

Councilwoman Joan D. Dudley sug-

gested that police issue a few tickets to discourage motorists inclined to disregard the altered speed limit.

A sunrise to sunset curfew for Waldron Park has replaced the former 10 p.m. curfew.

ALSO PASSED was a resolution to enact an emergency building code. The stop-gap measure was taken to exempt Farmington Hills from the state building code, due to take effect Nov. 6, for those municipalities without local ordinances.

The city now has 35 days to enact a permanent ordinance before the emergency measure expires.

The city voted to contract for the review and codification of all ordinances to date for the sum of \$5,500, subject to clarification of the type of binding to be used for city copies of the report.

Farmington Hills has three years to

codify all ordinances. It is now 18 months into city status, and the codification is expected to take up to a year to complete.

Two petitions were presented to city clerk Floyd Cairns by the Normandy Hills subdivision residents.

A PETITION signed by 61 percent of the Normandy Hills residents requested the pavement of Thornbrook and Chantilly roads.

Another petition requested the construction of a connection to the city water main for the Normandy residents.

In a move to determine solutions for disturbances incurred by residents surrounding Waldron Park, the council reactivated the parks commission.

Parks commission members Robert Beauchamp, Dorothy Cox, Betty Frankel, Jack Lesch and Robert Moehlmann will arrange a public meeting to determine the extent of

the problem and possible solutions.

Waldron area residents requested park supervision, more police patrols, and earlier curfew, stricter application of the city ordinance against alcohol in public places and parking lot completion.

THE COUNCIL approved the Farmington Jaycee's request for use of a vacated residence on Orchard Lake north of Twelve Mile for their seventh annual "Haunted House," Oct. 24-30.

A contract for the city manager was approved, stipulating a limit of \$275 for dues and subscriptions and a yearly total of \$850 for expenses.

Also stated in the contract was a provision for not more than \$100 per annum to be spent without prior permission of the council.

Another resolution passed was a request for parents to keep their children within the family circle during

Devil's Night and the week preceding Halloween, to reduce the incidence of property destruction.

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Changing times close Franklin's oldest store

By ALICE COLLINS

"I'm very sad about it," said Emma Huetter. "It's been a wonderful part of our lives, but it's over. The village can't support a hardware store any longer."

The owner of the Franklin Hardware spoke unhappily of her decision to close the store she and her husband started in Franklin Village 30 years ago.

The hardware store is the oldest continuing business "down in the village."

Mrs. Huetter and her husband opened the business at the end of World War II and she has continued to run it with the help of their son since her husband's death in 1961.

"I think what I'm going to miss most of all are the young boys coming in. We used to have a wonderful hobby shop, so I got to know many more boys than girls. The boys who have grown up still come back."

IN ADDITION to hobby materials, the Franklin Hardware also specialized in sporting goods and garden supplies.

Harry Huetter always wanted to have his own hardware shop, and after the war he and his wife made the decision to move out from Detroit and start the business, Mrs. Huetter said.

"The towns people sure loved him. He fit right in.

"We didn't just sell things. We showed the people who needed help how to do things. That's why the large hardware chains didn't hurt us."

What did hurt was changing times.

BACK IN THE early days, she continued, everything was slower but we had a lot more business. Then more people did their own work around the house.

"The post office was across the street. Everyone drove down to the village to pick up his mail and would stop in and see us."

"The beginning of the change," she said, "was when the post office was moved two blocks away and residents got mailboxes at their homes."

Harry Huetter died in 1961. Mrs. Huetter always helped in the store but "while he was ill, I began to learn the business."

When he died she decided to stay on and keep the store going. "I'd just slide through, but I kept on learning." Their son Glenn also joined her in the store.

MANY many interesting and humorous things have happened over the years, she said.

"I remember once when a prominent doctor came in to have a piece of glass cut. He told Harry to cut it

so many inches and two marks long. When Harry asked him what the two marks measured on his ruler, the doctor said "How should I know?"

She continued to think back.

"You'd be surprised how many women came in because their husbands can't fix things for them. I know one woman who's changed every wall in her house."

The familiar Franklin Village store now has a large red "sale" sign in its window.

"We'd never seen a sale sign there before," said a village resident, "and we were afraid maybe Mrs. Huetter was going out of business."

Mrs. Huetter said she thought about her decision for more than a year before making up her mind to do what she knew had to be done.

"It's hard to give up something that's been such a large and wonderful part of your life. It's a good service business to be in."

The stock on the wooden shelves that line the walls is dwindling and Mrs. Huetter said she will be out by the end of the year.

"There's not enough business here for a hardware store," she said. "But I plan to lease the rooms and would like to see a going business go in."



Emma Huetter is closing out a 30-year chapter of her life when she shuts the doors of Franklin Hardware. (Photographed by Dick Kelley)