

# C'ville staff offers budget cut ideas

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To get more ideas on trimming the Clarenceville schools budget, Superintendent Michael Shibley has asked staff members for ideas instead of relying entirely on administrative suggestions.

The district is planning to make more than \$500,000 in budget cuts, sparked by rising costs at a time when the amount of state aid to the district is expected to remain constant.

Planned layoffs of 11 teachers would save \$302,000. But administrators estimate another \$250,000 will have to be trimmed from the 1988-89 school budget.

A tentative list of cuts to consider had been compiled by the superintendent. But Shibley said, "When you have to make cuts, 275 minds making suggestions is better than just one."

Some staff members suggested cuts directed to administrators — including eliminating the schools' administrative merit incentive program and out-of-state travel for administrators. These cuts could save the district between \$7,000 and \$17,000.

In reaction to possible cuts in secretarial and janitorial staff suggested by administrators, some staff suggested those areas not be cut. Cuts in those areas could save the district \$35,000.

Ralph Skrocki, assistant superintendent for business, said the cuts being discussed are of a contingency plan nature, to be implemented if plans proposed by state legislators to raise school funding should fail.

"This is taking a pessimistic outlook on what the state funding is going to be," he said. Skrocki said the district must be prepared to accept only an expected 1-percent increase in state aid.

Final Clarenceville Board of Education approval of budget cuts will likely come in late May, Shibley said.

Other budget cuts suggested by staff included:

- Replacing the health insurance carrier with Blue Cross, saving \$17,000 for the current school year.

- Reducing the adult education administrator position, saving \$21,000.

- Not buying an elementary reading series this year, saving \$30,000.

- Reducing the television production teacher's work schedule, saving \$12,675.

- Instituting a closed campus at the high school, thereby boosting food service revenue.

- Reducing or eliminating busing for students living closer than 1½ miles from their schools.

Both Shibley and Skrocki declined to comment on the relative merits of most suggestions, prior to study of possible cuts by the school board.

Some budget cuts suggested by administration include:

- Cutting adult education teachers' paid conference periods, saving the district \$50,000-\$70,000.

- Diverting some general fund accounts to the district's building and site fund, saving more than \$42,000.

- Reducing some textbook purchases, saving \$16,500.

- Reducing consumption of gas and electricity, saving \$37,000.

Administrators are hoping voters will approve a Headlee amendment override in June as they did last year, to allow the district to retain its current level of state funding.

Should the measure fail, "It's going to mean even more drastic cuts. We'd lose another \$175,000," Skrocki said.

## obituaries

### HERMAN N. NELSON

Mr. Nelson, 85, of Canton died April 24 in Middlebelt Nursing Home, Westland.

Born in Norway, Mr. Nelson was retired from Chrysler Corp.

Survivors include his wife, Elsie; daughters, Ingrid James and Joann Bailey; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were at the Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia, with the Rev. T. Richard Marais Sr. of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church officiating. Arrangements were made by the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington.

### JOHN McDERMOTT

Mr. McDermott, 84, of Farmington Hills died April 24 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Born in Glasgow, Scotland, Mr. McDermott was retired from General Motors and Sarah Fisher Home.

Survivors include his wife, Donna;

stepsons, Laurence and Allen Mrocz; a daughter, Shirley Brown; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. James B. Wright of St. Alexander Catholic Church officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

### MATILDA M. FIELD

Mrs. Field, 91, of Inkster died April 26 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Born in Canada, Mrs. Field was a homemaker.

Survivors include her three grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren; two sisters and one brother.

Services were April 28 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. V.F. Harbath Jr. of Grace Lutheran Church officiating. Burial was in Parkview Cemetery, Livonia.

### KATHRYN M. O'CONNOR

Mrs. O'Connor, 92, of Farmington Hills died April 27 in Dorvin Convalescent Center, Livonia.

Born in Scranton, Pa., Mrs. O'Connor was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Albert; son, Albert Jr.; daughters, Betty Granger, Lucille Dotwistle, Patricia Chipman, Geraldine Gazdecki and Mary Lou Dinon; 18 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Mass was celebrated at St. Fabian Catholic Church, Farmington Hills, with the Rev. Norbert Kondziarski officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Memorials may be made to Capuchin Fathers or St. Vincent de Paul. Arrangements were made by the McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills.

### MARK E. NESSEN

Mr. Nessen, 87, of Farmington died April 27 in Sinai Hospital, Detroit.

Born in West Bend, Iowa, Mr. Nes-

sen was a retired Detroit police officer, Precinct 12. He was a member of the Retired Police Officers Association.

Survivors include his wife, Ione; sons, Kenneth and Dennis; sister, Betty McPheters; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were April 30 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Thomas L. Burbridge of Ward Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

### GENEVIEVE M. SAROTTE

Mrs. Sarotte, 76, of Royal Palm Beach, Fla., died April 29.

Born in Indiana, Mrs. Sarotte was a homemaker.

Survivors include her daughters, Laura Mikulec; sons, Carmen, Anthony and Frank Jr.; 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were May 1 at the McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills, with the Rev. William Sinatra officiating.

## YMCA highlights

These YMCA highlights appear courtesy of the Farmington YMCA, 28100 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. For information, call 553-4020.

• **YOUTH RUN** — Invest in Farmington's Youth by running in the YMCA's fourth Annual Invest-In-Youth Run. This one- and five-mile personal-record course is hosted by the Farmington YMCA and sponsored by Ben-Gay and D. Dennison's Seafood Restaurant. The run takes place on Saturday, May 7, along with a Health Fair. Your participation will help provide memberships, recreational activities, youth sports and camping for Farmington Area Youth. There will be prizes including two round-trip tickets anywhere in the United States by Southwest Air-

lines; two pairs of New Balance running shoes; Running World training logs and calendars. Register at the YMCA. We are also accepting volunteer applications. For more information, contact Mary Stewart, 553-4020.

• **SCREENING** — The YMCA goal is to enhance the health of the community around them. To help you better understand your health and current fitness level, the YMCA provides you with a fitness screening. You will learn your ideal body weight, blood cholesterol level, resting blood pressure, resting heart rate and the heart rate at which you should strive for during exercise.

This will take only 20 minutes. This is available Saturday, May 14, 8-10 a.m. Call the Y for more information, 553-4020.

• **POOL PROGRAM** — Bring swimming lessons to your own backyard. The Farmington Area YMCA will send a certified instructor to your house for lessons. You supply at least two hours of pool time and 12 students. We will supply the lessons of your choice whether it be preschool swim lessons or water exercise. For more information, call Jean Warren, 553-4020.

• **SLEEPOVER** — Come to the

YMCA for a sleepover filled with fun and games. Swimming, games, in the gym, movies and a pizza party are all part of the evening's activities. The fun begins at 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 4, and concludes the next morning at 8:30 a.m. Bring your pajamas, sleeping bag, pillow, swimsuit and towel. Registration ends on June 2.

• **GOLF CLASSIC** — The Farmington YMCA will be hosting a golf outing for men and women on Friday, May 20. All proceeds go to the Farmington YMCA Capitol Fund. The event is being sponsored by Tom Holzer Ford. Call the Y at 553-4020 for more information or to reserve a spot for your foursome.

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