## larenceville seeking ways to control budget

The Clarenceville School District has submitted a \$5.9 million expense budg-et to the Wayne County Tax Allocation Board that cails for maintaining cur-rent year costs. No program cuts are planned.

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The budget statement is a requirement of the county taxing authority and provides the earliest indication of a school district's financial projections for the coming school year.

Clarenceville's 1983-84 projected budget, representing a slight reduction from this year's budget (the difference is less than \$1,000), is based on the district's current operating tax rate of \$7.9 mills. Clarenceville is levying the maximum tax rate and could not increase the rate without a vote of the residents.

THE CLARENCEVILLE Board of Education is expected to adopt a budget for 1983-84 by this June. Budget estimates make no provisions for salary increases in 1983-84 and includes laying off two teachers, said Edward J. Sailsz, superintendent of business. Negotiatations of employee contracts are expected to begin in the next three weeks, he said. Contracts are negotiated yearly in Clarenceville.

The budget provides for 101 teaching positions at a time when enrollment is projected to drop by 69 students next year. That would put the student population at 2.00.

The financial estimates note a drassic drop in the district's property as assessments, indicating a decilining property tax base. The school district takes in parts of Livonia, Redford Township and Farmington Hills. The property as assessment is projected to drop to \$12.6. million next year, down by more than \$3.5 million from the current school year, Salizs zaid.

Assessment declines have never happened to the best of Salizs' knowledge.

pened to the best of Salisz' knowledge. "And I've been here 16 years."

ALTHOUGH FINAL figures will not be known for a while, the district is looking for ways to cut costs, Salisz

Among auggested areas for budget trimming is transportation, he said. Reducing just one bus from the district transportation fleet would reduce the budget by more than \$10,000, he esti-

mated.
Cost-cutting moves taken this year will also pay off in reduce costs next year, he added. Savings are expected to be realized in 1983-84 from the district's move recently to buy its own telephones. Clarenceville has been able

to cut its telephone costs in half, Salisz said.

Last February, the district also raised \$186,000 from the sale of its vacant former board office on Eight Mile. The money has been invested. It may be used later for building improvements. The same was done with the \$20,000 raised from the sale of the former Edgewood Elementary School.

THE DISTRICT ALSO hopes to sell vacant Westbrook Elementary School in the coming year to augment the new school budget. Located near Merriman and Eight Mile, the building recentity was considered by Livonia's Ward Presbyterian Church as the site of a private church school.

The district's reliance on state aid is a big fiscal worry. As an in-formula

school district, Clarenceville receives state aid to supplement its achool badge to the third the third to the third the third to the third the third to the third the third to the third the third to the third to the third third the third third the thir

## Hills businessman dead after jogging

At 12:16 a.m. Tuesday, West Bloom-field police discovered the body of a man in a running suit lying along Bloomfield Shore Drive — no identifi-

cation, no name.

Fours hours later, Frances Rassler reported to police that her husband had

reported to police that her husband had gone out jogging and never came home. The body was that of Richard Rassler, Rassler, a 44-year-old West Bloom-field native who owned a Farmington fills consulting firm that bore his name, died Monday night, apparently of a heart attack while running. "There was no indication of foul

play, nothing suspicious," said West Bloomfield police Sgt. Mike Madigan. "Apparently, be had been a heart pa-"So, until we hear from the medical ex-aminer, we have to assume it was a beart attack."

RASSLER, WHO LIVED on Valley View Drive, was president of Richard H. Rassler and Associates Inc., a leas-ing and retail consulting firm that did some work for the city of Farmington Little.

ing ann reasons are some work for the city of Farmington Hills.

"I just saw him yesterday," said Mrs. Louis Lengyel, the next-door neighbor. Hie was a nice person and was well liked by the neighbors."

Rassier was pronounced dead at the scene by a paramedic crew from Prov-

851-9695

idence Hospital.

"Apparently, he had been a heart partient, said Madigan. "There were acars from previous heart surgery."

RASSLER WAS a 1980 graduate of Michigan State University and a member of the congregation at Shaarey Edek synagogue. He is survived by his wife, Frances; children Bradley, 23,







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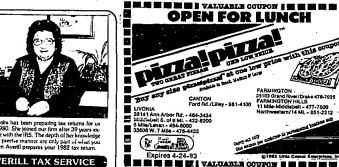
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