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New millage vote planned April 29

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FARMINGTON—A special millage election will be held Tuesday, April 29, the school board decided Tuesday night.

There will be three issues on the ballot. Proposition One will be a request for four mills to raise the district's operating level to that of the 1973-74 school year.

Proposition two, an alternate to proposition one, will provide an additional two mills to the school budget. The extra mills are expected to maintain the district at its current level during the 1975-76 year.

Both proposition one and two carry a 10-year time limit.

Proposition three, requesting an additional one mill, will provide money earmarked for new textbooks, replacement equipment and building repair. This proposition will carry a two-year time limit.

School board president Gary L. Lichtman opposed the April 29 special election date and suggested the inclusion of the millage proposal with the regular school board election on June 3.

"I THINK we're kidding ourselves. We're not even sure which budget is the budget we are going to sell people. If we hold the election June 3, we not only save \$3,000, but that will

give us 90 rather than 45 days to prepare. It makes a great deal more sense," he said.

Contracts with teachers and other workers would be more easily handled if the issue were decided in April, said superintendent of secondary schools Lewis Lichtman.

"It would mean having more time to allow the teachers to do more previewing (where they might wish to be transferred), which makes more sense," he said.

"The movement of teachers may pose a problem for the later date," said Lawrence Freedman, superintendent of elementary schools. "The bumping that comes about is extremely serious."

Lichtman agreed, but said the June 3 date would find the community more willing to pass a millage election.

"I think it's so serious, I don't want it (bumping) to happen," he said. "But if I don't have the equipment to sell with, then I can't sell."

He also listed the proximity of April 29 to federal income tax deadlines as a disadvantage, saying people would feel less threatened by the prospect of another tax at a later date.

OTHER ITEMS impairing the effectiveness of an April 29 millage campaign was the uncertainty of state aid reductions or additions, Lichtman said. By prolonging the election date to June 3, he hoped to have more concrete evidence in state aid decisions.

The board approved the submission of the "B" budget to the County Board of Allocations as the district's tentative guideline.

It also authorized school staff to establish the 1975-76 program based on the tentative austerity budget, should the millage fail.

Requiring an additional four mills, the "B" budget would not only maintain the district's current operation level, but would add three art consultants, three music consultants and a physical education instructor.

It would also provide more money for replacement textbooks and support new elementary language and science programs as well as pilot programs already approved by the board. More money would also be available for travel expenses.

Secondary schools would be able to reinstate the full extracurricular and athletic schedule, purchase more replacement texts and hire a new counselor for a junior high.

Field trips would receive some money on both the secondary and elementary levels in the "B" budget.

Some teaching jobs lost even if millage passes

FARMINGTON—There will be fewer teachers in the school district next year, whether or not the millage election passes.

In study session held Tuesday night, business manager William C. Prisk explained that a drop in enrollment would lead to a drop in teacher staffing in the coming year.

"Last year we over-projected the enrollment of the elementary schools, and ended up with too many teachers,

while in the secondary schools, we wound up with too few," he said. New figuring in budgets would try to compensate for the problem, he said.

Elementary classroom teachers would number 223 under the austerity budget, 224.5 under the "A" budget, and 244.5 under the "B" budget.

Currently numbering 328.3, secondary teaching staff would be reduced to 299 under the austerity budget. Both "A" and "B" budgets would re-

quire 320 staff members, including three which would be dependent upon continued state aid funding.

Prisk said his staff is presently working on the "zero mills" budget and will have lists of pink-slip candidates ready for the next board meeting, March 18.

Also discussed during the study session was a possible hike in the "A" budget millage request from two to two and a half mills. The additional half mill would include \$3,000 for reading service supplies and more replacement texts at both secondary and elementary levels.

With no additional revenue, the school district would be operating on a budget of \$20,853,000. An "A" budget increase of two and a half mills would raise the figure to \$22,657,000. The four mills requested to support the "B" budget would provide the district with \$22,729,000 in operating expenses.



Tom Goers prepares pheasant for game dinner. (Photo by Craig Newman)

Wild game dinner again helps March

FARMINGTON—Patrons at Mike and Tom's Pub in Farmington sampled game from this year's hunting season Tuesday night, while they helped raise funds for the March of Dimes.

The annual event featured a menu with such delicacies as wild boar with Cumberland sauce, pheasant a la

king, venison steroganoff, muskrat, rabbit and salmon as well as more traditional smorgasbord fare of roast beef and kielbasa.

This is the eighth year that Mike Chapman and Tom Goers, pub owners, have hosted the dinner which draws several hundred persons.

Added funds were collected from posters placed on the pub's ceilings.



Bringing 'm home...

Senior Lisa Stokes, and sophomore Julie Schoetley of North Farmington High School cheer one of their team's swimmers on as he finishes a race. North hosted the Northwest Suburban Athletic Association's League Swim Meet Saturday. Stories and pictures on page 3 and 7-B. (Photo by Craig Newman)

Funds, code still needed

Paramedics still in the future

analysis

FARMINGTON HILLS — A city-operated emergency medical service still appears to be a long way down the road.

The lack of a state health department code for such a service and funding seem to be the two major obstacles blocking the path of a life-saving service.

"It takes the whole community to put it together," a Southfield fireman and paramedic told the Farmington Hills City Council. The council met an hour early Feb. 24 to hear a special presentation on Southfield's Life Support Unit (LSU) which has been recognized as one of the most successful in the nation.

Nineteen of Southfield's 88-man fire departments are paramedics trained for the LSU program at Providence Hospital.

THE EMERGENCY medical service concept puts the hospital emergency room on wheels. Vans are outfitted with costly telemetry equipment used

to transmit vital life signs of victims to the hospital.

The Southfield paramedics have delivered babies, treated heart attack victims, burnt victims and persons suffering from asthma and emphysema attacks.

The Farmington Hills City Council has had a lengthy report on human rescue, the city's term for the emergency service. In its hands for two years.

The report, which has not been made public, came out of the council members' packets once again as they questioned the LSU representative Sgt. Marcel Charette.

CITING ONE statement in the report, Mayor Fred Lichtman asked if Southfield's program signified off fire

fighting personnel when the number of fires are increasing.

The LSU did not invade fire fighting ability in Southfield, Charette said. The paramedics also handle fire fighting duties as well as routine day-to-day duties in the stations.

Farmington Hills has no full-time fire department personnel although plans are being made to hire a fire inspector and a fire chief to coordinate all four stations.

THE PAID on-call firemen are trained to administer first aid, provide oxygen, deliver babies and administer first aid to heart attack victims.

The city budget provides funds to staff two stations during the day for the emergency service.

The key to transition from the emergency service to a more sophisticated human rescue program appears to be money.

An option open to the city is to provide human rescue through the police department or perhaps contract for the service through an outside firm.

BUT NO MATTER what the choice, the state board of health is a stumbling block.

The board has yet to agree on standards for training personnel for emergency squads.

Southfield's LSU has been unable to continue its operation through a "good Samaritan" bill passed last year. The bill provides protection from lawsuits for paramedics after they have performed emergency first aid and rescue work.

The bill designated the public health department to certify advanced medical technicians.

An advanced technician must have 600 hours of training in life-saving practices such as resuscitation, cardiac monitoring, defibrillation and administration of drugs and intravenous fluids.

Still to be determined are rules and testing procedures.

Until then, the city will have to settle for its resuscitation service.

Founders' Festival planning begins

A general meeting to begin planning for the 1975 Farmington Founders' Festival will be held Monday, March 10.

Interested residents are invited to the meeting, which will be at 8 p.m. in the Farmington High School library. The high school is at 3200 Shilwassee.

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