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way they did. But JJAMM's colony name apparently was a democratic decision. Each letter represented the first name of all five team members, Jill, Jimmy, Alyssa, Matt and Mike.

Each group initiated the process by designing its own map complete with legends, including, longitude, latitude, population and other useful demographic information. They then embarked on a 12-round simulation game called "Discovery." Meanwhile, students soon will conclude the experience of starting up colonies by writing essays.

Their fate

Students picked "fate cards" out of paper bags taken around the classroom by Quigley, who for this lesson was more emcee or tour guide than teacher. Individual cards dealt with a category, such as: general welfare, farming, hunting and trading.

One of those cards, in the hunting category, detailed how severe winter weather forced animals to retreat, thus negatively impacting the amount of acquired food.

"There are so many scenarios, depending on the cards," Quigley interjected.

Then, using a complicated reporting system, team members were required to figure out so-called wealth units, usually translating into food either lost or gained.

"It's a huge cooperative thing," said Quigley about the reporting system.

Some colony teams fared better than others. Clover Hill won 12,835 wealth units, followed by New Platform, 8,299 wealth units; Zeldarian, 6,893 wealth units and JJAMM, with 4,700 wealth units.

And what about the fifth squad?

"Oshawa died of starvation at the end of round eight," Quigley noted.

Benefit concert, auction held in memory of teacher's friends

Alameda Early Childhood Center teacher Debby Selts persisted in her quest to honor two college friends who were killed in a traffic accident, and after a two-month search, finally found a location for a special event in their memory.

Heather and Matt Lichtle will be remembered at a benefit concert and silent auction on Sunday, June 10, at the Beathouse Tavern in Walled Lake.

The silent auction will take place between 1-8

p.m.; live music will continue throughout the day. The Beathouse Tavern is located at 142 E. Walled Lake Drive.

For more information, call (248) 669-1441.

Admission is a \$10 donation in advance or \$15 at the door. For advance tickets, call Schultz at (248) 624-6182.

Money raised by the event will help establish scholarship funds at Central Michigan and Ferris State universities.

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as vacation homes.

The district is allowed \$2,067 per pupil generated by "hold harmless" tax and \$2,294 per pupil from non-homesteaded taxes. An additional \$5,506 in state aid brings the district's total per-pupil allowance to \$9,867.

In order to determine tax effects, homeowners can divide

their taxable value by 1,000 and multiply that number by the number of mills levied. According to district budget materials, a property with a taxable value of \$75,000 would pay a total tax bill of \$1,415 for schools - including the 6-mill state levy, the local hold-harmless levy and a 2-mill tax levied for outstanding debt.

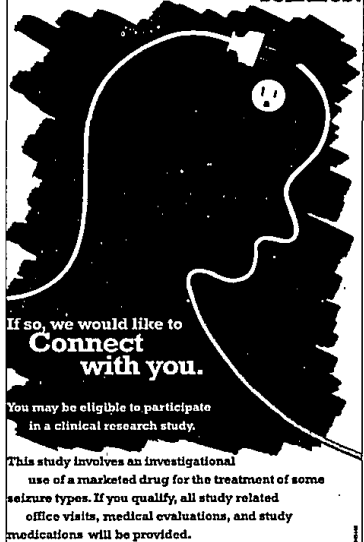
Even if the renewal is approved, the tax rate will not increase. However, homeowners will have to pay more if the value of their property goes up. The ballot will refer to an

increase because the tax rate would be lower if the renewal is rejected.

The renewal has been included on the June 11 school board election ballot to save money, school officials said. Besides electing two school board members to four-year terms, voters will also see a tax renewal proposal from Oakland Community College.

Superintendent Bob Maxfield and others made presentations to the Farmington City Council May 7 and the Farmington Hills Council May 14.

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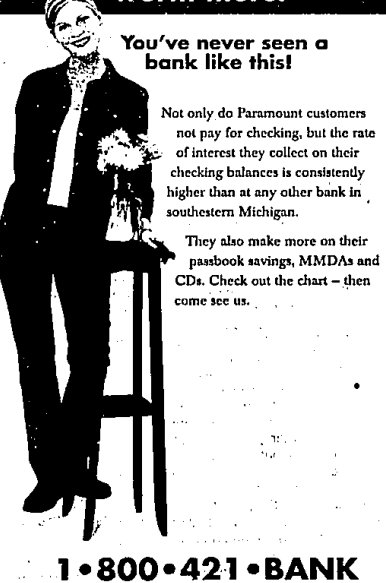
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