

# Headlee bypassed; Sherman, Dunklee win



Barry Sherman  
top vote getter



Vernice Dunklee  
newest board member

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The Clarenceville School District will levy its full operational tax rate for 1987-88.

Clarenceville was one of 16 school districts in the metropolitan area that asked voters to override the Headlee amendment in Monday's annual school election.

About 7 percent of the district's estimated 6,000 registered voters went to the polls. In unofficial results, 255 voters favored the override, while 170 voted against it.

The voters also picked Vernice Dunklee to replace Samuel Prisk on the school board and gave Barry Sherman a third four-year term.

"I'm not surprised at the results," said Superintendent Michael Shibley shortly after votes were counted Monday evening. "I'd taken the position from the beginning that I be-

lieved that the voters would follow past history and support our tax request."

With a 5 to 9 percent increase in property values and only a 1.9 percent increase in the cost of living, the district would have had to roll back its tax rate \$1.80 per \$1,000 of assessed value (one-half the market price).

The rate will remain at \$37.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

Had voters not approved the Headlee override, the district would have lost an estimated \$280,000 in revenue in two areas — local tax dollars because of a lower tax rate and less state school aid that is tied into the local tax rate.

"ON BEHALF of the board of education, the administration and the staff of the Clarenceville schools I'd like to thank the residents for their continued support of our educational

programs," Shibley said. "We now can continue to improve and expand the educational opportunities in Clarenceville."

In the school board race, Sherman finished first with 352 votes. A 22-year resident of the school district, Sherman was pleased with the outcome of the election.

"Anytime you have an election, you wonder where you're going to place," Sherman said. "I appreciate the support of the residents not only in my election but also for the millage."

"I'm looking forward to four more years on the board."

A Livonia police officer, Sherman also had praise for challengers Sharon Pommerville and Timothy Wiggle for the "positive and visible" campaigns they waged.

Wiggle finished third with 117 votes and Pommerville fourth with 75 votes.

"It was a new experience for Clarenceville voters and for me," he said. "For the first time since I originally ran for the board, I had to have people vote at the polls on election day."

Dunklee found her campaign victory "quite nice." She received 234 votes.

"I'M VERY pleased to be on board," she said. "I've been anticipating this for a long time. I've been working toward this since March when I decided to run."

Dunklee doesn't see difficulties in her transition from a regular audience member at board meetings to a school board member. She said getting out and finding out what residents think will be the difficult task.

"I've been going to board meetings for so long and have seen so many board actions, I think it'll be an easy adjustment," she said.

## Meet highest-achieving high school graduates for this year

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American High School Students and was given all-conference honors for his soccer.

Elementary education will be the area of emphasis when Lori King attends Michigan State University this fall. The Farmington Hills resident is the daughter of Michael and JoAnn King.

Active in the Spanish Club during her four years at Harrison, King also worked on the school yearbook for two years and was editor-in-chief during the past year. She also worked as co-production editor of the Agrilla, the school's literary magazine.

During her senior year, King was secretary of the National Honor Society, co-captain of the color guard, was named to Phi Beta Kappa and was a member of the 4.0 Club.

She worked as a volunteer at Providence Hospital as a community service activity. During her high school years, she received an American Legion Award and also received a \$300 scholarship from Michigan State University.

Kurt Lindberg is recent honoree of the Farmington Youth Assistance Recognition program for his work with church youth group projects.

He is the son of Ronald and Janet Lindberg of Farmington Hills, and plans to attend the University of Michigan where he will major in astronomical engineering.

Lindberg was active in the school's marching and jazz bands for four years, was a member of the National Honor Society in his junior and senior years, participated in the OM Competition (formerly Olympics of the Mind) during his freshman and sophomore years, was a member of the Student Council his senior year, and the Spanish Club his junior year. In 1985 and 1986, he was a Michigan math prize finalist and received Phi Beta Kappa recognition.

One week each summer, Lindberg has helped to make home improvements for underprivileged families with his local church group. He has worked in West Virginia and New

Mexico and this summer will try his skills in Georgia.

The son of Randal and Mary Ann Murphy of Farmington Hills, Brian Murphy plans to attend the University of Michigan this fall, where he will major in engineering.

Murphy played freshman, junior varsity and intramural basketball while at Harrison and has been a member of the National Honor Society and the school's 4.0 Club for the past two years.

He currently works at Franklin Terrace Apartments in Southfield as a cook.

Murphy was nominated for the U. of M. Regents' Scholarship Award and received Phi Beta Kappa recognition.

### ● FARMINGTON HIGH

Graduation is scheduled for 8 p.m. tonight, June 11 at Ford Auditorium.

The senior class colors are blue and silver. The class flower is a white tea rose. Class officers include president John Borbi, vice-president Edward Sudzina, secretary Kelly Kest and treasurer Suzanne Hooks. The student council president is Karen Jenkins.

Class advisors are administrative assistant Clarence Shewbridge and counselor Paul Hamway.

Three seniors shared the honors with 4.0 grade points at Farmington this year: Amy Smith, Jennifer Fleck and William Koning.

Active in varsity sports for four years, Amy Smith participated in many activities during her years at Farmington High. Smith was the soccer team's co-captain during the past year.

Smith is a resident of Farmington and the daughter of Joan Lee and William Robert Smith. She will attend Kalamazoo College this fall and plans to major in business, possibly with an international emphasis.

At Farmington, she also belonged to the French club for four years and was a club officer this year, was a member of the ski club her freshman year, a member of the National Honor Society for three years and be-

longed to the physics club in her junior and senior years.

The Phi Beta Kappa received a Michigan Bell Citizens Scholarship, an honors scholarship from Kalamazoo College and won departmental awards in mathematics, English and foreign language.

Smith is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington.

Active in the school orchestra for four years, Jennifer Fleck of Farmington Hills plans to be an engineer. The daughter of John and Judith Fleck, she will attend General Motors Institute and work through the school's co-op program at Delco Electronics in Kokomo, Ind.

Fleck has played the string bass for eight years and has taken private lessons for five years. In her junior year, she played with the Detroit Civic Symphony and during the past year she was principal bassist with the Michigan Youth Symphony.

During her freshman year, Fleck ran track, was a member of the jazz band and French club. She also was a music merit award winner. Forensics, French club and attendance at Michigan Institute of Arts and Sciences were part of her sophomore year at Farmington. During her junior year, Fleck was active in school plays, French club, yearbook and sports scorekeeping.

During both her junior and senior years, Fleck was a member of the National Honor Society and French club. During the past year, she was a member of the physics club and jazz and symphony bands.

Fleck's award list is extensive. She was nominated for the Alumni Distinguished Scholarship at Michigan State University and received an Academic Excellence Award from MSU. She also received the FHS Director's Award, the Presidential Academic Fitness Award, departmental awards in French and mathematics, and a merit award from the Women's Society of Professional Engineers.

Fleck has received straight A's in district and state solo and ensemble competitions and have been invited

to perform with the Michigan Honors Orchestra during her four years at Farmington.

Farmington resident Bill Koning will attend Michigan State University this fall where he plans to be in the marching band and Spartan brass and will try out for the college basketball team. The son of Susan and William Koning, Jr., he wants to eventually own a restaurant and hotel.

In the community, he is a member of the Farmington Community Band and is active in the Church of the Savior in Livonia, where he plays the trumpet. Koning has played the trumpet since the fifth grade and lived in New Jersey and Indiana before moving to Farmington in the summer of 1985. As part of a school band in Terre Haute, he played at the Cotton Bowl Parade in 1985.

During his freshman and sophomore years in Indiana, Koning was active in concert band, chess club, track, cross country, junior varsity baseball, math club, and several other musical groups.

His junior and senior years at Farmington, he was active in varsity baseball, Latin club, physics club, Symphony Band, Symphony Orchestra, Marching and Pep bands, intramural basketball, and was a member of the National Honor Society.

His awards include the MSU Aca-

ademic Excellence Award, the Sam Boyle Athletic Award, the Woodrow Wilson Academic Award, the Presidential Academic Fitness Award and departmental mathematics and English awards at the school.

He is the recipient of the MSU Alumni Club of Oakland County scholarship and Academic Excellence Award Scholarship from the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, and was nominated for the Alumni Distinguished Scholarships of MSU.

When not busy with school and church activities, Koning works as a cook at O'Sheehan's in Farmington Hills.

### ● NORTH FARMINGTON

Graduation was held June 10 at Ford Auditorium.

The senior class colors are red and white and the class flower is the white rose. Class officers are president Todd Roshak, vice-president Sanjay Ghosh, secretary Maria Whiteman and treasurer Rocky Patel.

Senior class advisor is counselor Dennis Mikel.

This year at North, the top 10 students were honored, with grade point averages ranging from 3.951 to 3.875. At the top of the list is William Neuschaefer, followed by the following students in descending grade point order: Stuart Weisman, Debra

Detter, Sanjay Ghosh, Teresa Kalitz, Alka Agrawal, Julie Beusterian, Todd Roshak, Lisa Sutton and Terry Spengler.

William Neuschaefer is one of the twin sons of Rolf and Susan Neuschaefer of Farmington Hills and will be a Benjamin Franklin Scholar at the University of Pennsylvania this fall. After college, he plans to do graduate work.

He was part of the WXYZ-TV's Best of the Class of 1987 promotion and does volunteer work at the Farmington Hills branch of the Farmington Community Library.

During his senior year, Neuschaefer was a member of the senior board, photo editor the yearbook and a peer counselor and a mathematics tutor. During his sophomore, junior and senior years, he was a member of the National Honor Society.

During his freshman year, he was involved with varsity cross country, and during the summer attended the Cranbrook Theatre School. He was class vice president during both his sophomore and junior years and was also active in forensics and ski club during his high school years. The summer of his sophomore year, he attended the Carnegie-Mellon University pre-college program.

As a junior, he was in the cast of Mercy High School's "Annie Get Your Gun."

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