

Farmington voters to elect trustees in school districts

Farmington School District voters will elect a trustee today from among the six candidates who have filed for the position.

Campaigners for the position include an incumbent, an attorney, a college student, a professor, a former elementary teacher and a housewife.

Clarenceville School District will also hold an election today, with two trusteeships at stake. The district includes portions of Farmington Hills, Livonia and Redford Township in the Eight Mile-Grand River area.

Polls will be open until 8 p.m.

TWO INCUMBENTS, a high school student and a banker are vying for the positions in that district.

Voter turnout for both district elections is expected to be light. Officials in both districts have estimated the

turnout will be between 10 and 13 per cent. For Farmington, that will mean nearly 8,000 voters, or less than a third of those who voted in the recent millage election.

Estimates place the Clarenceville voter turnout at about 600.

Ann Rodewig, a housewife and present trustee of the Farmington Board of Education, is running for re-election. She has had one year's experience with the board, filling the unexpired term of a board resignee, and holds no other job.

Howard Schwartz, 33, is an attorney for the firm of Carson, Fisher, Patis and Schwartz. He lives in West Bloomfield and has two daughters attending Eagle Elementary School.

A student at Wayne State University, Michael Spilce was graduated

from Harrison High School last year. He lives with his family in Farmington Hills.

Jacqueline Hill, a 31-year-old mother of six, has lived in the district for a year and a half. Her children attend Wooddale Elementary School. She lives in Farmington Hills and is a native Texan.

MARGARET (PEG) WRIGHT 41, is a Farmington Hills resident with children in North Farmington High School, Dunckel Junior High School and Kenbrook Elementary. She is a former elementary school teacher.

George Bowman, 56, lives in Farmington Hills and has a daughter who will attend North Farmington High School next year. An associate professor with Central Michigan University,

this is the second time he has run for a position on the school board.

RUNNING for re-election in the Clarenceville School District are Dr. Samuel Prisk and Thomas Wilson. Also running are Brian Broombaugh, an 18-year-old senior at Clarenceville High School, and James Anderson, a senior assistant manager for Manufacturers National Bank.

Dr. Prisk is a dentist and a graduate of Farmington High School, Wayne State University and Washington University.

Wilson is retired from Hydromation Filter Co. of Livonia and is on the Schoolcraft College senior adult advisory committee. He was a charter member of the industry apprenticeship program at Schoolcraft.

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Summer fun at playgrounds Recreation program will divert kids

A recreation program for Farmington area residents of all ages is described in a booklet mailed recently by the Farmington Area Recreation Commission (FARC).

The summer program is the first for FARC under the direction of Doug Gaynor, the Farmington-area's first full-time recreation director.

The booklet lists scores of classes and activities available. Residents can register by mail until June 22.

Gaynor said much of the FARC work this winter has been less visible than the booklet which describes the summer program. Gaynor and his staff had to do everything from finding stationery to furnishing the FARC office on Orchard Lake south of Eleven Mile.

RESIDENTS might have said "we hired the dude back in December and why don't we have an ice rink and a swimming pool," Gaynor quipped.

"The summer program includes some

basic activities and some unusual features.

The playground program, supervised by Evans Bageris, will be similar to the past except the FARC has tried to "add some zip," Gaynor said.

Before, playgrounds had one staff worker. Now each of the 10 playgrounds will have two staff workers.

Gaynor said it depends on staff interest whether kids look at the playground program as something to do when all else fails, or whether they look forward to daily participation.

THE 10 playgrounds will operate Monday through Friday from June 23 until July 31. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1:30-3 p.m.

The playgrounds are: Bond, 3150 Thirteen Mile; Edgewood, 2125 St. Francis; Forest, 3454 Old Timber; Gill, 21195 Gill; Kenbrook, 32109 Bonnet Hill; Lakshir, 23300 Truck; Longmead, 34150 Arundel; Shilawasse, 30415 Shilawasse; Ten Mile, 32793 Ten

Mile; and William Grace, 23040 Shilawasse.

Shilawasse will have evening hours for youths age 13 to 17.

Youngsters register for programs June 23 at their neighborhood playground. Leaflets will be sent to school telling youngsters where to register, Gaynor said.

Special features for children participating in the playground program include visits from the skatemobile and sportsmobile, and movies. The skatemobile carries a small street sweeper to clean parking lots so children can skate. Skates are loaned free.

THE SPOITSMOBILE has a trampoline, table tennis and other similar games.

Another highlight of the playground program will be swimming. Children will be able to swim every day in a high school pool for 40 cents. They are bused from the neighborhood playground to a pool.

FARC also has a series of nature day camps for eight to 12 year olds, a "tots in the park" play camp for five to seven year olds.

One week day camp sessions cost \$18, except for the week of July 4. Camp hours are 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. weekdays except Thursdays. On Thursdays, hours are 1:30 p.m. so a picnic with parents can be scheduled.

Activities include plant and wildlife identification, hiking, camping skills and archery.

THE TOTS in the park camp meets Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to noon, and Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for a field trip.

Programs for adults include swimming, tennis, softball and golf. Tennis lessons will be offered for children, teens and adults at Harrison High School and Drake Park. Four week sessions of lessons cost \$12.

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The fruits of a new hobby for Ed Satory of Farmington were on display at an arts and crafts show at the American Legion Hall. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

Investments earn \$122,000 Schools buy 'commercial paper'

Last year, the investment of Farmington School District general funds earned \$122,000.

The school district, following the lead of the city governments, regularly invests funds it does not immediately need to spend.

The funds are not surplus, but because of tax collection methods, there occasionally are large amounts which will not be immediately used.

School district business manager William Prisk recently explained the situation to the board of education.

Revenues from local taxes, which for most school districts are the largest source of revenue, will come to the school district over a relatively short period of time, once or twice per year, depending on how taxes are collected.

EXPENDITURES are much more evenly spaced throughout the entire year. Therefore surplus funds are on hand at certain times," he wrote them in a memo.

Although Prisk called them "surplus," the funds are actually only temporarily so and will later be used for already budgeted expenditures.

"It must be emphasized these are not surplus funds, to the degree they will not be needed by a school district, but rather are only surplus for a given period of time," Prisk explained.

As in most other well-run businesses, surplus funds are put to work to earn more money. And while some school districts prefer to immediately bank the money, Farmington district

officials consider it better business to invest it.

Some school people just rush down to the bank and put it in checking and savings accounts. That's not good business," Supt. Marinus Van Ameyde said.

But the investment of school funds is strictly controlled. Funds cannot be invested for longer than 270 days consecutively and may only be used to ward certificates of deposit, treasury bills, or with board permission commercial paper.

Senior citizens show art work

FARMINGTON—Until three months ago Ed Satory of Farmington never thought too much about oil painting, at best something other people did in their spare time.

But ever since he joined the painting class for Farmington area seniors, he is painting in oils.

"Ages doing a really good job of it," adds teacher Alice Nichols.

In all, about 50 seniors have been involved in the painting and arts and crafts classes held Thursday afternoons in the American Legion Hall.

The classes were made possible by a grant from the Michigan Council for the Arts administered by the Farmington Artists Club foundation. The \$1,000 grant covered the salaries of two teachers, Mrs. Nichols and Yvonne Singer and a portion of the art supplies.

order, others will go to his children, and several he and his wife intend to keep.

Not only did Martha Turner make the dress and poke bonnet she was wearing at the final party of the year, she worked in all phases of the arts and crafts program and used many of these skills as a volunteer in the craft program for retarded children.

SENIOR COORDINATOR Loretta Conway said much more than skills were developed through the program. Comradery, friendships and fun were an important fringe benefit.

No one is sure whether there will be another grant, or whether some other organization will offer financial help to start the program again next fall.

But, all agree on one point. It's something to look forward to on dreary days and getting involved feels good.

Commission to meet June 12

The Farmington Hills Planning Commission will hold preliminary hearings at 8 p.m. June 12. The agenda for the meeting includes a request for rezoning a one family residential (RA-1) to Office Service (OS-1) in Woodcreek Farms, 30340 Northwestern Highway.

Silly plan approval requests would also be considered. These include locations at Grand River and Cornell (proposed apartment building), 30251 Thirteen Mile Road (conversion of Detroit Baptist Manor to dwelling units) and 23800 Middlebelt; (proposed use as medical office).

Administrative assistant Nancy Bates, whom Ms. Singer labels "our guardian angel and patroness," investigated the possibility of the grant for the program and got approval.

Satory, an industrial photographer with the Jam Handy organization before retiring, and the man who did much of the title lettering on early silent films, is delighted with the opportunity to learn to use oils. Most of his paintings, he says, are spoken for. A head of Christ is a gift for his sister who is a nun with the Notre Dame



Skeptical? Of course they are. June Selbert, left, Ronnie Latty and Carolyn Adams are about to sample a weedy delicacy from their Wild Foods class on the OCC Orchard Ridge campus. Story and pictures on B-1.

SUCH INVESTMENTS are restricted to "bonds, bills or notes of the U.S. or obligations, the principal and interest of which are fully guaranteed by the U.S. or obligations of the state."

Or a school district may purchase a certificate of deposit from any state or national bank which is organized and authorized to operate in Michigan.

Recently, the board adopted a resolution to allow funds to be used to purchase commercial paper, or (short-term I.O.U.s) from large companies.

"Commercial paper is short term promissory notes which businesses sell at a discount to dealers, institutional investors, or other corporations to raise cash," Prisk wrote.

The Farmington Board of Education stipulated the commercial paper must be rated "prime one" which, according to various rating agencies, means it is a low-risk investment.

"Notes are issued in multiples of \$1,000 ranging upward from \$5,000 to \$5,000,000... school districts are limited to paper that is rated prime at time of purchase and maturing not more than 270 days from the date of purchase."

Deciding what to invest and for how long can be a tricky business, and Prisk has two assistants who help keep him up-to-date on market trends.

AMOUNTS OF INTEREST paid to holders of treasury notes, commercial paper and certificates of deposit can vary minute-to-minute, Prisk said.

Periodically, interest rates shift rapidly up and down, and in particular may vary widely between the investment vehicles.

"Because the interest rates change rapidly it is important for the one responsible for investments to have the flexibility to select from among the market alternatives the investment vehicle that will maximize the interest return."

A school district will have several different funds from building and site, debt retirement and general operating expenditures which it may choose to invest.

Such investments must be divided. "Funds cannot be commingled for

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